

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023
AT 7.0 PM

Present: Colin Corlett (Chair), John Driver, Paul Hargreaves, Darren Jackson, Borough Cllr
Richard Sherras, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Keith Kirby

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 19 JANUARY 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 January 2023 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds) £6,520

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2022/0440 1 Park Road, Gisburn

(Paul Hargreaves declared an interest in this item)

It was noted that the applicant had lodged an appeal against the refusal by RBVC of this application.

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. It was suggested that the lengthsman be approached to provide a quotation for the cutting of the Recreation Ground grass as it was believed he now had the equipment to do so.

RECREATION GROUND

Trees

It was noted that Dr Kirby had talked to Dave Hewitt regarding work which may be required on certain trees on the Recreation Ground. Dave Hewitt had indicated he would point out the essential work required and revert to the Parish Council in due course.

Renewal of lease

The Chair reported that he and Dr Kirby had met with Guy Hindley regarding the renewal of the lease and it had been indicated that the landlord was willing to renew the lease on existing terms. It was believed the landlord thought the lease was for a three year term but a five year term had been inferred from the fact that the previous lease expired in 2018 and the current lease expires in 2023.

Grass cutting

Suggestions as to individuals who could cut the Recreation Ground grass were made. It was noted that, due to the size of the area, appropriate equipment would be required which not every contractor would have.

Pavilion

It was explained that the landlord had offered to help demolish the pavilion if the Parish Council wished this to happen. It was agreed that the pavilion was an eyesore and either required removal or refurbishment. It was suggested that, if refurbished, it could be used as a shelter. It was agreed to obtain quotes for the costs of re-roofing, new windows and benches.

DEFIBRILLATOR/BT KIOSK UPDATE

It was reported that Dr Kirby had raised the issue of the difficulties of obtaining replacement defibrillator pads at a recent Parish Councils Liaison Committee meeting. Other Parish Councils had not experienced the same issues but it was noted that this may be because their defibrillators were of a different brand.

FESTIVAL HALL ACCOUNTS

It was noted that the treasurer of the Festival Hall Committee had circulated a copy of the Festival Hall accounts to all Parish Council members.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

There had been no update received following the meeting in early December 2022 regarding highways matters in the village.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Councillor Sherras advised of the ongoing development of RVBC's Local Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received an email from RVBC stating that the Borough Council would be prepared to offer up to £250 per parish towards celebrations to commemorate the King's Coronation in May 2023. The Clerk confirmed that she had applied for the grant on behalf of Gisburn. It was reported that Katrina Hartley had been helping to arrange appropriate celebrations.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the crumbling wall outside the BT Exchange to BT Property Services.

It was reported that the old touring caravan parked next to the former toilet block for a considerable period had been removed.

The Chair reported that the Parish Council had been fined £200 by the Inland Revenue for failure to file two nil returns in respect of the Clerk's salary. The Clerk confirmed that the failure was due to error on her part and offered to reimburse the Council for the fine incurred. The offer of reimbursement was refused and the Council agreed to pay the fine.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23 March 2023 at **7.00** pm

Part II

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the fact that the following items of business be exempt information under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be now excluded from the meeting

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND GISBURN PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Darren Jackson advised that Nadine Jackson was finalising the financial information of the Gisburn Playing Fields Association ("GPFA"). It was explained that there were costs regarding insurance, grass cutting, inspections and maintenance to be met but that fund raisers held by the GPFA covered these costs. Grants were also available from various organisations. It was confirmed that the GPFA would remain in existence if responsibility for the playground was transferred to the Parish Council. It was reported that no car parking fees were received by the GPFA as these were retained by the Festival Hall Committee.

It was agreed that the matter of transferring responsibility of the playground to the Parish Council would be discussed again at the next meeting.

