MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2023 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Keith Kirby (Chair), Colin Corlett, John Driver, Darren Jackson, Clerk and two members of the public (Robert Lancaster and John Falshaw)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 MAY 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of 18 May 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 reported that Robert Lancaster had expressed an interest in joining the parish council and it was agreed that he be co-opted onto the council with immediate effect.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds) £11,843

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes	Clerk's salary	£396.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£99.00
John Cornthwaite	Parish lengthsman	£636.00

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

None

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The work included in the parish lengthsman's latest invoice was outlined.

RECREATION GROUND

Trees

It was agreed that work on the trees in the Recreation Ground had taken place two years previously and that any additional work required needed to be specifically identified by an appropriate expert. It was noted that a quote to survey all the trees had been received which was in excess of £800.

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 continued to be cut by Tom Bell in the absence of any viable alternative.

Pavilion

It had been previously agreed that the pavilion should be repaired and tidied up and contact had been made with a person willing to undertake the necessary work.

TREE PROTECTION ORDERS – field off Skipton Road

The Clerk confirmed she had written 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. Dave Hewitt had acknowledged receipt of the request but nothing further had been heard.

GISBURN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ("GEF")

John Falshaw explained the background to the GEF and also the recent difficulties encountered regarding the bank account as no donations had been made from the Foundation for some time. It was explained that, in order to prevent such difficulties in the future, the Trustees were going to be asked to consider making an annual donation to the school or to other groups in the village for young people so the bank account would remain active.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The application form for the RVBC concurrent functions grant had arrived so would be completed by the Clerk and Chair.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 17 August 2023 at 7.00 pm Parish Council Meeting