

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 MAY 2018  
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Dave Waters, Clerk,  
Borough Cllr Richard Sherras and two members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 19 APRIL 2018

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2018 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The meeting was advised that the resignation of Cllr Mary Kirby was effective as of today's date and that the appropriate casual vacancy notice had been displayed and posted on the website. More than one candidate had informally expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. A formal request for an election had been submitted to Ribble Valley BC and the appropriate notice was now on display and on the website. If more than one candidate were to be nominated Ribble Valley BC would arrange the necessary election which would be held at the end of June 2018.

Thanks were expressed to Mary Kirby for her valuable input and work as a parish councillor during her years in office.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	£5,724
Deposit Account	£1,206

The Clerk explained that a small amount of interest would have accrued to the deposit account in May 2018 but the statement was now only received annually in August each year.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

BHIB Insurance Brokers Ltd	Annual renewal of insurances	£290.13
Mrs C A Holmes	Reimbursement for data protection registration	£35.00

YEAR END MATTERS 2017/18

The Clerk advised that she would bring the accounts, annual governance statement and exemption certificate to the June 2018 meeting.

#### RECREATION GROUND LEASES

The Chair advised that renewal of the three year leases of the Recreation Ground had been proposed by the landlord, on the same terms as the 2015 leases. Concern was expressed regarding certain clauses in the leases which could leave the parish council, as tenant, potentially exposed to large repair bills and it was agreed this was not acceptable, especially given the short tenure of the leases. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the landlord outlining the parish council's concerns and suggesting a meeting to discuss the matter further with a view to reaching a more acceptable position for the parish council. It was also suggested that the Clerk contact Ribble Valley BC asking what could potentially happen to the Recreation Ground, from a planning perspective, if the leases were not renewed by the parish council.

#### CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, BURNLEY ROAD

Darren Jackson provided an update on the refurbishment of the children's playground. Work was almost complete and a formal opening was planned for Sunday 20 May 2018. Grants for the work had been obtained from a variety of sources. Funds had now been depleted but a fund raising event was planned for later in the year. It was acknowledged that the inability to reclaim the VAT spent on the play park had been a financial blow but there had been was no way round the situation. It was noted that Holden Clough Nursery had provided a selection of plants for the approaches to the play park.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

##### *3/2018/0321 Strawberry Fields, Gisburn*

There were no objections to this application.

##### *3/2018/0258 Stable Cottage, Gisburn*

There were no objections to this application.

#### RENEWAL OF PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCES

The Clerk advised that the renewal documentation for the insurance policies had been received and the price for the usual package of parish council policies was £290.13, a saving of over £40.00 compared to 2017. It was agreed that this quote was acceptable and the policies should be renewed with effect from 01 June 2018.

#### HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

The Clerk read out a letter she had very recently received from Nigel Evans MP enclosing a letter from Phil Darnell of Lancs Highways. Lancashire County Council had acknowledged the need for a pedestrian crossing but further advised that accident statistics did not merit spending their limited funds on a crossing in Gisburn rather than in other places in the county with similar problems.

It was agreed that the response from Lancs CC continued to be disappointing and that County Cllr Albert Atkinson should be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council to explain the position further.

#### PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the lengthsman had begun work around the village but had not submitted an invoice. Darren Jackson offered to remind the lengthsman to submit monthly invoices during his busy period.

#### BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Sherras updated the meeting on matters pertaining to Neighbourhood Watch, the Little Green Bus and the NAPF.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the Parish Council should register as a data controller under the new GDPR although the amount of personal data held, which could not be covered under normal council business management, was minimal.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21 June 2018 at 7.30 pm