

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2015  
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Mary Kirby, David Waters,  
Clerk and three members of the public

APOLOGIES

Darren Jackson, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 JULY 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 16 July 2015 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

John Falshaw declared an interest in item 8 b) (Solar panels off Coal Pit Lane) and Dave Waters declared an interest in Agenda item 8 a) RVBC decision on 3 houses, Mill Lane.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,196
Current Account	£3,836

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Solicitors' fees re Recreation Ground leases	Landlord's solicitor	£360
	Lessee's solicitor	£180
		Total: £540

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that to date nothing had been heard 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 - Update*

*Dave Waters was permitted to remain in the meeting*

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had submitted a letter to RVBC expressing their displeasure and concern over the decision re 3 houses on Mill Lane and the loss of the letters of objection and had received a response from the Head of Planning. Dave Waters advised that he and several other residents had also written letters of complaint to RVBC regarding the decision and were awaiting a response from RVBC.

Mr Alan Haslehurst advised he had received a letter from RVBC dated 12 August 2015 advising that the "missing" objection letters had been found in another application's file but that a review of the letters by the Planning Officer concerned had concluded that there were no material differences that would have resulted in any new considerations regarding the Mill Lane application. The letter to Mr Haslehurst also advised that the total number of letters of objection to the Mill Lane application was six which meant the application did not have to be considered by RVBC's Planning & Development Committee so could be dealt with under delegated powers which had been the case.

It was agreed that a letter should be written to RVBC expressing concern over the misplacement of the objection letters and the failure to communicate to the Parish Council directly that they had been found.

*Solar Panels off Coal Pit Lane*

*John Falshaw was permitted to remain in the meeting.*

The Clerk advised that the above application was being considered that same evening by RVBC's Planning & Development Committee and that a resident of Coal Pit Lane was attending to speak against the application.

## PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised that the lengthsman had not submitted an invoice this month but had submitted an invoice shortly after the previous meeting. It was noted that the lengthsman had dealt with the overhanging trees on the school drive.

## RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

The Chair confirmed he had received the duly executed leases in respect of the Recreation Ground from the solicitors. The Chair also advised he had received two invoices for the work in respect of the renewal of the leases; one invoice of £180 from the Parish Council's solicitors and another from the landlord's solicitors totalling £360. The Chair commented that it was a concern that the Parish Council could be expected to pay this amount of money every three years for the renewal of the leases. It was agreed that conversations should be held with the landlord over the coming years to try and reach a mutually acceptable compromise regarding payment of the legal work before the next lease renewal took place.

## TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE

Dave Waters provided an update on the decisions of the Working Group established to co-ordinate village activities on the day of the Tour of Britain passing through Gisburn. It was noted that it was impossible to state how many cars/visitors would attend Gisburn on the day but it had

not been the intention to charge for parking on the Recreation Ground but rather ask for donations via collection buckets. Donations received would be put towards the defibrillator fund for the village. The Clerk agreed to confirm arrangements for use of the Recreation Ground with the landlord. The Festival Hall Committee had agreed to provide refreshments and toilet facilities. Volunteers would act as Gisburn ambassadors on the day and assist visitors. It was intended to produce a leaflet about Gisburn for distribution to visitors and another newsletter would be produced for residents. It had also been suggested that a "Welcome to Gisburn" banner be purchased, especially as there was potential for the banner to be used for other events. The Parish Council agreed to contribute towards the costs of the banner and the leaflet. It was noted that confirmation of use of the Auction Mart toilets and car park and cleaning arrangements for the toilets if opened was still required and the Chair offered to obtain this information when next at the Auction Mart.

## GISBURN FESTIVAL HALL

The Chair explained the background to the sale of land and the proceeds obtained which were held by the Parish Council for use by the Festival Hall. It was further explained that legal advice obtained by the Parish Council essentially maintained that this arrangement should continue. It was therefore agreed that no changes to the holding of monies should be made but that the Parish Council would provide the Festival Hall Committee with a copy of the annual building society statement received regarding the monies. The Chair also advised he would write to the Festival Hall Committee confirming the basis on which the monies were held. It was also agreed that, in future, the Festival Hall Committee would provide the Parish Council with a copy of its annual accounts.

## DEFIBRILLATOR IN GISBURN

It was agreed that a fund to purchase a defibrillator for Gisburn should be established and administered via the Festival Hall Committee. The Parish Council agreed to make an initial contribution of £100 to the fund. Dave Waters advised that a fund raising event would be held at the Festival Hall in October 2015. It was also noted that any contributions for car parking on the Recreation Ground on Tour of Britain day would be put towards the fund.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised she had received the letter from RVBC regarding the annual concurrent functions grant and would accordingly submit an application in the coming weeks..

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that an application regarding building a digester at Westby Hall Farm had been submitted and the official notification letter had gone to Rimington PC as the site was in that parish. Gisburn PC could, however, still comment on the application if it so wished. Due to a number of recent applications overlapping Gisburn and Rimington parishes it was suggested that the Clerk write to her counterpart at Rimington suggesting that the parishes keep each other informed of any applications which could impact the neighbouring parish.

It was noted that a drain was blocked on the A682 and needed to be reported. Weed-killing down Mill Lane had not been particularly successful and the lengthsman should be asked to re-do the area if possible.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24 September 2015 at 7.30 pm

