

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 09 JUNE 2011
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Barrie Tyrer
Clerk and Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 MAY 2011

The Minutes of the meeting of 12 May 2011 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,184.31
Current Account	£6,269.83
Skipton BS Account	£4,058.12 (annual interest of £41.42 credited)
Skipton BS Account	£11,780.46 (annual interest of £112.02 credited)

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	(Parish Lengthsman)	£212.50
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YEAR END MATTERS 2010/11

The Clerk advised that the Annual Return and all necessary supporting documentation had been forwarded to BDO LLP by the requisite date of 10 June 2011 and that she was accordingly waiting to hear if there were any further queries from the auditors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised that a letter of objection, as circulated to all Parish Councillors, had been submitted to RVBC regarding the plans to build a boutique hotel at Dudlands Croft. A copy of an independent traffic survey, commissioned by one of the neighbours of the property, was brought to the meeting for circulation. It was noted that nothing further had been heard from RVBC regarding this application and that, due to its complexity, it could take several months to complete the planning process.

Plans by Gisburne Park Hospital to erect a new recreation area had been previously circulated and the Clerk advised that, in accordance with comments received, she had drafted a letter of objection to be sent to RVBC.

It was noted that extensive work had been undertaken to the interior of a cottage near to the Church Gates and the necessity for building regulations approval was queried. Borough Cllr Sherras offered to liaise with appropriate officers at RVBC about the matter. It was noted that the occupants of another cottage in the vicinity had been instructed to obtain planning approval for their replacement windows.

ALLOTMENTS

Mr David Ingham of Ribble Valley BC explained the background to Ribble Valley BC's allotment strategy. Mr Ingham explained that a possible site for allotments within Gisburn had been identified, namely, the area behind Strawberry Fields where potentially 12 allotments could be situated. Mr Ingham confirmed that the allotments in this location could only be held on short leases of 4 or 5 years. Doubts were expressed as to the viability of allotments if only short term leases were available but Mr Ingham explained that this was all the landlord was currently prepared to offer. Mr Ingham also advised that Ribble Valley BC were working in conjunction with Gisburn Primary School about the school having its own allotment and that this project could continue regardless of whether community allotments went ahead or not.

After discussion it was agreed that a meeting be called to which all those interested in having an allotment should be invited. The potential site and terms of lease of the proposed allotments should be made clear at the meeting. It was noted that all those who had expressed an interest in having an allotment may not actually commit when required to do so the meeting should be used to gauge how serious interest actually was.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In the absence of Mrs Chris Fish this item was not considered.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was explained that the Parish Lengthsmen had submitted their timesheet for May and early June 2011 and the amount due totalled £212.50. It was explained that the lengthsmen had been unable to work as intended regarding strimming due to the heavy rains experienced recently. It was noted that there had been some upset caused by the decision to replant the Cenotaph Gardens with roses but the situation had been resolved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

All members of the Parish Council and the Clerk had received letters from SELRAP asking for Parish Council support in promoting the re-opening of the railway line from Colne to Skipton. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the project and write to SELRAP accordingly.

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by the Head of Engineering Services at RVBC regarding the cleaning of the public toilets in the village. In an effort to save costs RVBC were looking at a variety of options regarding toilet cleaning in the borough, namely a reduction in the number of times per week toilet facilities were cleaned, the promotion of Community Toilet Schemes via local businesses and the possibility of independent cleaning of facilities. It was agreed that a Community Toilet Scheme was not suitable for Gisburn and that the preferred option would be for a reduction in the number of occasions on which the toilets were cleaned. It

was agreed that cleaning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays would be acceptable and that RVBC should be informed of this decision. The option of independent cleaning should also be explored as a back-up to reduced cleaning by RVBC. It was noted that the toilets were used regularly by people travelling on the A59 as there were no other facilities adjacent to the road itself along its route.

The Chair advised that he had raised the issue of parking on the grass verge on auction days at the AGM of Gisburn Auction Mart but that the issue did not appear to concern the directors of the Auction Mart. It was noted that the police were also unlikely to tackle the problem due to it being considered a low priority.

It was reported that the SpID batteries did not appear to be lasting very long and were therefore being checked by Dr Keith Kirby. It was agreed that some new batteries should be purchased if this was necessary.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 21 July 2011 at 7.30 pm
(to be preceded by Allotments meeting at 7.00 pm)