

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024  
AT 7.00 PM

Present: Keith Kirby (Chair), Colin Corlett, John Driver, Darren Jackson, Robert Lancaster Clerk, Dave Ryall (B4RN) and one member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 FEBRUARY 2024

The Minutes of the meeting of 22 February 2024 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Katrina Hartley suggested a clean up of the pavements around the village, subject to insurance implications being ascertained. The possibility of buying planters for lamp posts in the village was suggested but it was noted there was a long list of requirements prescribed by LCC before this would be agreed. It was also suggested that the window tubs competition be held again as this had been a success when tried before.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds) £8,500

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes	Clerk's salary	£396.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£99.00
Dr K Kirby	Polycarbonate sheet	£48.93

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

*Application 3/2024/0197 Two dwellings, Bentlea Road, Gisburn*

It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to this application on the grounds of over-intensification of development, loss of amenity to neighbouring properties and the potential difficulties of access for construction traffic due to the need to use narrow Bentlea Road.

## B4RN UPDATE

It was noted that over 130 people had now signed up to the B4RN project. The location of the distribution cabinet was discussed and it was agreed that the most suitable place would be just beyond the perimeter fencing of the playground, off Blind Lane. B4RN would discuss further whether fencing was required around the cabinet and would proceed to make the necessary enquires and applications.

## RVBC CODE OF CONDUCT

A copy of the RVBC Code of Conduct was tabled and discussed. It was noted that all parish councillors needed to be familiar with the Code's contents.

## RECREATION GROUND

### *Trees*

It was suggested that the necessary works required on the Recreation Ground trees be carried out over the Easter weekend.

### *Pavilion*

It was reported that the pavilion still needed finishing and that litter around it needed removing.

It was agreed that the usual contractor should be asked to begin cutting the grass on the Recreation Ground pending further discussion as to alternatives.

## GISBURN PLAYGROUND

It was reported that a handover of responsibility to the parish council would take place in April 2024.

## HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

The Clerk was requested to ask the insurers about implications of residents undertaking a clean up of the pavements in the village, as had been suggested.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk suggested an application be made for a Ribble Valley in Bloom grant.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 April 2024 at **7.00** pm in the Festival Hall, Gisburn

