

**MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 JULY 2013
AT 7.30 PM**

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Clerk, Borough Cllr Sherras and one member of the public

APOLOGIES

Colin Corlett, Darren Jackson,

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 JUNE 2013

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 June 2013 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,188
Current Account	£2,941

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	£157.50
Jaymill Print (Gisburn Gala)	£185.00

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that she had received notification from the external auditors that they had no further queries following submission of the Annual Return and had therefore returned the duly signed Return. It was noted that there was no fee for the audit as the Parish Council's expenditure for the year fell within the Nil rate band.

It was noted that the Annual Return had been approved by the external auditors and it was accordingly accepted by the Parish Council.

RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk advised that she had contacted the landlord regarding a financial contribution towards the cost of repairing the wall and had been advised that the matter would be considered upon his return from abroad.

It was noted that the bike track was still being used by children of the village and that it was effectively impossible to prevent use whilst the track remained in existence. It was agreed that the problem was likely to get worse during the forthcoming summer holidays and that the Parish Council could not take the risk of any incidents occurring on the track, due to the insurance situation. The efforts of the boys who had constructed the track were commended and it was agreed that, were it not for the insurance situation, the Parish Council would have supported the continued existence of the track. However, it was agreed that the only effective way to now deal with the situation was to remove the track. The Chair advised that he possessed the necessary

equipment to level the ground and arrangements were made for the track to be levelled the following evening.

It was noted that nothing further had been heard from Dave Hewitt of RVBC regarding possible replacement trees for the Recreation Ground but that the matter was not urgent.

It was agreed that a letter be written to Lawntrack asking for their advertising sign to be removed from the new fence as the landlord had confirmed that he had not given his permission for the sign.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Dudland Croft Boutique Hotel – Appeal Hearing

It was noted that a decision following the Appeal Hearing in early April 2013 was still awaited and that it was unusual for a decision to take such a length of time.

Anaerobic Digester, Willcross Farm

It was explained that the applicants had been required to commission a bat survey before the application could progress any further.

Wind Turbine, Shuttleworth Hall Farm

(John Falshaw declared an interest in this item and left the meeting)

The application was discussed by those present and it was noted there were no objections. As two of the Parish Councillors were absent from the meeting it was agreed that the application needed to be circulated to Darren Jackson and Colin Corlett and the consensus of opinion of the Council then communicated to RVBC.

(John Falshaw returned to the meeting)

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

A summary of the lengthsman's jobs covered by their most recent invoice was tabled. It was explained that the lengthsman would be strimming Mill Lane and opposite the Auction Mart on their next visit. The lengthsman had advised that Lancs CC had been to the village and strimmed the verges near the Church roundabout. It was noted that the contractor who was interested in the lengthsman position had been due to attend the meeting to explain his recent quote but had not arrived.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received an e-mail from Network Rail acknowledging receipt of the complaint about the state of the wall on Mill Lane.

The Festival Hall Committee required completion of a form nominating a representative of the Parish Council to serve on the Committee and it was agreed that the representative should be Mary Kirby.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Borough Cllr Sherras advised that there would be a civic service in the Church on 29 September 2013 after which there would be the official opening of the refurbished Festival Hall.

Mary Kirby advised that she had contacted three individuals regarding possible improvements to the horse trough but that none had yet had the time to visit the site.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 15 August 2013 at 7.30 pm