
Ellel Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN GALGATE RECREATION ROOMS AT 19.15 MONDAY 8th JUNE 2015

Present:

Councillors: Mr S Booth (Chairman), Mrs H Helme, Mr M Helm, M. O’Riordan, J. Greenwood and D. Whitaker

Others: Mr G Catterson (Clerk to the Council), 2 members of the public (observers).

17/15 APOLOGIES – Mr I Collinson, Mr M Blundell (hoped to join the meeting later).

18/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllrs Booth, Helm and Helme declared an interest in any item regarding the Village Hall. Cllr Helm declared an interest in Item 8.4 – Dolphinholme Village Show

19/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED: That the minutes (previously circulated) of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 18 May 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair.

20/15 CLERK’S UPDATE

4.1. The Sport England papers accepting the grant had been signed by the relevant parties and returned to Sport England, who had notified the Clerk of their receipt.

4.2. Owing to the debacle experienced by the Clerk in getting Nat West to send him the bank statements, the reconciliation of the accounts and subsequent preparation for the annual audit had been severely delayed. As a result, Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the audit return to BDO were not ready for the meeting and would require an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to be convened on the 29 June 2015.

4.3. The website had been updated as follows:

4.3.1. Information on Morecambe Bay

4.3.2. Any Bus Service changes affecting the local area.

4.3.3. A copy of the Shared Lives poster supplied by the County Council had been uploaded.

21/15 OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.1. The Council were asked what the criteria had been for selecting the co-opted members of the Council following the vacant places arising from the election. The Chair informed the members of the public that the criteria had been those who had taken the trouble to put themselves forward for election, but failed to win a place, had been the first tranche of co-optees, followed by those who had previously contributed to the work of the Council with their time and expertise.

22/15 POLICE – No report had so far been received from the police. The Clerk stated that when it was received, the relevant sections of the report would be posted on the website.

23/15 PLANNING**Applications to consider**

7.1. 15/00657/FUL - Retrospective application for the change of use from 7 bedsits to 7 bedroom HMO - Mr Dennis Stamper - 56A Main Road, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA2 0LB. The Council had no objections to this application.

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

The Council discussed the Planning Application for Galgate Mill which it understood had gone to appeal. The reason for refusing the application had been that whilst Lancaster City Council accepted the principle of the application they considered that there were too many apartments resulting in certain set Lancaster C.C. standards not being met.

24/15 FINANCE

8.1. The item concerning a request for a S137 Grant for the Dolphinholme Show was brought forward to the beginning of this section.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to award a S137 grant of £150 to Dolphinholme Show

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

Mr G France – Salary March £72.00	Mr G Catterson – Salary April £496.44
e.on - Recreation Rooms £???	e.on - Village Hall £???
Printroom £247.00	Dolphinholme Village Show £150

N.B. Bills from EoN had not been received at the time of the meeting.

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

8.2. To acknowledge receipt of following income:

Canalside Craft Centre £300	PWLB £2004.80
Leaps and Bounds £20.25 (Rhubarb News Ad)	

The Council noted receipt of these payments.

8.3. The Clerk informed the Council that after months of communication with Nat West he had finally got copies of bank statements. These were duly signed by the Chair.

25/15 WEEKEND FUN FAIR PROPOSAL - The Clerk reported that he had received a request from a Mr Cowie to use the field across the access road from the football pitch for the siting of a weekend fun fair. He wanted to use the site from Thurs 16th until Saturday 18th of July and would like to enter the field on Sunday 12th of July to allow for set up etc. Hours of operation would be 6pm until 9-30pm on Thursday and Friday- Saturday would be around 1pm until 9-30pm. All rides were fully Health and Safety compliant and all carried full public liability insurance to £10 million and the company carried a site public liability insurance policy to £10 million. He wished to create a family fun day, bringing Mickey and Minnie Mouse to meet and greet the children and hoped that some locals may organise children's sports i.e. sack race, egg n spoon race to try and bring some fun to the local community. He would donate medals for each of the sports events and everyone taking part would receive discount vouchers for the fair. A fee of £500-£800 would be expected for the use of the field.

Cllr Helen Helme agreed to speak to both the Village Hall Committee and the Pre School to see if they would support this event. If there was support then the Council were happy for the event to proceed. Cllr Helme would liaise with Mr Cowie direct.

RESOLVED: That the Council delegate powers to Cllr Helme to pursue this proposal or reject it depending on the outcome of her discussions.

26/15 LENGTHSMAN

- Councillors had not yet made a tour of the Parish to collate a list regular maintenance sites.
- The small parking area adjacent to the green between Oak and Beech Avenues was discussed. A request had been received to cut back the hedge so that children playing in the area were more visible to passing traffic, thus reducing the possibility of an accident occurring. In addition it had been noted that the parking sign was now missing. J.Greenwood agreed to cut back the hedge after which the positioning of a new parking sign could be considered.

27/15 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY DELIVERY SCHEME – The Council considered whether to opt in to the scheme for the year 2015/16. Opinions were split but eventually it was decided that the administration of the scheme would take too much work and it was not clear whether reimbursement would cover costs.

RESOLVED: That the Council did not join the Lancashire County Council – Public Rights Of Way Delivery Scheme for the year 2015/16

As a result of this decision the Council did not consider the individual projects that they had been offered.

28/15 CORRESPONDENCE - The Clerk reported that the following had been received:

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- 12.1. A letter Dr Charlotte Baker, Principal, Lonsdale College, Lancaster University, regarding a seat on the Council that could be occupied by a student or other person from the University. The Council was not keen to have a student owing to the temporary nature of most students and that they would probably only attend during term time. However there was a consensus that Dr Baker herself would be a valuable addition to the Council. Cllr Michael Helm agreed to pursue discussions with Dr Baker.
- 12.2. The Council noted the information provided by Lancaster City Council Planning Policy Team regarding changes to protect local pubs
- 12.3. The Council noted the LALC Minutes and Agenda

The meeting closed at 20.30hrs

Date and time of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
29 JUNE 2015 – GALGATE RECREATION ROOMS - 7.15PM

Date and time of next ordinary meeting
13 JULY 2015 – DOLPHINHOLME VILLAGE HALL - 7.15PM

Signed Chairman Dated