

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020
AT 7.30 PM

Present: Keith Kirby (Chair), Colin Corlett, Katrina Hartley, Darren Jackson, Jo Smith,
Clerk and one member of the public (Tracy Doyle)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 NOVEMBER 2019

The Minutes of the meeting of 14 November 2019 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tracy Doyle advised that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Festival Hall Committee was standing down in April 2020 and there were concerns that it would be difficult to replace him. The Committee wished to query what would happen if the Secretary/Treasurer was not replaced. The Clerk advised that she would send a copy of the Festival Hall Trust Deed to Tracy Doyle but, from reading through it, it would appear the Deed did not cover this scenario. It was explained that the Festival Hall had always been managed separately by the Festival Hall Committee without Parish Council involvement and, as long as there was a separate Committee, this should continue to be the case.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	£5,453
Deposit Account	£1,218

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes	Clerk	£360.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£90.00
Dr K Kirby	Reimbursement for gift	£50.00
Mr Fred Wrathall	Reimbursement for lights	£69.74

BANK MANDATE

It was agreed that an account should be opened at Lloyds, who had a branch in Clitheroe, and the Clerk agreed to make the necessary telephone call having obtained the appropriate information. It was agreed that the three signatories on the Lloyds account should be Keith Kirby, Katrina Hartley and Darren Jackson and that the signing rule should be two of three. It was noted that it may not be necessary for the existing signatories to attend a Santander branch to close the Santander account.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

None

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the Parish Lengthsman would most likely recommence working again around the village in April. Darren Jackson advised that he had contacted an alternative provider for the grass cutting of the Recreation Ground, rather than RVBC, so would obtain a quote for comparison.

It was suggested that some planters be placed on the Church wall at the eastern end of the village. The Clerk advised that a grant could be obtained from RVBC for planters and floral displays. The Clerk agreed to obtain information regarding the grant and appropriate planters.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

It was reported that United Utilities had attended the ginnel to inspect the manhole cover and advised that the cover itself was not the problem but the ground around it was, for which they were not responsible. It was further reported that, as the ginnel was unadopted, Lancashire Highways would not accept responsibility either. There was discussion regarding possible ways of proceeding to rectify the problem. The Clerk suggested she contact Lancashire Highways who could possibly advise even though it was not their responsibility.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that Katrina Hartley and Colin Corlett remained temporary appointees on the Council but that it was possible for them to be co-opted onto the Council by the other three members. It was agreed that Katrina Hartley and Colin Corlett should be co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.

Keith Kirby and Katrina Hartley advised of the condition of the hut on the Recreation Ground and there was discussion regarding what should be done in the future.

Katrina Hartley further advised there was an old tyre in the top corner of the Recreation Ground which had been filled with dog poo bags. It was agreed that a poster should be placed around the village advising that if anti-social and irresponsible behaviour regarding dogs on the Recreation Ground continued the Parish Council would apply for an Order banning dogs from the Recreation Ground.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13 February 2020 at 7.30 pm

