

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016
AT 7.30 PM

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

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 JANUARY 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2016 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Dave Waters declared an interest in item 11 RVBC Parish Council Grants as one of the Trustees of the Festival Hall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	£1,354
Deposit Account	£1,196

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

LALC (subscription)	£85.25
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2016/0108 & 0121 Dower House, Park Lane

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

3/2016/0164 Meadowside, Rimington Lane, Rimington

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the Parish Lengthsman was due to recommence his work in the village in March 2016 when there would be more tasks to undertake.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS

It was reported that the location of the second defibrillator had yet to be decided due to the fact that both original options, La Locanda and the Church, were listed buildings and there could therefore be planning issues. It had been suggested that the second defibrillator be placed in the "hearse house" next to the Church which was not a listed building and both the Diocese and PCC had indicated they had no objections to this proposal. The Parish Council agreed that this suggestion of location be supported. Dave Waters indicated that there was a possibility that another defibrillator could be obtained for the eastern end of the village and the ambulance service would advise on this further in due course.

FORMER PUBLIC TOILETS, MILL LANE

The future use of the former public toilets was queried and it was indicated it could be advantageous to the village if the facilities were re-opened. The Chair confirmed that the Auction Mart now owned the building. It was believed that the running costs of the toilets were costly which could partly be the reason for the toilets remaining closed. Dave Waters offered to investigate the situation further.

RVBC PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

It was noted that an application had been received from the Festival Hall Committee for a grant of £250.00 for signage for the Festival Hall and defibrillator. It was agreed that the application be supported and Borough Cllr Sherras accordingly signed the application as Ward Councillor. No other applications had been received. It was confirmed that all village groups using the Festival Hall had been made aware of the existence of the grants. It was agreed that another article be placed in the Parish Mag about the grants and if no expressions of interest were received the Parish Council could proceed to make an application of its own to RVBC.

GISBURN MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2016

It was reported that there were plans to hold a festival of music and entertainment in September 2016 in Gisburn and that the Church were supportive of the event. Further details would be advised when available.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Sherras again brought the Council's attention to Lancs CC's online highways faults reporting system, noting that any resident could use it to report a fault concerning the highways.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised she had received a letter from Lancashire in Bloom querying why Gisburn had not entered the contest. It was agreed that the presence of two major A roads through the village would not enhance Gisburn's prospects in the competition.

RVBC had issued a quote of £801.60 for cutting the grass on the Recreation Ground in the next financial year. It was agreed that this quote was acceptable.

The Festival Hall Committee had sent a letter asking for £1,000 to be transferred to them from the Skipton BS account held by the Parish Council on the Committee's behalf. Dave Waters

explained the background to the request. The Chair cautioned that the funds in the account had originally been intended to match fund any request for grants, should this be necessary, but if there were inadequate funds in the account this could not occur and the Festival Hall Committee needed to be aware of this. It was, however, agreed that the transfer of funds could be made and the appropriate documentation was duly signed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) *Field drain, field adjacent to Primary School*

The Chair reported that a meeting had been held with a representative of BT, owners of the field, at which it had been agreed that BT would pay for the necessary materials to undertake improvement works but that the Parish Council would be responsible for arranging and paying for the work itself.

It was noted that the sign at the Auction Mart advertising a local caravan park which impeded drivers' vision when exiting Mill Lane remained in place despite representations to the Mart and Lancs Highways. It was agreed that the matter should be reported to Lancs CC via the online fault reporting system and also brought to the attention of RVBC as there could be planning issues with its location.

The meeting was advised of plans made so far by the school and Festival Hall to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday in June 2016. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to mark the occasion in a more permanent way, possibly in the form of commemorative road signs or planters at each end of the village and that RVBC Parish Council grant monies could potentially be used for this purpose.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 23 March 2016 at 7.30 pm