

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023
AT 7.30 PM

Present: Keith Kirby (Chair), Colin Corlett, John Driver, Darren Jackson, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30 MARCH 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of 30 March 2023 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023 – CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

It was agreed that those known to be interested in joining the Parish Council be invited to the June 2023 Parish Council meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds) £12,

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

BHIB Ltd	Annual insurance premiums	£377.71
Information Commissioner	Data protection fees	£40.00
Ian Woolstencroft	Internal audit fee	£20.00
Gisburn Festival Hall	Hire of meeting room 2022/23	£100.00
Katrina Hartley	Reimbursement for Coronation expenses	£304.73
Keith Kirby	Reimbursement for Coronation expenses & misc	£144.30

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

None

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the lengthsmen had begun work for the summer season but had yet to submit an invoice. It was suggested that the lengthsmen be asked to cut the grass around the church and that the Parish Council would pay half the cost with the PCC being asked to pay for the remaining half. It was noted that the standard of the current grass cutting arrangement was not considered to be

satisfactory by certain people and that the lengthsman could perhaps do a better job. The Clerk agreed to contact the Rev Mark Williams with the suggestion.

RECREATION GROUND

Trees

Nothing further had been heard regarding the trees since the previous meeting so it was agreed that Dave Hewitt be contacted again.

Renewal of lease

It was agreed that the Parish Council needed to pursue the landlord for completion of the appropriate paperwork regarding the renewal of the lease.

Grass cutting

It was noted that the grass had been cut once already by Tom Bell this season. Efforts were still being made to source a suitable piece of equipment for cutting which the Parish Council could purchase itself.

Pavilion

It had been previously agreed that the pavilion should be repaired and tidied up. The Clerk advised that a new fund offered by Ribble Valley BC was intended for smaller capital projects and the improvement of the pavilion may therefore qualify for such a grant.

TREE PROTECTION ORDERS – field off Skipton Road

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Dave Hewitt with a request that tree protection orders be placed upon the six trees surrounding the 1953 Coronation stone in the field off Skipton Road.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

It was agreed that the section of Mill Lane approaching the bridge over the river was in a shocking state but that Lancashire Highways were unlikely to do anything about it.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of the Borough Councillor this item was not considered.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the Gisburn Educational Foundation be an item on the Agenda of the next Parish Council meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22 June 2023 at 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting