

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2019
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Katrina Hartley, Darren Jackson, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk and two members of the public (Keith Kirby and Joanne Smith)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 JULY 2019

The Minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2019 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

COMPOSITION OF PARISH COUNCIL

It was noted that Keith Kirby and Joanne Smith had both expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Borough Cllr Richard Sherras and John Falshaw both advised that they would stand down from the Parish Council. It was agreed that Keith Kirby and Joanne Smith be co-opted onto the Parish Council to replace Councillors Sherras and Falshaw, such co-option to take effect at the conclusion of the necessary statutory notice period for vacancies.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account	£6,680
Deposit Account	£1,218

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

John Cornthwaite	Parish Lengthsman	£1,083.00
Gisburn Festival Hall	Annual meeting room rent	£100.00
Mrs C A Holmes	Clerk	£360.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£90.00

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

None

HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from Lancashire Highways in response to her letter complaining of parking in the bus stop on the A59 and the possible need for yellow lines at the junction of the A59/A682. The letter of response had advised that, as there had been no fatalities at the junction, further safety measures were not considered necessary but Highways would look into ways of making it more obvious that the bus stop was not a parking place.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Darren Jackson reported that the lengthsman had suggested replacing the roses in the memorial garden as they were past their best. It was agreed that a display of colourful heathers should be considered instead and that an appropriate commemorative plaque could be placed in the heathers to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed that Darren Jackson would explore this idea further with the lengthsman and report back to a future meeting.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Sherras advised that RVBC's concurrent functions grants would soon be paid and that Gisburn's transitional relief would reduce by a further 25% in the next round of payments.

The Borough Council and BT had opened a consultation period regarding a list of public callboxes in the Ribble Valley earmarked for potential closure due to low usage. One of the call boxes on the list was situated outside Sycamore Bungalows in Gisburn. One of the options open to Parish Councils was to purchase the call boxes for £1 (once the telephone had been removed) for use in another capacity. It was agreed that the empty call box could make an ideal location for a defibrillator, subject to a satisfactory electricity connection and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Dave Waters for information regarding defibrillators in the village as it may be that an existing defibrillator could be moved to the empty call box. It was further agreed that this matter be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from the Treasurer of Gisburn Festival Hall asking for the remaining monies in the Skipton BS account, held by the Parish Council on behalf of the Festival Hall, to be transferred to the control of the Festival Hall Committee as the Committee were streamlining their bank accounts.

It was agreed that the remaining monies should be transferred to the Festival Hall Committee and the two signatories and the Clerk agreed to undertake the necessary formalities to effect the transfer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the waste bin outside Sycamore Bungalows was heavily used for depositing dog dirt and was therefore frequently overflowing and foul-smelling. It was further noted that the bin was emptied by RVBC on Mondays on refuse collection day but at times filled up very quickly resulting in people leaving plastic sacks of dog dirt on the pavement. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach RVBC and make enquiries as to whether a dog bin could be provided at this location. Borough Cllr Sherras advised that dog dirt could be placed in ordinary burgundy household bins but that certain people may not be aware of this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24 October 2019 at 7.30 pm