

MINUTES OF GISBURN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2010
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Falshaw (Chair), Colin Corlett, Mary Kirby, Peter Ryde, Barrie Tyrer
Clerk and 2 members of the public

Apologies: Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16 SEPTEMBER 2010

The Minutes of the meeting of 16 September 2010 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Deposit Account	£2,184.31
Current Account	£3,140.13

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

BDO LLP	(Audit Fee)	£158.43
Mary Kirby	(Reimbursement for Christmas Lights)	£304.91

The Clerk explained that she had yet to receive a timesheet from the lengthsman so had not been able to raise the most recent cheque due to him.

YEAR END 2009/10 MATTERS

The Clerk advised that she had received the Audit Clearance notice which had been duly displayed plus the audit invoice from BDO LLP so the audit for 2009/10 was now concluded.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was explained that the Stirk House Hotel had submitted an application for a replacement panel to the existing post sign. There were no formal objections to the proposal but concerns were expressed about the change of colour from red to blue.

PROPOSED TWINNING ARRANGEMENT

The Council considered a letter tabled by Giles Bridge to the Mayor of Menton proposing a twinning arrangement with Gisburn. It was agreed that the letter was suitable and should be translated and sent. It was further agreed that if the matter was pursued and a parish council representative be invited to visit Menton that Colin Corlett should be that representative.

Mr Graham Wilkinson gave a short presentation on his experiences of twinning over the years which was very informative. It was noted that the most successful twinning arrangements were

those where the most community groups were involved and that if the arrangement with Menton went ahead efforts needed to be made to engage all community groups.

RVBC CORE STRATEGY RESPONSE

Points to be made to Ribble Valley BC regarding their Core Strategy were discussed and included the encouragement of appropriate development of farm buildings, permitting the construction of affordable housing appropriate to the demographic needs of villages and less restrictions on the use of artificial materials when converting old buildings.

TRAFFIC MONITORING

It was explained that Lancs Constabulary, in conjunction with Lancs CC, wished to position a traffic monitoring camera on the A682 Burnley Road near the junction with the A59 and had written to the Parish Council asking for their support. It was noted that there had been no notification of the positioning of an existing monitoring camera at the junction with Mill Lane so it was not clear why Parish Council support was necessary for the second camera. It was agreed that the Parish Council would probably not be able to stop the erection of the camera but that a reply be sent to the police expressing reluctance to support the initiative.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that the Cenotaph Gardens were not at an acceptable standard for the forthcoming Remembrance Day service in November, despite the lengthsman spending a considerable amount of time on the area. It was agreed that the services of a gardening firm used by Mary Kirby be employed on a one-off basis to render the area presentable for mid-November. The situation regarding the lengthsman and the Cenotaph Gardens was discussed and it was noted that the lengthsman was not a gardener and that other arrangements for this area may have to be considered for 2011. It was agreed that due to the time taken in looking after the Cenotaph Gardens the lengthsman had not been able to devote sufficient time to other areas of the village which were in a poorer state than under the previous lengthsman. It was explained that another local lengthsman had expressed an interest in taking on the role in Gisburn. It was agreed that this individual be approached to ascertain his level of interest and that, depending on the response, a letter be written to the current lengthsman terminating his role for the winter months and stating the matter would be reviewed in the Spring.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Christine Fish explained that there was interest in the village regarding provision of allotment space and that Ribble Valley BC were keen to support such a project. Mrs Fish also advised that it may be worthwhile re-starting the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village if there was sufficient interest. It was agreed that a village meeting should be held to discuss such ideas and any other community matters and Mrs Fish agreed to arrange this meeting and communicate the date and venue accordingly.

Mr Giles Bridge advised that a grant of £5K had been received from Ribble Valley BC regarding the conversion of the top part of the new playing area and that an application for a further £12K had been made to an appropriate funding body.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 November 2010 at 7.30 pm