

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2021
AT 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darren Jackson

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 26 NOVEMBER 2020

The Minutes of the meeting of 26 November 2020 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Keith Kirby declared an interest in planning applications.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds)	£1,013
Current Account (Santander)	£4,460
Deposit Account (Santander)	£1,225

It was noted that the money in the Santander current account could easily be transferred to the Lloyds account, should this prove necessary.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/LICENSING APPLICATIONS

3/2021/1034 Ribblesdale Park, Mill Lane Proposed glamping village comprising 20 glamping tents etc

It was agreed that, although there were no objections to the proposed glamping village itself, its proposed location in Grade II parkland in front of a Grade I building was not acceptable as it was visually intrusive. It was noted that the applicant had other fields which could be used for the village which would not be as visually intrusive. Concern was also expressed regarding access and egress from the site and the speed of vehicles within the Park, especially as it was noted the Park contained bridleways and public footpaths which are well-used. It was agreed clarification should be sought from the Planning Authority regarding the proposed access.

Concern was also expressed regarding the intention to offer clay pigeon shooting and quad bike experiences in a Park with bridleways. Keith Kirby offered to liaise with one of his contacts regarding the permissibility of shooting near bridleways.

3/2021/ Snowhill House, Main Street, Gisburn Proposed re-roofing

(The Chair declared an interest in this application but remained on screen and did not participate in the consideration)

No objections.

BT TELEPHONE KIOSK – POTENTIAL ADOPTION

It was reported that the contract received from BT for the adoption of the kiosk had not yet been signed. It was further noted that another parish had made enquiries of RVBC Planning Department as to whether planning permission was required for a change of use of a telephone kiosk and the results of this enquiry were awaited.

It was again suggested that the defibrillator housed at the church be moved to the telephone kiosk if it were adopted. It was agreed that the opinion of residents and other interested parties be canvassed before a final decision on the location of the defibrillator be taken. Jo Smith confirmed there was money in the defibrillator fund but not quite enough to purchase a third defibrillator, especially when the costs of new pads and batteries for the existing defibrillators were taken into account.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

It was noted that the condition of the A59 near the Auction Mart was again very poor and should be reported to Lancs Highways. Problems with parking in the bus stop near the Deli remained an issue and made accessing the A59 from the A682 very dangerous due to compromised visibility. It was suggested clarification needed to be sought from Lancs Highways as to whether the bus stop was in a lay-by or a dedicated bus stop. The Clerk agreed to write to Lancs Highways about these issues and also report the faded road markings at the mini-roundabout. It was accepted that there was practically little to be done about inconsiderate parking in the bus stop as there was no authority in the village which could monitor the situation and take any necessary action.

NATIONAL CENSUS MARCH 2021

The Clerk explained that she had been sent that day a link to documentation which could be downloaded and used for publicity for the Census. The Clerk would look at the documents and distribute as appropriate those which were considered the most suitable.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised that an application could be made to RVBC for a Ribble Valley in Bloom grant which could assist with the purchase of bulbs/plants for display in the village. It was suggested that Katrina Hartley and Jo Smith make some suggestions as to areas which could be planted and report back to a future meeting.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Sherras reported that there had been further developments regarding the Haweswater pipeline improvements and that much of the traffic from the necessary works would be going through Waddington. It was noted that there may also be an increase in traffic on the A59 between the Chatburn and Clitheroe junctions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the dog bin at the end of Bentlea Road had been re-opened, having been taped-up to prevent use. Keith Kirby offered to see if another individual would be prepared to empty the bin as the original person was no longer able to do this. It was agreed that if no individual would empty the bin the lengthsman should be asked to remove it completely.

It was reported that the RVBC bin sacks used by residents of Sycamore Bungalows were often splitting and the contents, including food waste, littering the pavement and road. The Clerk advised she would advise RVBC of the situation.

Katrina Hartley reported that RVBC had made contact regarding the Sky dish at Ribblesdale Court and that the matter was now in hand with Sky who could not make further progress until the relaxation of pandemic restrictions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 February 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.