

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 25 MAY 2017
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Clerk

APOLOGIES

Mary Kirby, Dave Waters, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 APRIL 2017

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 April 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

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

RVBC	Annual grass cutting (Recreation Ground)	£813.62
John Cornthwaite	Lengthsman	£490.00
Aon UK Ltd	Annual insurance premiums	£331.29
NW Air Ambulance	Donation	£40.00

Total: £1,674.91

YEAR END MATTERS

The meeting considered the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that the following summarised matters could all be answered in the affirmative for the year under review, namely

1. the statement of accounts was prepared in accordance with appropriate regulations
2. an adequate system of internal control was maintained
3. there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance which could have a significant effect on the ability of the council to conduct its affairs
4. there was proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights under appropriate regulations
5. a risk assessment has been undertaken
6. an adequate system of internal audit of the council's records was maintained
7. appropriate action has been taken on matters raised in internal and external audit reports

8. the council has considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments could have a financial impact on the council

The Annual Governance Statement was accordingly approved by the meeting and John Falshaw and Cathy Holmes proceeded to sign the Statement as Chair and Clerk respectively.

The Clerk advised that it was necessary for the meeting to approve the accounts for the period ended 31 March 2017. The Clerk outlined the entries on Section 2 of the Annual Return, explaining differences with the previous year's figures and the accounts were duly approved and signed by John Falshaw and Cathy Holmes as Chairman and Clerk respectively. The Clerk confirmed that the accounts and supporting paperwork had been subject to an internal audit and that the internal auditor had not found any issues to report. The Annual Return was therefore approved for submission to the external auditors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2017/0347 3 houses, Mill Lane, Gisburn

There were no objections to this application which sought to vary the design of an application previously approved by RVBC.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The work undertaken by the parish lengthsman in recent weeks was outlined. It was noted that strimming work had commenced again for the season. Darren Jackson agreed to ask the lengthsman to trim the ginnel which appeared not to have been done. The lengthsman had also undertaken weed-killing around the village.

COMMUNITY DOG EVENT

The Community Dog Event organised by RVBC and the Dogs Trust appeared not to have been a success, despite appropriate publicity in Gisburn and surrounding villages. Although the event had commenced at 11.00 am there had been no attendees until the early afternoon. It was suggested that the very warm weather would not have encouraged people to attend an indoor event but it was agreed the poor attendance was nevertheless disappointing.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk advised that Borough Cllr Sherras continued to liaise with Lancs Highways regarding the intended closure of the A682 in June/July 2017. Cllr Sherras had also been informed that average speed cameras would be installed on the A682 between Gisburn and Blacko later in the year. An update was given on Public Space Protection Orders and it was noted there was a proposal to introduce an Order obliging dogs to be kept on a lead when on a public highway; although primarily intended for urban areas this Order would also affect small lanes in rural areas

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read out a letter from John Moores, Acting Chair of Gisburn Festival Hall, requesting the withdrawal of £2,000 from the Skipton BS account, held on behalf of the Festival Hall, to pay for specified lighting and electrical work. The Clerk confirmed that the

balance of the account would be just over £2,000 if the requested withdrawal was made. It was agreed that prudence should be exercised regarding this latest request in order to not deplete the account any more than necessary. The Clerk was requested to ask the Festival Hall Treasurer for a copy of the latest Festival Hall accounts. It was agreed to authorise the withdrawal of £1,000 from the account pending receipt of the Festival Hall accounts.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was requested to report the potholes in the A59 opposite Church Gates to Lancs Highways. The Clerk was also requested to contact Lancs Highways regarding the possibility of a decorative village sign being positioned on the verge at the mini-roundabout.

An update was provided on the possibility of the Auction Mart CCTV cameras covering the Recreation Ground.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15 June 2017 at 7.30 pm