

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 09 DECEMBER 2010 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE FESTIVAL HALL, GISBURN**

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Clerk,
Borough Cllr Sherras and 1 member of the public
Det Chief Inspector Kitchen - Lancs Constabulary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 NOVEMBER 2010

The Minutes of the meeting of 18 November 2010 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,184.31
Current Account	£2,104.77

The Clerk advised that she was expecting a timesheet from the lengthsman but this had not been received prior to the meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

ANNUAL BUDGET

The Clerk submitted a draft budget showing the estimated income and expenditure for 2011/12. It was agreed that the amounts shown as projected expenditure were reasonable and all items of expenditure shown required inclusion on the list. It was agreed that the situation regarding grants for the lengthsman for 2011/12 was unclear and that provision of grants for the year by the Borough and County Councils could not be relied upon. It was agreed that the precept should be set so as to be able to independently afford the lengthsman for the coming year regardless of the grant situation. The precept was accordingly agreed at £4,000.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that the application to build two houses on Bentlea Road, as discussed at the September 2010 meeting, had not yet been listed for RVBC's Planning Committee. It was also noted that nothing further had been heard about the application to build an agricultural building next to the Primary School.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was agreed that the work of the lengthsman required better control in 2011/12 both from a financial and practical perspective. It was suggested that a list of regular jobs be drawn up for the lengthsman and that he be made aware of the total sum available for his work for the year at the outset of the year. It was noted that the lengthsman had

not maintained the Cenotaph area to the required standard but it was accepted that he was not a gardener. Ideas for looking after the Cenotaph area were discussed and it was agreed to ask some professional gardeners for a quote for looking after the Cenotaph with the idea that the lengthsman could then relinquish this responsibility and thus not be required to attend the village each week. It was noted that there would be more chance of obtaining donations for the upkeep of the Cenotaph from the village if the area was professionally maintained.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received advising of job opportunities concerning the Census in March 2011.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Det Chief Inspector Kitchen of Lancs Constabulary provided an explanation of why the police wished to construct an APR camera in the village. It was explained that these cameras were positioned on strategic routes in the County with a view to assisting in the prevention and detection of serious crime. It was stressed that the cameras were not speed detection devices nor would they be used to monitor residents of the area unless wrongdoing was suspected. The police wished to place the APR camera in Gisburn as there were maintenance, logistical and power advantages to placing it in the village rather than further along the Burnley Road.

It was noted that the Village Meeting had been held on Wednesday 08 December 2010 and had not been as well attended as hoped. The possibility of establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village had been discussed as had the process for having allotments in the village. It was noted that although there was much enthusiastic discussion concerning allotments there was less enthusiasm from individuals for making a firm commitment to have an allotment.

It was agreed that the Christmas lights would be taken down on 08 January 2011.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20 January 2011 at 7.30 pm