

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2013  
AT 7.30 PM

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

Dave Hewitt (RVBC Countryside Officer) for Item 6

APOLOGIES

Darren Jackson, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 09 MAY 2013

The Minutes of the meeting of 09 May 2013 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£1,188
Current Account	£3,366

The Clerk advised that Gisburn Festival Hall Committee wished to withdraw £5,000 from their Skipton Building Society account in order to help pay for the refurbishment works at the Festival Hall. It was envisaged that some of the monies could be repaid when various grants were received. It was agreed that the monies could be released and the appropriate letter for the Skipton BS was signed by John Falshaw and Colin Corlett.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs J Parkington	£199.25
Mrs C A Holmes	£180.00
Post Office Ltd	£45.00

YEAR END MATTERS

The Clerk advised that the Annual Return had been submitted to the external auditors by the requisite date and she was yet to hear if they had any queries.

RECREATION GROUND

John Falshaw advised that he had received the signed lease from the landlord's solicitors and that the term of the lease ran from May 2012 when negotiations had commenced. It was noted that the landlord had agreed to make a financial contribution towards the cost of rebuilding part of the boundary wall upon the conclusion of the renewal of the lease and the Clerk was asked to contact the landlord accordingly.

Dave Hewitt, RVBC's Countryside Officer, presented the tree survey undertaken by Bowland Tree Consultancy Ltd. It was noted that there were more trees on the Recreation Ground than

would first appear. It was explained that there were no trees which required removal due to being dangerous although there were recommendations that two trees be removed due to their poor structural condition. Mr Hewitt agreed that he would advise on potential replacements for the trees which bordered the boundary wall and attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss his suggestions further.

Two teenage residents of the village, present at the meeting, explained that they had constructed a cycling track at the end of the Recreation Ground. Their efforts were commended but it was explained that, unfortunately, there were insurance implications which needed to be complied with. The Parish Council's insurers had advised that such cycling tracks needed to be constructed to appropriate health and safety standards or the insurers would not accept liability for any incidents occurring on the track. The insurers had further advised that the track should not be used pending resolution of the issue. It was noted that the boys concerned had contacts who could perhaps advise further on the construction of cycle tracks and they agreed to make further enquiries.

It was reported that one of the RVBC Dog Wardens had attended the village twice in recent weeks and had stopped all dog owners walking their animals to ask if they had the means of clearing up after their pets.

## 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.

### *Strawberry Fields Phases II and III*

It was noted that the above applications had not gone to the June 2013 meeting of RVBC's Planning Committee as a geological survey was required to be undertaken.

### *Anaerobic Digester, Wallcross Farm*

Mrs Susan Wallbank and her business partner gave an overview of their plans for the construction of a digester at Wallcross Farm, to which material from six local farms would be transported. It was noted that the application had been submitted to Lancashire County Council, not RVBC, and that an e-mail notification from the Council had been sent to an incorrect address for the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed there were some concerns regarding the increase in slow-moving traffic which would result from the proposal and that these concerns should be notified to Lancs CC,

It was explained that a Certificate of Lawfulness had been applied for concerning the wooden agricultural building in Capstick's Field.

## PARISH LENGTHSMAN

A summary of the lengthsman's jobs covered by their most recent invoice was tabled. It was agreed that the car park verges and hedge required attention as soon as possible. It was also confirmed that the verge opposite the Auction Mart could be cut as soon as possible as should

Mill Lane down to the railway bridge. Peter Ryde advised that a neighbour was willing to lend his green bin to the lengthsman as he did not make much use of it.

#### LOCAL PRESS

The Clerk and Chair advised that a journalist from the Lancashire Evening Telegraph seemed keen to report on any matters concerning the village so his details had been retained.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from an organisation promoting Yorkshire proposing that villages formerly in that county to fly the Yorkshire Flag on Yorkshire Day, 01 August.

A letter had been received from RVBC advising of the permitted arrangements for the Beat Herder Festival to be held on 05 – 07 July 2013 between Gisburn and Sawley.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the wall adjacent to the Auction Mart on Mill Lane was in a dangerous condition in certain places. The Clerk agreed to contact Network Rail, the owners of the wall and ask them to look into the matter.

It was reported that a resident of the village wished to try and improve the condition of the horse trough in the wall adjacent to the Recreation Ground. It was suggested that the horse trough was in the conservation area but was not listed itself. It was agreed that further investigation as to its conservation status should be undertaken in order to know what work could be undertaken.

It was noted that Gisburn Primary School would be celebrating its centenary later in the year and that plans were afoot to celebrate the anniversary.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting      Thursday 18 July 2013 at 8.00 pm

