

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2016
AT 7.30 PM

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

APOLOGIES

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 26 NOVEMBER 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 26 November 2015 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Clerk declared an interest in item 12 on the Agenda, Parish Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,196
Current Account	£1,925

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Cardiac Science (Holdings) Ltd (defibrillator cabinets)	£1,284.00
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Three houses, Mill Lane, - Update

It was noted that the Parish Council and several residents had objected to the above application which had subsequently been recommended for approval by a Planning Officer at RVBC. The application had been considered and approved by RVBC's Planning & Development Committee on 18 December 2015.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised that the lengthsmen would not be submitting an invoice this month but would add the work done to the February 2016 invoice. It was suggested that the lengthsmen be asked to remove a sheet of tin which had been blown onto the Recreation Ground.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS

Dave Waters advised that the total raised towards village defibrillators stood at £3,700. Thanks were expressed to Gisburn School for their fund raising effort prior to Christmas. Both defibrillator cabinets had already arrived and both defibrillators had been delivered that morning. Andy Waddington had installed one of the cabinets on the Village Hall, free of charge, and the defibrillator had been duly installed in it. Checks on the defibrillator would be carried out by the ambulance service in the near future. It was noted that the second defibrillator ideally needed to be located at the other end of the village and that the owners of La Locanda had agreed it could be located on their building. It was stressed that the chosen location had to have a readily accessible power supply. It was agreed that the second defibrillator should be located at La Locanda but that appropriate planning procedures would need to be followed as it was a listed building.

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Andy Waddington, Gisburn Primary School and Cinzia and Maurizio Bocchi for their assistance with the village defibrillators.

VILLAGE SPID

The Clerk advised that she had completed another questionnaire on SpIDs from Lancs CC and had again pointed out that the Gisburn SpID no longer worked in the hope that the County might provide one to the village on loan. Mary Kirby advised that the lengthsman currently had the non-functioning SpID in his workshop and the Chair suggested there could be a reduction in the insurance premium as the device was no longer deployed. It was also agreed that the permanent speed sign at the eastern end of the village was particularly effective and an approach should be made to Lancs CC to try and obtain another for the western end of the village.

RVBC PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

It was reported that only one formal approach for a form for the RVBC Parish Council grants had so far been received, from Gisburn Young Farmers. Dave Waters advised that the Festival Hall Committee would most likely be submitting an application for road signs for the Festival Hall and defibrillators. It was noted that the Parish Council had originally imposed an initial deadline of Easter 2016 for consideration of applications.

PARISH CLERK

(The Clerk left the meeting)

The Chair advised that an appraisal of the Clerk's work and a salary review had not been carried out for at least 2 years. It was agreed that the Clerk was doing a very good job and that her quarterly salary should accordingly be doubled.

(The Clerk returned to the meeting)

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Colin Corlett advised that he had spoken to the owners of the land behind the White Bull about the land possibly being used for allotments but that the owners had indicated they potentially had other uses for the site. It was also pointed out that there could be access/right of way issues anyway with that particular site.

It was noted that the sign advertising Todber Holiday Park at the Auction Mart which hindered vision from the Mill Lane junction had been reported but remained in place. As an alternative course of action the Chair offered to speak to a member of the Auction Mart Board about the matter as the sign was on Auction Mart land.

Borough Cllr Sherras had looked into the planning restrictions imposed on the original Watt Close digester application regarding movement of traffic through the village and had advised that no restrictions had been contained in the approval of the application.

It was noted that the roadworks on the Burnley Road opposite the school continued to cause traffic flow problems and were also not adequately lit. The Clerk confirmed she had reported the matter several weeks before Christmas to Lancs Highways and would do so again.

The Clerk advised that Lancs CC were undertaking consultation exercises regarding the future of the Countryside Service, subsidised bus routes and libraries in the county. It was likely that most of the libraries in the district could be closed due to the need to cut costs and it was agreed that a letter of objection should be lodged with Lancs CC.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 February 2016 at 7.30 pm.

