

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Dave Waters,
Clerk and Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25 FEBRUARY 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of 25 February 2016 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	£1,354
Deposit Account	£1,196

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes	£360.00
P O Ltd	£90.00
Total:	£450.00

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that it was necessary to consider the effectiveness of the internal audit process. The review should cover five areas, namely: scope of the internal audit, independence of the internal auditor, competency of the internal auditor, relationships of the auditor to the Council and planning and reporting. It was agreed that the current arrangements for internal audit satisfied the criteria and the previous year's internal auditor should be requested to perform the internal audit again.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2016/0158 The Priory, Hellifield Road

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

3/2016/0216 Little Dudlands Farm, Rimington Lane, Rimington

The Parish Council had no objections to the actual application but agreed that concerns should be expressed to RVBC regarding access onto Rimington Lane.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that a resident had submitted some suggestions as to work the Parish Lengthsman could do and these were discussed further.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS

Dave Waters reported that the second defibrillator was now in position in the "hearse house" adjacent to the Church. It was noted that there was also going to be a defibrillator at the Auction Mart although the precise location was as yet unknown.

FORMER PUBLIC TOILETS, MILL LANE

The Clerk advised that she had obtained the running costs of the public toilets 2009 to 2012 from RVBC. It was noted that the most significant expense was cleaning. It was reported that a number of options could potentially be explored with the owners of the property.

RVBC PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

It was reported that a suggestion had been received that the Parish Council use the RVBC Parish Council grant money to purchase a new SpID for the village. It was duly proposed and seconded that the grant money be used to purchase a new SpID. A counter-proposal that enquiries be made of Lancs CC Highways Department to see if they could provide either a SpID or speed signs before grant money was spent on another SpID was proposed, seconded and carried. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries of appropriate personnel at County Highways.

GISBURN MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2016

It was reported that discussions continued regarding the possibility of holding this Festival in September 2016.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Sherras updated the meeting regarding the withdrawal of bus services by Transdev and Lancs CC.

CORRESPONDENCE

Items of correspondence had been dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Kirby advised that she had been informed that two of the benches near the Cenotaph had been purchased "for the village" after a fund raising event several years ago as there had been a query over their ownership at a recent meeting.

The sign at the Auction Mart which hindered vision at the junction of the A59 and Mill Lane had been reported to both Lancs Highways and RVBC.

It was agreed that enquiries be made as to the costs of a memorial stone for the Queen's 90th Birthday which could potentially be combined with a village name sign.

It was noted that the Festival Hall AGM would be held on 20 April 2016 and that the Parish Council could appoint a representative to serve on the Festival Hall Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21 April 2016 at 7.30 pm