

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2015
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Clerk and two members of the public

APOLOGIES

Darren Jackson, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 NOVEMBER 2014

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 November 2014 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

John Falshaw declared an interest in Item 7 (II)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,191
Current Account	£2,993

The Clerk reported the receipt in December 2014 of the annual wayleave payment of £11.45 from Electricity North West.

The Clerk advised that she had prepared a bank reconciliation as at 31 December 2014 and all was in order.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C Holmes (Clerk)	£180
Post Office Ltd (PAYE)	£45
Dove Syke Nursery (Christmas Tree)	£300
	£525

It was known that the lengthsman had been working in the village but no invoice had been received from him. The Clerk advised she would check with Darren Jackson if an invoice had been submitted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Little Dudlands, Rimington Lane

The above application had been circulated. It was agreed that an objection should be filed based on inadequate and potentially dangerous access to the proposed development.

Wind Turbine, Westby Hall Farm

(Peter Ryde took the Chair for this item)

It was noted that official notification of the application had gone to Rimington PC as the site was in that parish but that Gisburn PC could comment on the application. It was agreed that an objection should be lodged based on the turbine being an intrusive visual impairment of a scenic area close to the AONB.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was explained that Lancashire County Council had advised that a group of individuals had offered to undertake work on public footpaths in Gisburn and Rimington under the County's Local Delivery Scheme whereby the County would provide materials and pay for the work undertaken. It was noted that the Parish Council would be paid £150 if it signed up to the Scheme, regardless of whether any work was subsequently undertaken. It was agreed that the Scheme was of interest but that the lengthsman should be approached in the first instance to see if he would undertake any work required via the Scheme.

RECREATION GROUND TREES

It was noted that a member of the public who had attended the previous meeting had offered to obtain the opinion of residents who lived opposite the trees regarding their possible felling and replacement. It was agreed to defer further discussion on the matter until the views of residents were known.

GISBURN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ("GEF")

It was noted that work continued with the Charities Commission, Barclays Bank and CCLA regarding the GEF but that obtaining appropriate documentation for the Bank's purposes was proving to be quite onerous. It was also noted that Guy Hindley, as the only remaining Trustee in the UK, was having to deal with a number of issues so it would be helpful to be able to appoint additional Trustees as soon as possible.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

The Clerk reported that a written request for provision of documentation sent to the Parish Council regarding a civil dispute between two parties in the village had been received, in late December 2014, from one of the parties involved. Only one document had been received by the Parish Council and this had been duly forwarded. It was stressed that the Parish Council had been obliged to report the Freedom of Information request and send any correspondence received but the ongoing dispute had nothing to do with the Parish Council who would not therefore be involved any further in the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that Bolton-by-Bowland Parish Council had developed a Neighbourhood Plan, the draft of which had been released for comment.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that Network Rail had advised they would repair the Mill Lane wall in early 2015 and the work had already been carried out in the first two weeks of the month.

The Clerk advised that RVBC were going to provide signs regarding dog fouling on the children's play park as this area was automatically covered by the new Dog Orders. It was agreed to ascertain the position regarding the Recreation Ground.

It was noted that there was a mole problem on the Recreation Ground and it was agreed an approach be made to a pest control expert.

It was reported that fly tipping was again a problem at the old Strawberry Fields site and RVBC Environmental Health should be advised of the issue.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 19 February 2015 at 7.30 pm

