MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 08 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Colin Corlett

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 JANUARY 2018

The Minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2018 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account£1,306Deposit Account£1,206

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes Reimbursement for Recreation Ground sign £61.88

PARISH LENGTHSMAN/CONCURRENT FUNCTIONS GRANTS

It was explained that a parish lengthsman grant of £1,000 would be paid to Gisburn Parish Council on 19 February 2018 and that a concurrent functions grant of £245 would also be paid on the same date. It was noted that the lengthsman grant represented 100% of the previous parish lengthsman grant and would remain at this level for 2018/19 before reducing by 25% in subsequent years down to a 25% base in 2021/22.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2017/ Cowgill House, Sawley Road, Gisburn

There were no objections to this application.

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

Dave Waters provided an update on the situation regarding the petition to Lancs Highways for a pedestrian crossing in Gisburn which had been refused. Lancs Highways had produced vehicle statistics for the village, from 2015, in support of their refusal to consider a crossing. It was hoped to

produce more up-to-date figures for traffic in the village and revert to Lancs Highways. Letters had been written to Nigel Evans MP and County Cllr Albert Atkinson asking for their support in reversing Highways' decision but no replies had yet been received. It was noted that Lancs Highways had indicated that they would potentially be re-surfacing the A59 through the village in the summer months. It was also reported that the speed check cameras on the A682 were now active.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, BURNLEY ROAD

Darren Jackson provided an update on the Burnley Road playground. A representative of Wicksteed had visited the site and provided a quote of £23.5K for the works specified. The quote included costs of £4K for laying temporary matting which was considered excessive. It was further advised that £9K of lottery grant monies had been obtained towards the refurbishment.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk advised that no further invoices had been received from the lengthsman and he would most likely re-commence work in the village in April. Darren Jackson reported on the potential costs of gang mowers to cut the Recreation Ground.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Richard Sherras advised on the potential re-opening of rail routes to Hellifield and between Skipton and Colne. RVBC had written to all RV Borough Councillors regarding the General Data Protection Regulations and the impact on Councillors but more advice was awaited.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from RVBC confirming the amounts of the lengthman's and concurrent functions grant had been received. A leaflet from the Craven Trust, which made grants to various organisations in the Craven area, which included Gisburn, had also been received.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Darren Jackson reported that a tree had damaged part of the boundary fence between the Recreation Ground and the primary school and it was noted that the Parish Council would be responsible for any repairs to the fence, if required.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 7.30 pm