

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023  
AT 7.00 PM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Keith Kirby

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 23 FEBRUARY 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of 23 February 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

Mrs C A Holmes	Clerk's salary	£360.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£90.00
John Cornthwaite	Parish Lengthsman	£345.00
Fred Wrathall	Christmas lights	£215.71

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

None

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the lengthsman had submitted an invoice for his work in the latter months of 2022. It was further noted that the lengthsman had advised that, whilst he did have suitable equipment to cut the Recreation Ground, it was perhaps not quite big enough so would need more cuts to get the required effect. It was suggested that the Parish Council consider hiring or buying its own grass cutting equipment as it was likely a team of volunteers could be brought together to do the cutting required.

## RECREATION GROUND

### *Trees*

Nothing further had been heard regarding the trees since the previous meeting.

### *Renewal of lease*

It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to renew the lease for another five year term but it was not known if the landlord was thinking of a three or a five year term.

### *Grass cutting*

It was suggested that the Parish Council consider hiring or buying its own grass cutting equipment as it was likely a team of volunteers could be brought together to do the cutting required.

### *Pavilion*

It was explained that a quote of £1,360 had been obtained for the work required to repair the pavilion. It was agreed that this was acceptable and that the work should proceed.

## RIBBLE VALLEY IN BLOOM APPLICATION

It was agreed that an application be made to Ribble Valley BC for a grant in respect of plants/bulbs around the Cenotaph Gardens. It was agreed that an application be made for £X as it was likely only 25% of that sum would be awarded.

## 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 latest situation regarding the HARP project and Clitheroe Market.

Borough Cllr Sherras was thanked for his over 25 years' service as Borough Councillor for the Gisburn & Rimington ward and was given the Council's best wishes for his retirement from the Borough Council.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that parishes were to receive £500 towards the costs of a celebration for the King's Coronation.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dave Hewitt had advised that he intended to ascertain ownership of the field next to Travellers' Court and also to advise if the trees on the field were subject to TPOs. It was noted that a 1953 Coronation stone was also placed in the field which may need to be moved if the field were subject to any development.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 May 2023 at 7.00 pm

Annual Parish Meeting

7.30 pm

Parish Council meeting

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**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would assume responsibility for the children's playground. It was confirmed that the GPFA would remain in existence and would assist in applications for grants and fund raising activities.

**CLERK'S SALARY 2023/24**

It was agreed that the Clerk's salary would be subject to a 10% increase for 2023/24.

