

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015
AT 7.30 PM

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

APOLOGIES

Darren Jackson

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 APRIL 2015

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2015 – Acceptance of Office/Notification of Interests forms

Completed forms were submitted to the Clerk who agreed to return them to RVBC.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public queried whether the village could have more dog waste bins as it was noted that dog ownership in the village had increased significantly. The member of the public advised that she was often finding bagged dog dirt which had been discarded or hung in trees/hedges. It was accepted that the Parish Council would have to buy the dog waste bins but that RVBC would empty them if located adjacent to the highway. The member of the public concerned also offered to assist with the emptying of the dog waste bins if necessary. It was agreed that the Parish Council should look into the costs of dog waste bins and the situation regarding responsibility for emptying the bins.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,191
Current Account	£4,291

The Clerk advised that annual interest would have been credited to the bank and Skipton BS accounts in May 2015 but that she had not yet received the appropriate statements.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

John Cornthwaite	(Lengthsman)	£215.00
Insurances	(Annual premium)	£313.55 (inc IPT)
		£528.55

It was noted that the annual insurance premium would be £313.55 for the duration of a Long Term Agreement of three years but would be £328.92 (inc IPT) for 2015/16 if the Agreement was not signed.

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that the internal auditor had returned the Annual Return and supporting documentation and had provided the Parish Council with a clear internal audit report. The Annual Return could now be submitted to the external auditors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

i) Strawberry Fields

It was agreed that no objection would be lodged to this application but that RVBC would be asked to note the Parish Council's concerns regarding the lack of provision of housing for older people, the variation of the S106 Agreement and mud on the road.

ii) Detached dwelling, Bentlea Road

It was agreed that an objection should be lodged to this application on the grounds that the building would be outside the settlement boundary, there was no identifiable need for the building and it would contribute to increased vehicular traffic on Bentlea Road.

iii) Improved access, Sycamore Bungalows

It was agreed that an objection be lodged to this application at present as it was felt insufficient information had been given to enable an informed opinion to be given.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised that the lengthsman had submitted an invoice for £215.00 and outlined the work undertaken by the lengthsman.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

The Clerk advised that two leases had been obtained from the landlord's solicitor for signature concerning the two parts of the Recreation Ground. The leases of both parts of the Recreation Ground were to be brought into line with three year terms offered beginning and ending on the same date. The Chair advised that the leases were based on those previously signed by the Parish Council as lessee of the Ground. David Waters requested that, as he was not familiar with the leases in question, he be allowed to study the leases prior to a decision being taken regarding signing them and this was agreed.

WAR MEMORIALS

The Clerk provided details of a nationwide survey being carried out by Civic Voice to record the location and condition of war memorials throughout England. Details of a workshop to be held in Lancaster in June were also given.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that items of correspondence had been dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that yet another sign advertising an event at Thornton Hall Farm had been erected at the mini-roundabout despite a recent letter from the Parish Council asking them to desist and the Clerk was asked to contact the Farm expressing the Council's disquiet that the request had been ignored.

Richard Sherras advised that the Appeal concerning wind turbines on Brightenber Hill in Craven would be held in June 2015 and offered to circulate the appropriate letter after the meeting. It was confirmed that, if erected, the wind turbines would be visible from the vast majority of locations in the Gisburn, Tosside and Horton areas.

It was noted that James Russell, Head of Environmental Health at RVBC, had been invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Councils' Liaison Committee to discuss issues regarding dog fouling in the Borough. It was noted that confirmation of the status of the Recreation Ground under the new Dog Control Orders was still awaited.

The Chair advised that the majority of the bollards placed opposite the Auction Mart several months ago to discourage parking were no longer there. It was agreed that the bollards had been a useful deterrent and the Clerk was asked to obtain price details for replacements.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 25 June 2015 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2015
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde,
Clerk

APOLOGIES

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 19 MARCH 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 March 2015 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.