

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2011
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair) Colin Corlett, Peter Ryde, Barrie Tyrer
Clerk and Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

APOLOGIES

Mary Kirby

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 JULY 2011

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 July 2011 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,184
Current Account	£6,263

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

BDO Stoy Heyward LLP	(audit fee)	£174.00
Mrs J Parkington	(parish lengthmen)	£84.37

YEAR END MATTERS 2010/11

The Clerk advised that she had received the duly signed Annual Return from the auditors with an unqualified audit opinion and the Conclusion of Audit Notice for display as appropriate. The approved Annual Return was presented to the Council and accepted. The Clerk advised that the Notice had to be displayed for 14 days. The invoice for the audit of £174.00 had also been received and this was approved for payment.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised that there had been an application to tarmac an existing access road serving Dudland Hollins and this was agreed with no objections.

ALLOTMENTS

A brief update was given on the development of an allotment site in Gisburn but it was noted that nothing significant had happened since the previous meeting. Borough Cllr Sherras agreed to look further into the legalities of the provision of land for an allotment site as there was discussion as to whether the duty fell upon the Parish or the Borough Council.

REPLACEMENT OF RECREATION AREA FENCE

Two quotes and accompanying pictures of fence design obtained from Mr John Pratt to replace the recreation area fence were submitted and discussed. It was agreed that neither design was suitable and that a chain link fence would be preferred. It was noted that the cost of replacing the fence was going to be in the region of £2,500 and could require planning permission. It was agreed that a further quote for a chain link fence should be obtained.

GISBURN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

It was agreed that Mr Falshaw would become the Parish Council representative on the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

PARISH LENGTHSMEN

It was noted that the latest timesheet submitted by the parish lengthsmen only totalled £84.37, but that Joanne had been hospitalised for a short period of time and had then experienced problems with her car which had both reduced the amount of time she was able to work.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Borough Cllr Sherras advised that he had been approached by a representative of Lancs CC regarding a nomination from the Parish Council for a governor at Gisburn Primary School. It was agreed that, as none of the Parish Councillors had children at the school, a suitable nominee from amongst the parents of children at the school be sought.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 22 September 2011 at 7.30 pm