

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015  
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde,  
Clerk, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras and one member of the public (Dave Waters)

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 JANUARY 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2015 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Sherras advised that the planning application concerning Little Dudlands had yet to be determined whilst the application relating to the wind turbine at Westby Hall Farm remained invalid at present.

Dave Waters advised he had complained to RVBC about the state of the Strawberry Fields site. The Clerk confirmed she had also complained to RVBC about the site following comments at the January 2015 meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,191
Current Account	£2,160

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

YEAR END MATTERS

The Risk Assessment register was discussed and approved without amendment.

The Parish Council's Asset Register was discussed and approved. It was suggested that ownership of the benches at the foot of the Cenotaph Gardens needed to be ascertained as it was not known if these were the responsibility of the Parish Council. Ownership of the Cenotaph itself was discussed and Borough Cllr Sherras offered to send some information regarding ownership of war memorials which could assist.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to RVBC's Planning Department about the possibility of constructing a low level fence around the Cenotaph Gardens in the Conservation Area. A formal application for pre-planning advice would have to be made for which there was a not insignificant fee. It was agreed that the problem with children riding bikes over the Cenotaph Gardens appeared to have abated so the fencing option should not be pursued further.

## PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was agreed that the lengthsman's contract needed to be formally renewed at the start of the next financial year in April. It was noted that no invoice had been received from the lengthsman this month.

## RECREATION GROUND TREES

Colin Corlett advised that the opinion of residents opposite the Recreation Ground had been sought regarding the removal and replacement of the trees and that all had been in favour of this course of action. It was agreed that Dave Hewitt of RVBC should be contacted to obtain advice as to the next steps to be taken

The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received from RVBC for the grass cutting contract for the Recreation Ground for 2015/16. Darren Jackson agreed to contact the lengthsman to see if he could offer an alternative quote as it was known that he cut other sports pitches. It was agreed the quotes would then be compared at the March 2015 meeting as a final decision was required by the end of March ready for cutting to begin in April.

## RVBC/LANCS CC PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS

It was noted that John Falshaw would be attending the RVBC Parish Council Reception and training event on 05 March 2015.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that RVBC Environmental Health would be placing notices regarding dog fouling in the play park as this was covered by the new Dog Control Orders but the Recreation Ground was not. Upon querying the situation with RVBC the Clerk had been advised that the Recreation Ground had not been included in the sites the Parish Council wished to be covered by the Orders when the request was made 18 months to 2 years ago but that there would most likely be an opportunity in the future to revise areas to be included.

There was discussion regarding whose responsibility it was to grit the car park in icy weather. It was noted that the grit bin belonged to the Parish Council but the car park was managed by the Festival Hall Committee and most extensively used by school traffic. It was further noted that the previous lengthsman had gritted the car park upon request. It was noted that there was no shovel in the grit bin but that if one were to be provided it would most likely disappear. It was suggested the matter be revisited if there were any complaints about the condition of the car park in icy weather.

It was explained that the condition of Coal Pit Lane had deteriorated significantly and that Lancs CC should be made aware of the deterioration. It was noted that many heavy vehicles now used the Lane travelling from the digester on the A59 to a farm off the Lane.

It was suggested that the Parochial Church Council be approached regarding a contribution towards the Christmas Tree and lights and Mary Kirby agreed to talk to the PCC Treasurer.

It was explained that the SpID had been repaired and should now be re-charged ready for use again.

Borough Cllr Sherras advised he had been contacted by an official from Gisborne in New Zealand about possible links with Gisburn and would forward the e-mail to interested parties in the village.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 19 March 2015 at 7.30 pm

