
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022 at 7pm at the Galgate Recreation Rooms.

Present: Cllr Booth, Cllr Collinson, Cllr Corkerry, Cllr Helme, Cllr Greenwood, Cllr Mather, Cllr Walsh.
Cllr Wilson, Cllr Whitaker (chairman).

Gill Mason - clerk.

Two members of the public.

Open forum

No issues raised.

38/22 Apologies for absence.

None.

39/22 Declaration of interests.

Cllr Whitaker, Cllr Helme and Cllr Booth declared an interest in any item regarding the village hall as VH trustees.

Cllr Corkerry declared an interest in any item regarding the Flood Group as a member.

40/22 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th March 2022.

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the chairman after the following addition to Open Forum : The request for a litter pick and tidy on the slip lane up to Forton Services.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

41/22 To consider the following planning matters & applications:

22/00399/FUL Proposal : Excavation of land to form a subterranean extension to the front elevation.

Site Address : Ellel Hall, Ellel Hall Gardens, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire.

The parish council has no observations.

SCP/2022/0002 South Lancaster to M6 Road Scheme (Lancashire County Council).

The parish council would like to support Scotforth Parish Council's response to this initial scope.

42/22 To consider the update on the repair to the bowling club fence.

The fence has been repaired at an approximate cost of £80.00.

43/22 To consider the following grant applications.

Platinum Jubilee street party in Dolphinholme £250.00

Dolphinholme Horticultural Society £150.00

Dolphinholme Village Show £150.00

It was resolved that the grants be awarded to the community groups.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson.

Seconded by Cllr Mather.

44/22 Finance

Payments

Gill Mason- clerk's wages and expenses

£911.63

Insurance – NFU Mutual (D/D)

£153.85

Tattersall's – Village contractor

£315.00

Cleaning of the recreation rooms and cleaning equipment (£150.00 / £8.50/£19.99)	£178.49
Waterplus	£420.52

Receipts

Punch Tavern Car Park Lease	£880.00
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It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Whitaker.

Seconded by Cllr Mather.

45/22 To consider the Punch Taverns lease update.

The clerk will contact the solicitor and inform them that the parish council is happy with the amended land registry entry and tenancy at will and would like a new copy of the lease to sign.

Proposed by Cllr Walsh.

Seconded by Cllr Whitaker.

46/22 To consider the update of a potential site for a graveyard.

The potential church land may be used for an extension so cannot be considered for a churchyard.

47/22 To consider the purchase of a Platinum Jubilee tree / bench.

It was resolved that two benches, trees and plaques are purchased at an approximate cost of £2500.00. The clerk will check with Lancaster City Council regarding the siting of the tree and bench on the Oak Ave playpark area.

Proposed by Cllr Corkerry.

Seconded by Cllr Mather.

48/22 To consider what action is needed regarding the condition of the cricket club changing room.

The cricket club has paid its invoice and cleaned the changing rooms.

The parish council will provide the club with a changing room key and the clerk will liaise with the treasurer regarding the booking and use of the community room.

49/22 To consider the contribution of £70 for the Dolphinholme flower planting.

It was resolved that the contribution of £70 be given towards the flower purchase and planting.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson.

Seconded by Cllr Mather.

50/22 To consider and resolve the village contractor's schedule and contract.

It was resolved that the parish council agrees to the 10% increase on the annual contractor's quote.

A grass collection at Dolphinholme and strimming of the livestock area will be added to the schedule. The clerk will write to the Duchy of Lancaster who owns the livestock land regarding the maintenance of this area.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson.

Seconded by Cllr Walsh.

51/22 To consider and approve the internal auditor for the 2021/2022 accounts.

It was resolved that Mrs A Collinson be appointed as the internal auditor.

Proposed by Cllr Greenwood.

Seconded by Cllr Whitaker.

52/22 To consider a review of the parish recreation area car parking, user groups, maintenance and a potential ticketing system.

Cllr Mather circulated information on the costs of running the clubs within the recreation area. A potential management strategy could be created with each user group paying a percentage of insurance, maintenance and waste collection.

The clerk will provide this year's income and expenditure for the recreational area for the next meeting.

53/22 To consider and approve the insurance renewal.

The clerk will contact the insurance company regarding the renewal quote to see if the village hall must have separate insurance.

54/22 Reports and correspondence (information only).

None.

55/22 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 9th May at 7pm at Dolphinholme Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed.....Date.....