

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JULY 2015
AT 7.00 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson , Mary Kirby, David Waters,
Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk and nine members of the public

The Parish Council meeting was preceded by a presentation by Matt Dugdale, a Community First Responder, on the possibility of Gisburn acquiring a defibrillator.

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25 JUNE 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 25 June 2015 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Dave Waters declared an interest in Agenda item 9 a) RVBC decision on 3 houses, Mill Lane and advised he would leave the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE

The draft public participation procedure previously circulated to Councillors was considered and agreed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair advised that members of the public could speak when Agenda item 9 a) was considered if they so wished rather than under public participation as it was felt comments would relate to that item.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,191
Current Account	£4,182

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that to date no further queries had been received from the external auditors so it was to be assumed that the audit was progressing smoothly.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

i) RVBC decision re 3 houses, Mill Lane

Dave Waters left the meeting

The Chair advised that members of the public present at the meeting could speak regarding this agenda item if they so wished.

Concern was expressed by both Parish Councillors and members of the public regarding the handling of this application by RVBC and ultimately the decision to approve the application under delegated powers. Borough Cllr Sherras reported the planning reasons given to him by the Planning Officer concerned for the approval of the application. It was noted that this application differed from an application for the same site which had been refused in September 2014. Borough Cllr Sherras stated that the only formal way of challenging the decision would be by means of judicial review. The failure of letters of objection from local residents to reach the Planning Officer concerned was discussed. It was reported that at least two of the letters of objection had been handed over personally at the Planning Reception desk at RVBC's offices. Borough Cllr Sherras offered to investigate the situation regarding the letters and report back to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that a letter expressing the Parish Council's concern and displeasure over both the decision on the application and the loss of letters of objection be sent to the Head of Planning at RVBC.

Dave Waters returned to the meeting

RVBC electronic communication of planning applications

The Clerk advised that, with immediate effect, RVBC would not be sending paper copies of planning applications to Parish Councils but would be electronically notifying the Clerk of an application in the parish concerned and providing a link to the RVBC website, where plans could be viewed online.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised that the lengthsman had not submitted an invoice this month. It was reported that the lengthsman would be tackling the trees overhanging the school drive when the school had finished for the holidays.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

The Chair confirmed he had signed the Leases and Statutory Declaration so the Parish Council was now awaiting further communication from the solicitors.

TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE

Dave Waters provided an update on the first meeting of the Working Group established to coordinate village activities on the day of the Tour of Britain passing through Gisburn and advised of the suggestions made regarding the event.

John Falshaw advised he had spoken with the directors of Gisburn Auction Mart who had indicated they may open the public toilets on the day of the race itself provided the Parish Council took responsibility for the cleaning of the facility. The Auction Mart had also indicated that car parking may be available on their car park although the usual Monday sale would also be taking place on that day. The meeting was further advised that the school car park would also be available for use and that Guy Hindley had given his permission, weather permitting, for the Recreation Ground to be used for additional car parking if required.

GISBURN FESTIVAL HALL

It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Sherras advised that his report essentially related to the RVBC decision on the planning application for 3 houses on Mill Lane and had therefore been covered earlier in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the situation regarding live music and noise levels at the Beat Herder Festival to be held at the weekend.

A letter had been received from RVBC asking for a possible nominee to sit on the board of the Pendle Hill Partnership Scheme but it was noted that a preference had been expressed for the nominee to be from a village closer to Pendle Hill itself so it was agreed not to submit a nomination.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that publicity should be given via the Parish Mag to the possibility of the village acquiring a defibrillator and funds from village events could contribute to the costs thereof.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20 August 2015 at 7.30 pm

