

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2016
AT 7.30 PM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

John Falshaw

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of 29 September 2016 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	£3,802
Deposit Account	£1,202

The Clerk advised that she had already received the VAT reclaim monies amounting to £929.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

None

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was explained that the Parish Lengthsman had been busy around the village, including sorting out the drainage issue in the field adjacent to the school, but had not yet submitted an invoice for payment.

RVBC PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS – SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Further liaison with Unipart Dorman had resulted in an additional £199 + VAT being requested from the Parish Council to commission and erect the SpID. It was agreed that there was no

realistic alternative to paying this additional sum and that the sum be paid. Dave Waters advised that a full specification of the device selected was required as Lancs Highways had agreed to provide a post and therefore needed to know exactly what the Parish Council had ordered. The Clerk agreed to obtain the specification and forward as necessary.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

The Clerk advised that Darren Jackson's work on the trough appeared to have solved the leakage problem and Darren was accordingly thanked for sorting the problem.

There was discussion regarding the size of replacement sign to be ordered for the Recreation Ground and the Clerk advised two signage firms in Clitheroe had been recommended for the work. Richard Sherras advised he could get several laminated signs regarding dog fouling from RVBC and it was agreed twelve signs should be ordered for display at various points around the village.

The Clerk confirmed that John Cornthwaite had removed the gate to the Recreation Ground pending its repair.

VILLAGE NAME SIGNS

Colin Corlett advised he had been told by a representative of the Church that the verge in front of the Church at the mini-roundabout was in the ownership of Lancs County Council. It was agreed this information needed checking as far as was possible. Colin Corlett agreed to obtain an initial quote for a possible village sign in stone to be placed at this location.

PARLIAMENTARY CONSITITUENCY REVIEW

A letter from Nigel Evans MP regarding the proposed Parliamentary constituency changes had been previously circulated. The Clerk read out a letter from RVBC advising that full Council had voted to reject the Boundary Commission Parliamentary proposal for the Ribble Valley and had suggested counter proposals which would keep the Ribble Valley borough in one parliamentary constituency. After discussion the majority of the Parish Council (Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson, Mary Kirby in favour with Dave Waters voting against) agreed to support RVBC's stance and requested that an appropriate letter be sent to the Boundary Commission.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Sherras updated the meeting regarding the ongoing review of Wards in the Ribble Valley by the Boundary Commission which was distinct from the Parliamentary Constituency Review.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that BT intended to remove 50 callboxes in the Ribble Valley which had low usage levels, including the box in Gisburn. Parishes were being offered the chance of adopting the callboxes or could object if appropriate to their removal as callboxes. It was agreed that the Parish Council should object to the removal of the Gisburn box, principally due to the presence of two major A roads in the village used by large volumes of traffic with corresponding accident potential coupled with the fact that certain mobile network coverage was inconsistent in the

area. It was further agreed that if the objection was not successful the Parish Council could look into adopting the box for another purpose.

The Clerk advised she had received an e-mail from a charity, Against Breast Cancer, requesting whether a textile recycling bank could be placed in Gisburn. It was agreed that further enquiries should be made of the charity regarding the size, colour and frequency of emptying of the bank before a discussion could be held as to possible locations for siting the bank.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Kirby suggested that arrangements for the village Christmas Tree needed to be considered and Colin Corlett agreed to make some initial enquiries obtaining a tree.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 17 November 2016 at 7.30 pm