

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY  
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Barrie Tyrer  
Clerk, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras and PC Tony Walsh for Item 4

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 2012

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 January 2012 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,184
Current Account	£3,058

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	(Parish Lengthsmen)	£877
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COMMUNITY POLICING

PC Tony Walsh explained that he was based at Clitheroe Police Station with responsibility for Bowland area. PC Walsh confirmed that two PCSOs worked alongside him, PCs Karl Elliott and Susan Hartley. PC Walsh advised that he was trying to attend meetings of various community groups within his region to explain the policing structure and, in particular, to promote Farm Watch. PC Walsh circulated a monthly newsletter via e-mail which advised of crimes committed within each village and it was noted that there had been several thefts in and around Gisburn in the past two months, mostly from farms. It was agreed that the number of thefts was surprising and should be brought to the attention of residents in order that they could take steps to protect their property. PC Walsh further advised that he had been approached about repeated illegal parking in Gisburn – opposite the Auction Mart, outside the school and outside the Deli – and would attend the village in due course to try and deal with the situation.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

*Appeal re boutique hotel at Dudlands Croft*

The Clerk reported that the applicants had submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate following rejection of their application by RVBC. It was noted that all original objections to the application, including that of the Parish Council, would be forwarded to the Inspector as part of the appeal process but if any further objections were to be made these had to be submitted in triplicate by 28 February 2012. It was agreed that the original letter of objection submitted by

the Parish Council contained all relevant observations so no further objections would be submitted. It was confirmed that all residents of neighbouring properties who had objected to the application would be contacted directly as part of the appeal process.

#### *New Ings Farm, Coal Pit Lane*

It was explained that a further application for the above property had been submitted as the previous application had been withdrawn. The planning documents would be circulated for comment.

Borough Cllr Sherras reported that the application for a wind turbine at Westby Hall Farm had recently been refused by RVBC.

#### PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Parish Lengthsmen had submitted their worksheet for January/February 2012 which totalled £877.50p. It was noted that the lengthsmen had spent five days on the overgrown area next to the Cenotaph Gardens but that three of these days were carried forward from previous months so they were working within their annual allocation. It was agreed that a gate would be placed in the fence at the top of the steps and the fencing contractor would need to attend to deal with this matter. It was agreed that woodland bulbs could be planted in the area for flowering next year. The lengthsmen had advised that there was a considerable amount of cleared wood and branches left in the area which needed to be removed and potential ways of dealing with this debris were discussed.

#### DIAMOND JUBILEE JUNE 2012

The Clerk advised that the School had sent a leaflet with the costs of various commemorative memorabilia for the Diamond Jubilee for information. Links to a similar website had also been provided. It was explained that a total of 110 items needed to be purchased and it was reiterated that all children at the School, regardless of parish of residence, would be given a commemorative item. It was agreed that further information could be received in the coming weeks so a final decision on what to purchase would be made at the March 2012 meeting.

#### PROPOSED CLOSURE OF GISBURN PUBLIC TOILETS

It was explained that the proposal to close 8 public toilets across Ribble Valley had led to strong disagreement and had generated considerable correspondence in the local newspaper. It was noted that Peter Ryde had attended the Parish Councils Liaison Committee at which the matter had been discussed. It had been explained that the Gisburn toilets were regularly used and it was reported that school children getting off the secondary school buses were frequent users. It was noted that alternative facilities at the 77 garage were not open 24 hours and that the facilities at Strawberry Fields could not be relied on as the business was about to close. It had been heard that the Auction Mart had suggested taking over responsibility for the cleaning of the toilets in order to keep them open and John Falshaw agreed to investigate further.

## DOG FOULING

The Clerk advised that RVBC had suggested the dog warden could attend the village and try and catch individuals who were failing to clear up after their dogs. Descriptions of suspected culprits and their animals had to be provided in order for RVBC to do this.

## FOGS BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY NOVEMBER 2012

A proposal by FOGS (Gisburn School PTA) to hold a bonfire and fireworks display on the recreation ground on 05 November 2012 had been previously circulated. The fireworks display would be undertaken by a professional firm from Blackburn. It was noted that both the fireworks firm and FOGS held the requisite insurance for such displays. The bonfire and display would be open to all upon purchase of appropriate tickets. Car parking would be available at the Auction Mart. The Clerk reported that the Hindley estate had provided verbal confirmation they were in agreement with the event taking place. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consent to the event taking place on the recreation ground subject to receiving written consent from the Hindley estate. It was also agreed that a sign advertising the bonfire/fireworks could be placed temporarily on the new fence during the month of October 2012.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Lancs CC regarding the non-functioning of the SpID and the name of an appropriate person at the manufacturers had been provided. Dr Keith Kirby was to speak to the person concerned due to the potential technicalities involved.

The Clerk further reported that she had spoken with the agent for Mrs Hindley who had advised that the estate were in agreement with the removal of the trees on the recreation ground adjacent to the Burnley Road. The estate wished to have a say in the type of replacement trees it was intended to plant. The agent also advised that the estate were amenable to a general tidy-up of the recreation ground, including the removal of the disused hut.

Colin Corlett advised that Lawntrack were willing to make a contribution towards the cost of the new fence in order to retain their advertising sign on the fence. It was agreed that the situation regarding whether any sign required planning permission needed to be investigated further.

Borough Cllr Sherras reported that an application to build a wind turbine opposite Horton Lodge had been submitted to Pendle District Council and that the planned turbine would be visible from Gisburn.

Peter Ryde advised he had received some complaints regarding the number of A-board advertising signs appearing in and around the village.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting      Thursday 22 March 2012 at 7.30 pm

