
MINUTES OF ELLEL ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, DOLPHINHOLME AT 19.15 MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2014

Present:

Councillors: Mr S Booth (Chairman), Mr J Greenwood (Vice Chair), Mr I Collinson, Mr M Helm,
Mr M O'Riordan

Others: Mr G Catterson (Clerk to the Council), 3 members of the public.

94/14 APOLOGIES – Mrs H Helme

95/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllrs Booth, Helm and Helme declared an interest in any item regarding the Village Hall.

RESOLVED: That the minutes (previously circulated) of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 13 October 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record, subject to changing Helm to O'Riordan in Minute 91/14.

96/14 OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Two members of the public attended to explain and support a planning application they had submitted for the development of an Equine Therapy Unit and change of use from barns to holiday accommodation. However the application had not been received for comment by the Council.

One member of the public attended to raise objections to Planning Application 14/00989/CU Galgate Mill, Chapel Lane, which was on the Agenda for discussion later in the meeting. He expressed concern regarding traffic that would be generated by the development and the inadequate provision of parking. He thought that existing traffic problems had not been considered at all.

97/14 POLICE – No report had been received this month

98/14 PLANNING

a. Applications to consider

- i. **14/00989/CU** - Galgate Mill, Chapel Lane - Change of use, conversion and alterations of retail showroom – Mr Ayub Hussain. This was discussed at the open forum (96/14).

RESOLVED: That the Council indicate their objection to this application on the basis that the number of people would generate traffic that would exacerbate existing conditions. Letters would be written to the Highways Directorate and the Highways Agency expressing concern.

- ii. **14/01076/CU** - Change of use of land to site 50 touring caravan pitches with associated access and landscaping - Mr R Birkin, Wyreside Lakes Fishery, Gleaves Hill Lane, Ellel. Councillors considered the additional traffic that would be generated by the development and considered this to be unacceptable.

RESOLVED: That the Council indicate their objection to this application on the basis that the development was too large and traffic access was poor. It was also likely to increase the traffic using the M6 Forton Services for access and egress.

- iii. **14/01100/CU** - Part retrospective application for the change of use of existing redundant agricultural building to agricultural fabrication business with associated parking and change of use of two residential dwellings to offices - Mr Ken Drinkwater, Condergarth, Kit Brow Lane, Ellel. The Council considered that the development was not visible from the road and there would be no additional traffic generated.

RESOLVED: That the Council indicate they had no objection to this application.

b. Other

- i. Presentations from Parish Council Neighbourhood Planning Event were noted by the Council
ii. Tree Preservation Order No.542 (2014) was noted by the Council.
iii. Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic Order – Stoney Lane, Ellel was noted by the Council

99/14 FINANCE

a. To consider and authorise payment of the following accounts:-

Mr G France – Salary Oct £72.00	K A Coleman – Salary Oct £261.13
Mr G Catterson – Salary Oct £202.50	Eon VH - £215.08 (DD)
PAYE Oct - £29.00	Eon Recreation Rooms - £98.04 (DD)
G Catterson – Expenses £51.30	

RESOLVED: That the Council agree payment of all the above accounts.

- b. To acknowledge receipt of following income: - it was noted that because of the change of Clerks the bank statements had not been received and therefore the income was not known.

- c. Sign bank statements – this had not been possible for the reasons above.
- d. Village Hall Loan – The Council acknowledged receipt of £500 from the Village Hall Trust towards repayment of the loan.

100/14 SPORT ENGLAND BID

The Council discussed the inclusion of a £1500 contribution to the football changing rooms project in the Sport England Bid for funding. It was noted that the Council had already paid for the planning application and that this would be part of the £1500 that was included in the bid. Concern was expressed that the amount was capped at £1500 and that the Council would not be expected to make a further contribution if the project overspent.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the £1500 contribution to the Football Changing Rooms project subject to gaining funding from Sport England. (Vote was 4 for and 1 abstention)

101/14 LENGTHSMAN – The new Clerk apologised to the meeting that he had not realised it was his responsibility to pass on the schedule of work agreed at the last meeting. Future work was identified as follows:

- a) Cut back brambles along the footpath of the new road on the right hand side of Dolphinholme Village Hall
- b) Contact Michael O’Riordan re which bench requires cleaning in Dolphinholme.
- c) Carwood Gardens Tidy Up
- d) Clean and tidy Bus Shelters at:
 - i. Potters Brook
 - ii. Bayhorse
- e) Clear and clean Bayhorse Subway

102/14 RHUBARB CITY NEWS – It was reported that the newsletter was being well received and was now being run by an excellent group of volunteers. However there was a current deficit of £287 (the shortfall between advertising revenue and printing costs). The Council agreed that the deficit was a worthwhile expenditure and agreed to continue covering the deficit.

RESOLVED: That the Council continue to cover the Rhubarb City News deficit.

103/14 LALC CONFERENCE – A verbal report on the LALC Conference was given to the meeting. It was noted that an anti-fracking motion had been passed. It was also noted that Planning Authorities would be loath to oppose housing development in the future. However under EU regulations, proven traffic concerns would be considered a reasonable objection.

104/14 CORRESPONDANCE –

- a) Letter re Punch Taverns – the Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Punch Taverns’ solicitors to notify the Council that the lease on the pub car park had been mortgaged to a bank. The mortgage was noted and the Clerk was asked to acknowledged receipt of the notification.
- b) Storey Homes – had invited Councillors to attend a consultation meeting regarding the development of Ellel Grange. Councillors considered any development in this area to be very problematic owing to traffic that would exit the site onto Stoney Lane. Some Councillors would attend the consultation and express concerns.
- c) Neighbourhood Planning Masterclass - noted
- d) Fields in Trust Newsletter – noted
- e) Highway Code Training – the Clerk reported that he had received late correspondence regarding free Online Highway Code training. This was noted.

105/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The subject of the housing development plan for Dolphinholme was raised. There was an excellent opportunity for the Council to submit an alternative proposal through Smiths Gore, surveyors and rural property advisers to the Duchy. It was agreed that Councillors Michael O’Riordan and Iain Collinson would attend a meeting with Smiths Gore as representatives of the Council. Michael O’Riordan was asked to notify the Chair as to when the meeting was taking place.

The meeting closed at 21.10hrs

THE NEXT ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT
7.15PM ON MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2014 AT THE RECREATION ROOMS, GALGATE
VILLAGE HALL, DOLPHINHOLME

Signed Chairman Dated