

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2021  
AT 7.30 PM IN THE FESTIVAL HALL, GISBURN

Present: Keith Kirby (Chair), Colin Corlett, Katrina Hartley, Jo Smith,  
Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darren Jackson, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 JULY 2021

The minutes of the meeting of 22 July 2021 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds)	£6,692
Current Account (Santander)	£0.00

The Clerk advised that the money in the Santander account had been transferred into the Lloyds account.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

John Cornthwaite	Parish Lengthsman	£885.00
Tom Bell	Grass cutting	£570.00
Mrs C A Holmes	Clerk's salary	£360.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£90.00
Amberol Ltd	Self-watering planter	£225.60
No Butts Bins Co Ltd	Bench	£528.00

STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had previously distributed the Standing Orders adopted by a neighbouring parish council which had spent a considerable amount of time finalising the Orders. It was noted that, although lengthy, many of the clauses in the Orders were legally obliged to be included and it then became difficult to decide what, if anything, of the non-obligatory clauses, should be omitted.

It was agreed that the Standing Orders, as distributed, should be adopted.

## .CODE OF CONDUCT

It was explained that many parishes in the Ribble Valley adopted the Code of Conduct of Ribble Valley Borough Council ("RVBC") and that the Legal Department of RVBC actually preferred parishes to take this course of action as it made their role of monitoring officer, if required, simpler.

It was agreed that the RVBC Code of Conduct, as previously distributed, should be adopted.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

*Unit 2 & 2A Pendle Mill, Mill Lane*

No objections

*Pimlico House, Gisburn Road*

It was agreed that, although there were no objections to the proposed use of the building, the materials chosen, especially for the roof, would not be in keeping with the locality.

## PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was agreed that there were areas of the cenotaph gardens which required attention and these should be brought to the attention of the lengthsmen. Colin Corlett advised he had purchased a selection of bulbs and would welcome any suggestions as to where these could be planted.

It was suggested that a date for a general village tidy-up, when agreed, be promoted via FaceBook.

## RECREATION GROUND

It was noted that a quote was still awaited for the provision/repair of goalposts so the matter could not be progressed until this had been received.

It was explained that it had been difficult to ascertain when the lease was up for renewal as it was believed the parish council did not receive a signed copy when the lease was last renewed. The Clerk advised she would ask the former Parish Council Chair if he could recall what had happened.

## DEFIBRILLATOR/FORMER BT KIOSK UPDATE

The defibrillator had still not been delivered due to national difficulties with supply. It was reported that the pads on the existing defibrillators were out-of-date and similar supply problems meant these could not currently be obtained. The Clerk was asked to check the situation regarding out-of-date pads with RVBC Legal department.

## DONATIONS

It was agreed to purchase another self-watering planter and a bench for the cenotaph gardens with the donation to be given by the former landlord of The White Bull. It was also agreed to price a plaque for the bench.

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Colin Corlett advised he would order the wreath as per the usual procedure.

It was advised that a number of re-usable poppies could be purchased by residents/organisations in the village, at a price of £10 per poppy. Katrina Hartley offered to visit local businesses and ask for donations for the poppies.

#### HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

It was reported that the re-painting of the mini-roundabout had still not occurred, despite contact being made with Lancashire Highways on more than one occasion. It was agreed that the new County Councillor be invited to the next parish council meeting so he could be made aware of the lack of progress with the issue and other highways related matters.

#### BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Borough Cllr Sherras this item was not considered.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 04 November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room at the Festival Hall

