

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2011
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Barrie Tyrer,
Clerk

APOLOGIES

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 OCTOBER 2011

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 October 2011 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,184
Current Account	£5,424

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	(Parish lengthsman)	£273.73
Mrs C Holmes	(Clerk)	£100.00

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Dudlands Croft boutique hotel

It was noted that the application to build a boutique luxury hotel at Dudlands Croft had again been discussed by Ribble Valley BC's Planning & Development Committee on 13 November 2011 and there had been a site visit earlier that same day. The Committee had decided to Refuse the application. The Parish Council agreed that it was likely the applicants would lodge an appeal.

b) Westby Hall Wind Turbine

It was agreed to lodge an objection to the above application on the grounds that it would conflict with the landscape and heritage of the area, would detract from the nearby AONB and the application appeared to be for commercial gain.

c) Higher Greenhead Farm Granny Annexe

There were no objections to this application although it was noted that it should have been sent to a neighbouring Parish Council as the property concerned was not within Gisburn parish.

d) Festival Hall PV Panels

The Parish Council agreed that they would support the Festival Hall's application to install PV panels thereby enabling a cost reduction to be gained.

REPLACEMENT OF RECREATION AREA FENCE

It was noted that the contractor had completed the erection of a replacement fence at the Recreation Ground and that all comments to date had been very favourable. It was noted that the contractor had retained a gate in the fence opposite the Auction Mart so as to allow easy

access to the public toilets and had made sure the gate was as safe as possible for children exiting onto the busy road. It was hoped that there would not be a return of the signs advertising local businesses which had been affixed to the previous fence. The Clerk advised that P Wilson & Co, surveyors acting on behalf of Mrs M Hindley, had written advising that Mrs Hindley was prepared to make a donation of £500.00 towards the cost of the fence and had also requested details of the fence's specification.

RECREATION AREA LEASE

The Clerk advised that P Wilson & Co had also advised in their letter that the recreation area was technically out of lease as from August 2009 but that Mrs Hindley was prepared to renew the lease on similar terms to the previous lease. It was agreed that renewal on these terms would be acceptable to the Parish Council and the Clerk was asked to let P Wilson & Co know of their approval in order to progress the formalities.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The latest timesheet submitted by the lengthsman was tabled and it was noted the work for October and November 2011 totalled £273.73. The lengthsman had worked on the Cenotaph Gardens prior to Remembrance Sunday but it was noted that moss near the Cenotaph itself had been very slippery and the lengthsman should be asked to remove it as soon as possible. The lengthsman had advised they would be starting their winter jobs as they would not be required to trim and deal with vegetation in the winter months.

The lengthsman had also complained again about the amount of dog fouling occurring in grassed areas of the village, in particular the Cenotaph Gardens and how this was necessitating extra work to clean their equipment afterwards. It was agreed that there was a dog fouling problem in the village and that measures needed to be taken to try and tackle the issue. It was agreed not to request a dog waste bin as there would be a problem with whose responsibility it was to empty the bin. It was decided to ask the lengthsman to erect appropriate signs in the worst affected areas and to put an article in the Parish News on the matter.

LITTER – FESTIVAL HALL CAR PARK

The Clerk advised that Mr Giles Bridge had mentioned to her that litter in the Car Park remained a problem and that he had also found a home made cannabis bong in the litter bin so was going to mention this to the local police.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The possibility of creating a small Diamond Jubilee Garden in the Recreation Area was discussed and it was agreed that the chartered surveyors acting on behalf of Mrs Hindley be approached to see if this would be acceptable. The removal of some of the trees at the Burnley Road end of the area and their replacement by others planted to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee was also suggested and again this needed to be broached with the chartered surveyors.

It was noted that letters about the Diamond Jubilee had been sent to the Festival Hall, Playing Fields Association and Gisburn School, all of whom had indicated they wished to celebrate the occasion in some way. At present discussions were being held as to the most appropriate way in which the village could organise a celebration.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from Little Green Bus requesting an annual donation of £150.00 in order to continue their service. After discussion it was agreed that a donation of £75.00 be made for this financial year.

The Clerk also advised that she had received a letter from Lancs CC advising of changes to the funding of the lengthsman scheme with effect from 2012/13 and these changes were outlined.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was explained that the SpID display panel was not functioning correctly and that the battery was not at fault. It was suggested the Clerk make enquiries with RVBC to see if they could be of assistance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 15 December 2011 at 7.30 pm