

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2015
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby, Dave Waters,
Clerk and Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 OCTOBER 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2015 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,196
Current Account	£2,785

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

John Cornthwaite	(lengthsman)	£400.00
Gisburn Festival Hall	(annual room hire charge)	£120.00
Dr K Kirby	(reimbursement for Christmas lights)	£117.84
Dave Waters	(reimbursement for banner)	£46.79
Mrs C A Holmes	(Clerk)	£180.00
Post Office Ltd	(Clerk's PAYE)	£45.00

Total: £909.63

DRAFT BUDGET 2016/17 AND PRECEPT 2016/17

The Clerk tabled a draft budget for the financial year 2016/17 and explained the proposed figures thereon. It was noted that planned expenditure included a sum for wall repairs and it was confirmed that a portion of the wall still required repair. It was noted that the situation regarding the trees on the Recreation Ground had not been resolved and that it would not be sensible to undertake further repairs until the situation regarding the trees had been agreed. Darren Jackson queried whether money could be spent on improving drainage in the field behind the BT building adjacent to the school as the recent heavy rains had caused flooding issues in that part of the village. It was agreed that an approach needed to be made to BT who, it was believed, owned the land concerned before any work could be undertaken.

After further consideration it was agreed that the parish precept for 2016/17 should be £4,000.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Appletree House, Main St

It was agreed that no objections would be lodged regarding this application.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk provided details of the work undertaken by the lengthsman included in his most recent invoice. It was noted that the lengthsman had spent a considerable amount of time on the Cenotaph Gardens as requested prior to the Remembrance Service. The Chair advised that a resident had complained about the lengthsman seemingly not attending to the eastern end of Bentlea Road as much as the remainder of the Road and it was agreed that this would be mentioned to the lengthsman.

RVBC PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Dave Waters confirmed that the subject of the Grants had been raised at a Festival Hall Committee meeting so all groups who used the Hall were aware of the scheme. The Clerk advised that a request for a form had been received from Gisburn YFC who had also requested information regarding obtaining the signature of the Borough Councillor on the form. It was agreed that all applications would be considered by the Parish Council prior to passing on to Richard Sherras for signature. It was also confirmed that village groups would be eligible to apply for grants to support their activities but the Parish Council reserved the right to refuse an application if it was not considered to benefit a sufficient number of residents or the wider community.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

Dave Waters reported that the village defibrillator fund now stood at over £1,000 and there was a further fundraising event at the weekend at La Locanda. Special thanks were expressed to Gisburn Cubs for their fundraising efforts and also to all those who had contributed to the fund so far. It was agreed that purchasing the defibrillator needed to be done in conjunction with Matt Dugdale of the ambulance service who had originally attended the Parish Council in July 2015 to discuss the subject. It was noted that Matt Dugdale had submitted an application for a second defibrillator as funds were currently available via the British Heart Foundation. It was agreed that discussions needed to be held with Matt Dugdale regarding the most suitable place to locate the defibrillators as several factors in addition to accessibility needed to be considered.

VILLAGE SPID

The Clerk advised that RVBC had a small amount of funding potentially available for SpIDs and had sent a questionnaire on SpIDs which had been duly completed. The Clerk had also been contacted by Lancs Highways who had queried why the village SpID was not being deployed on Main St as there had been complaints about speeding. Upon being told that the village SpID was not working Lancs Highways had indicated that they may install one of their SpIDs on a temporary basis. It was noted that a number of people had investigated the non-functioning village SpID but no-one had been able to repair it. It was further noted that the SpID was at

least nine years old and had been very costly to repair on a previous occasion when it was returned to the manufacturer and it may have come to the end of its working life.

ALLOTMENTS – RVBC QUESTIONNAIRE

The Clerk advised that she had received a questionnaire about provision of allotments from RVBC. It was agreed that the biggest problem, as in many villages, was the lack of suitable, available land for turning into allotments. A possible site in the village, under private ownership, was suggested as a potential option and Colin Corlett agreed to approach the landowner concerned.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Richard Sherras reported that an application to build a further 30 holiday homes at Todber had been received and Gisburn PC could comment but official notification from RVBC would have gone to Rimington PC. Borough Cllr Sherras further reported that he continued to discuss Gisburn broadband issues with BT and Lancs CC.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received notification from the Electoral Commission regarding the preliminary results of the Lancashire Electoral Review but that the ward containing Gisburn had not been affected.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dave Waters provided a summary of topics covered at the Parish Councils Liaison Committee meeting on 29 October 2015.

The Chair reported that some of the cones recently purchased by the Parish Council had gone missing but it was agreed not to purchase additional cones at present.

The Clerk advised that Lancs Highways had agreed that an additional bollard could be placed in the middle of the pavement outside the Deli to stop the problem of parking behind the existing road edge bollards.

Colin Corlett advised that he and Darren Jackson would take possession of the Christmas tree that weekend so it would be available for the first week in December as requested.

It was noted that a sign advertising Todber Holiday Park at the Auction Mart hindered vision from the Mill Lane junction and should be reported.

It was reported that heavy plant traffic to and from the digester at Willcross Farm to Watt Close Farm on Coal Pit Lane appeared to be on a continual basis throughout the day, including at school pick up time. The condition of Coal Pit Lane had also deteriorated significantly. Borough Cllr Sherras agreed to look into the planning restrictions imposed on the original application.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21 January 2016 at 7.30 pm (No Parish Council meeting in December 2015)

