

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2020
AT 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darren Jackson, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 OCTOBER 2020

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2020 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds)	£2,643
Current Account (Santander)	£4,460
Deposit Account (Santander)	£1,225

It was suggested that further enquiries be made of Santander to try and establish a way in which the signatories on the deposit account could be ascertained.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

John Cornthwaite	Lengthsman	£815.00
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Mrs C A Holmes	Clerk	£360.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£90.00

BUDGET 2021/22 AND PRECEPT 2021/22

The Clerk gave an overview of the financial position in 2020/21 and a projection of income and expenditure for 2021/22. It was noted that the concurrent functions grant from RVBC would decrease by another 25% in the next financial year. It was also explained that provision needed to be made in the budget for tree works and wall repairs should either of these be necessary on the Recreation Ground. It was noted that the precept had not been raised for 3 years and it was agreed to submit a precept request for 2021/22 of £5,500.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/LICENSING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that a variety of events were being publicised to take place at Gisburne Park over the Christmas period.

BT TELEPHONE KIOSK – POTENTIAL ADOPTION

It was reported that a contract had been received from BT for the adoption of the kiosk. It was noted that an electrician would be required to deal with the kiosk's adoption to house the defibrillator. It was suggested that, rather than buy a new defibrillator, the defibrillator at the church be moved to the kiosk as it was a more prominent location. The remaining monies in the defibrillator fund could then be used to purchase replacement pads/batteries.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

An update was given on various matters which had been reported to Lancashire Highways. It was noted that the damaged manhole cover up the Hellifield Road had not been repaired and it was suggested this matter should be reported again. It was also suggested that the worn out line markings at the mini-roundabout be reported to Lancashire Highways.

NATIONAL CENSUS MARCH 2021

The Clerk explained that she had been contacted by the representative responsible for the Ribble Valley district regarding the Census 2021, which would take place in March 2021. The representative was requesting help from villages in identifying people who may struggle with completing the Census form and with publicising the fact that help could be provided. It was agreed that, when appropriate publicity was available, this could be distributed around the main village together with details of those willing to help others complete the form.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Thanks were expressed to Katrina Hartley's husband for repairing the fence next to the school. It was agreed that a new fence post was required and Colin Corlett offered to source a new post.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Katrina Hartley suggested a welcome pack could be put together for new residents advising of the location of various services and facilities. It was agreed this was a good idea which should be explored further at some point in the future.

Jo Smith advised of the success of recent fund raising ventures of We Three Friends of Gisburn.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21 January 2021 at 7.30 pm. Venue or Zoom to be determined.

