

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JULY 2012  
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Clerk

APOLOGIES

Colin Corlett, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 JUNE 2012

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 June 2012 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,186
Current Account	£3,611

The Clerk advised that she had not yet heard back from the external auditors following submission of the 2011/12 Annual Return so was hoping that, at this stage, no further enquiries would be forthcoming.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Gisburn Festival Hall (Room Rent)	£108.00
Mrs C A Holmes (Clerk)	£80.00
Post Office Ltd (Clerk's PAYE)	£20.00
Mrs J Parkington (Lengthsman)	£229.86

PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS

a) Strawberry Fields Diner Site

It was explained that, following the meeting in June 2012, the Clerk had received a lengthy e-mail from a resident of Gisburn who used to be employed at the Strawberry Fields diner advising, essentially, that the diner was not a failing business as had been stated in the planning application. The Clerk had made further enquiries of Avalon Town Planners, the applicant's agent, but was yet to receive a response. It was noted that the application had not been listed for RVBC's Planning Committee on 19 July 2012 and the next meeting was on 16 August 2012.

b) Dudlands Croft Boutique Hotel

It was noted that the appeal hearing had taken place on 11 July 2012 but that no-one from the Parish Council had been able to attend. It was explained that the decision of the Planning Inspectorate could take up to seven weeks to be released.

## PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised of the work undertaken by the lengthsman the previous month which had incurred payment of £229.86. The lengthsman had advised that they had encountered some problems when strimming the car park due to parked vehicles and had requested provision of cones or another means of sectioning off the car park when working and it was agreed this was sensible. It was suggested that the car park key could be borrowed for the lengthsman so they could lock the car park temporarily when working, provided the car park was not locked at times of peak usage. John Falshaw advised he had been unable to speak to John Pratt about a quotation for construction of compost bins.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that RVBC were promoting an Amenities Grant and that the closing date for submissions for suitable projects was 31 July 2012. It was suggested that an application could be made to cover the cost of the provision of goal posts and nets for the Recreation Ground as this appeared to satisfy the criteria for a Grant.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk produced some catalogues of sports equipment and advised that choosing suitable goal posts and nets was not as simple as it might seem. Considerable time was spent choosing appropriate goals and nets and a choice was made which totalled £676.00. It was agreed that an application should be made to RVBC for an Amenities Grant but that, regardless of the result of the application, the goals and nets should be purchased. It was agreed that the lengthsman should be asked to maintain the area around the goals.

The Clerk advised that she had chased the issue of parking opposite the Auction Mart once again with Lancs CC.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16 August 2012 at 7.30 pm