

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 09 MARCH 2017
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair) Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Dave Waters, Clerk
and one member of the public (Dr Keith Kirby)

APOLOGIES

Colin Corlett, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 09 March 2017

The Minutes of the meeting of 09 March 2017 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	£4,859
Deposit Account	£1,202

The Clerk confirmed that the 2017/18 precept of £4,000 had been received from RVBC.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Gisburn Festival Hall (room rent 2016/17)	£120.00
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The Clerk advised that, due to an oversight, the invoice for the room rent for 2016/17 had not been sent to the Parish Council during the last financial year.

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk confirmed that the audit file was now ready for the internal auditor whom she would be contacting in the coming week. It was envisaged that the internal audit would be complete by the next Parish Council meeting in May 2017.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

No planning applications concerning Gisburn had been received in recent weeks. It was confirmed that an application relating to a property near Newsholme would not have been sent for consideration by Gisburn Parish Council.

COMMUNITY DOG EVENT

The Clerk advised that RVBC had produced some publicity leaflets for the Community Dog Event to be held on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at the Auction Mart and that the leaflets had been put on noticeboards/lamp posts in Gisburn and surrounding villages by RVBC themselves. The Clerk had arranged for the leaflet to be reproduced and put in the next school newsletter and Parish Mag.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

A letter relating from RVBC relating to Public Space Orders had been received and was considered. It was explained that this could be the opportunity to consider a blanket ban on dogs on the Recreation Ground. After discussion it was decided that a ban on dogs on the Recreation Ground would not be appropriate and that the Parish Council should do all it could to encourage owners to pick up after their dog. The Clerk was asked to price a plastic sack dispenser and to enquire with RVBC about the possibility of an additional wheelie bin at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. The Chair advised that the Auction Mart had indicated that their CCTV system could cover most of the Recreation Ground which could assist in identifying irresponsible dog owners.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Richard Sherras this item was not considered.

CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail had been received from Lancs CC advising that a one-off payment of £250 would once again be made to parish councils in respect of footpath work undertaken by the parish lengthsman. It was agreed to opt in to the scheme for 2017/18. The Clerk advised that the lengthsman had undertaken some footpath work when dealing with the drainage issue in the field adjacent to the school. It was agreed that work could once again be carried out on this particular footpath as it was known to be used by ramblers and local dog walkers.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that Young Farmers had requested permission to use the Recreation Ground for an event on 30 April 2017. It was agreed that permission should be granted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Meeting	Thursday 25 May 2017 at 7.15 pm
May 2017 Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 25 May 2017 at 7.30 pm