MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Keith Kirby (Chair), John Driver, Darren Jackson, Clerk and one member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Colin Corlett, Paul Hargreaves, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 01 DECEMBER 2022

The Minutes of the meeting of 01 December 2022 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Katrina Hartley provided information regarding potential winter planting of the planters at the war memorial. It was agreed that Katrina would submit an idea of costings for the next meeting. There was discussion regarding potential village events to celebrate the Coronation. It was suggested that any possible communication regarding events be made via social media as this seemed to be the most effective method although it was accepted certain residents were not on social media.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds)

£6,518

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2022/1185 Moor Laithe, Blind Lane, Gisburn

No objections

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that there had not yet been an invoice from the lengthsman regarding his work on the war memorial garden for Remembrance Sunday.

RECREATION GROUND

It was agreed that the Chair would talk to Dave Hewitt regarding work which may be required on certain trees on the Recreation Ground.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Guy Hindley regarding the possibility of an initial meeting involving Mr Hindley, the Chair and Vice Chair to discuss the renewal of the lease due this calendar year.

Darren Jackson suggested the possibility of purchasing a piece of equipment suitable for cutting the Recreation Ground so this could be done by the lengthsman. It was agreed to explore this option further.

DEFIBRILLATOR/BT KIOSK UPDATE

The issue of replacement batteries for the defibrillator was to be raised at the Parish Councils Liaison Committee meeting on 02 February 2023.

The Chair agreed to talk to a resident who had previously offered to provide defibrillator/CPR training sessions.

FESTIVAL HALL ACCOUNTS

It was noted that the Festival Hall had previously provided a copy of their final accounts each year to the Parish Council but that this practice had recently been forgotten about. It was agreed that the Clerk would request a copy of the latest accounts from the Festival Hall treasurer.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

It was noted that Deputy Police Commissioner Andy Pratt, two Ribble Valley policemen and County Cllr Ged Mirfin had attended the village on Sunday 04 December 2022 for a meeting regarding road safety matters. It was agreed that the Clerk should request an update on matters discussed from Andy Pratt.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Not considered due to absence of Borough Councillor.

CORRESPONDENCE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the possibility of the Parish Council taking over responsibility for the playground would be considered at a future meeting.

It was reported that the event scheduled for 21 January 2023 at the Auction Mart would not now take place.

It was reported that an old touring caravan had been parked next to the former toilet block for a considerable period and it was not known who was responsible for it. It was agreed to raise the matter with the police and the Borough Council.

It was noted that a section of the wall next to the BT kiosk was crumbling and should be brought to the attention of BT's property department.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23 February 2023 at **7.00** pm