MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Keith Kirby (Chair), Colin Corlett, Katrina Hartley, Jo Smith,

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk and two members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darren Jackson

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 JULY 2020

The Minutes of the meeting of 16 July 2020 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Hewitt talked through quotation received for tree work on trees on the Recreation Ground. It was noted that the work would be costly as it had to include traffic management in order to deal with trees adjacent to the pavement and road. It was agreed that permission for the works to be undertaken should be sought from the landowner – who had previously agreed to other works – before proceeding to appoint a contractor. It was noted that councils could be held liable – at great expense – for injuries/damage sustained as a result of failure to deal with trees in poor condition. It was suggested that a quotation for the work also be obtained from the contractor who dealt with the cutting of the Recreation Ground as he was also a tree surgeon.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account (Lloyds) £3,095 Current Account (Santander) £4,460 Deposit Account (Santander) £1,225

It was explained that the accounts with Santander needed to be closed but there had been difficulty trying to find out the identity of the signatories on the deposit account and the situation had been compounded by banks taking so long to deal with telephone queries due to the coronavirus pandemic.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Tom Bell	Grass cutting	£490.00
Mrs C A Holmes	Salary	£360.00
HMRC	PAYE	£90.00

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2020/0643 Deerpark Garage, Gisburn

No objections.

The recent decision of RVBC's Licensing Committee on the licensing application by Gisburne Park was discussed. It was noted that the applicant had not been granted the extensions applied for. It was further noted that applications covering single events could still be applied for under the TENS procedure and that such applications were not widely publicised

PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TREES

It was decided to discuss this matter again at the October 2020 meeting when, hopefully, permission from the landowner for the works had been obtained and a further quotation had been obtained.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was suggested that the contractor responsible for the Recreation Ground be asked to strim under the benches as the grass was getting too long.

It had been suggested that hydrangeas be planted on the verge adjacent to the Church wall to go alongside the planters. It was noted that further planters would need to be purchased in order to make a more effective display. It was noted that the church had given permission for the planters to be placed on the church walls.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Two highways problems were reported which the Clerk advised she would report under Lancs Highways' Report It system.

Thanks were expressed to Katrina and Sue for their work in repainting railings.

It was noted that the outreach Post Office service had re-opened in Gisburn with effect from 07 September 2020. The service would operate on Monday mornings only out of the Festival Hall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15 October 2020 at 7.30 pm