

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024
AT 7.00 PM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 JANUARY 2024

The Minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2024 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds) £8,500

YEAR END MATTERS

RISK ASSESSMENT 2023/24

The Risk Assessment had been previously circulated and the Clerk advised it remained based on the BDO LLP precedent for smaller parish councils. The Register was considered and approved without amendment.

ASSET REGISTER 2023/24

The Clerk tabled a draft Asset Register for 2023/24 which was duly considered and approved.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Clerk advised that she had entered into an arrangement with another local parish clerk in 2021 whereby they each undertook the internal audit of the other's accounts. This arrangement had continued to work well in subsequent years and both clerks were willing to carry on with the arrangement.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

It was reported that B4RN would be looking to site a distribution cabinet in the car park in the foreseeable future and a planning application would likely be submitted.

B4RN UPDATE

It was noted that a public meeting had been held on 25 January 2024 to publicise the B4RN initiative further and about 30 people had attended. Interest from outlying areas and farms had been, as expected, significant.

RVBC CODE OF CONDUCT

It was explained that copies of the RVBC Code of Conduct would be brought to the next meeting for distribution.

RECREATION GROUND

Trees

Keith Kirby advised that a local tree surgeon had identified works required on various trees and had quoted a price. It was suggested that the works identified could be dealt with on a voluntary basis by those with the appropriate skills, rather than paying a significant sum of money for the work.

Pavilion

It was reported that the pavilion still needed finishing but that appropriate glass had now been obtained.

GISBURN PLAYGROUND

It was reported that more bark was required for the playground and that the price of a new zip wire was to be obtained.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

It was reported that LCC had attended to unblock some of the drains on Main Street but had refused to deal with the drain at the entrance to Park Road, advising it was not their responsibility as it was not on the public highway. It was suggested that Guy Hindley be contacted about this particular drain. It was suggested that the side of the A682 road required cleaning by LCC as it was a hazard to bikers.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Rev Mark Williams who was leaving the parish at the end of March 2024 to take up a position in Lincolnshire.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21 March 2024 at **7.00** pm in the Festival Hall, Gisburn