
Ellel Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN DOLPHINHOLME VILLAGE HALL AT 19.15 MONDAY 13th JULY 2015

Present:

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

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

32/15 APOLOGIES – Mr M Blundell

33/15 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 – £6800 held in reserve for footpath.

34/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 JUNE 2015
RESOLVED: That the minutes (previously circulated) of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8 June 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair.

35/15 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2015
RESOLVED: That the minutes (previously circulated) of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 29 July 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair.

36/15 OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.1. The Council were asked about planning in Dolphinholme village, in particular the number of houses that were planned. Cllr Collinson updated the meeting on his understanding of the situation to date. The land agent for the Duchy of Lancaster had put forward a range of parcels of land to the City Council for discussion. This had followed a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and the Duchy at which they had stated their preferred option would be for in-fill in the village rather than a new large scale development as was expected to be proposed 9 ha site. There was nothing more that the Parish Council could do until a Planning Application was received by the City Council.

37/15 POLICE – PC Massingham's report was noted and the Clerk informed the meeting that the relevant sections of the report had been posted on the website.

38/15 PLANNING**Applications to consider**

7.1.1. 15/00550/LB - Listed Building application for the replacement of 6 windows - Mr Andrew Poulter - Chapel Cottage, Chapel Lane, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire LA2 0P. The Council had no objections to this application.

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

7.1.2. 15/00854/VCN - Outline application for residential development of up to 50 dwellings (pursuant to the variation of conditions 5 and 19 and removal of condition 11 on application no. 12/00834/OUT relating to changes in the approved plans) - Laund Fields Stoney Lane Galgate Lancaster Lancashire LA2 0JZ. The Council were unable to make any comment on this matter as there was no information either with the notification from Lancaster City Council or on the City Council's website as to what the various numbered conditions were related.

Other

7.2. TTRO - Procter Moss Road, Lancaster – this was noted

39/15 FINANCE

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

Mr G Catterson – Salary April £413.83	G Catterson - Reimburse Bench Ends Paid - £540
G Catterson - Reimburse One.com paid - £23.76	Mr G Catterson – Mileage Mar-Jul 2015 £70.99
Mr G Catterson – Expenses Mar-Jul 2015 £119.96	Garstang Timber - £39.52
e.on - Recreation Rooms £74.20	e.on - Village Hall £187.39
Karl Moss Joinery - Repairs at Galgate Recreation Area - £80	

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

8.2. To acknowledge receipt of income

Punch Taverns £880	Rhubarb News Income (various) - £270.35
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8.3. The Chair signed the bank statements

8.4. Discussion re £6800 held in reserve for footpath – it was noted that if the work on the path did not proceed the money would have to be returned. The only issue preventing the path from being completed was that Mr Bradshaw’s development is currently in the way of the footpath. Work was planned to start at the beginning of August and should be finished before the start of the University’s autumn term. It was stated that £6800 would not cover the total cost of the work but provision had been made for the County Council to cover the shortfall. It was questioned whether there was a breakdown of the cost and it was noted that the costing had been done when the application was submitted. The County Council would be carrying out the work. Cllr Helm would contact the County Council re the costing as the access to the A6 would be very challenging.

8.5. Discussion on Feed-in tariff from Solar Panels – nothing had been received from E-on to date, regarding the application. The question was raised as to what the income would be used for and what account it would be paid into. Some members thought that the money should be paid into the Village Hall Trust account. It was agreed that in the first instance it should be used to repay the Village Hall’s debt to the Parish Council. When the debt had been repaid it was suggested that further income be used for the improvement of facilities around the Village Hall and the Recreation Grounds.

The Clerk was asked to include an item on the next Agenda to allow further discussion,

40/15 WEEKEND FUN FAIR PROPOSAL – The Fun Fair would not be going ahead as the dates suggested clashed with a wedding that had already been booked in the Village Hall. Discussions were continuing about the possibility of it visiting next year.

41/15 LENGTHSMAN - Councillors had not yet made a tour of the Parish to collate a list regular maintenance sites. The Clerk was asked to include an item on the next Agenda to allow further discussion,

42/15 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE - The Council discussed the review. There had never been any interest in the Parish Council from the University and even if there had been it would divert interest from rural affairs. The current system needed to be changed as there was far too many seats allocated to the University and as students do not contribute to the precept via the rates this did not seem equitable. It was agreed that Cllr Helm would draft a letter laying out the Council’s concerns and the reasons for their objections to the current system.

43/15 CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – Owing to the Clerk’s resignation the Council discussed finding a replacement. It was agreed to advertise through LALC, Grapevine, Garstang Courier and on the Council Noticeboard.

- 44/15 CORRESPONDENCE** - The Clerk reported that the following had been received:
- 12.1. Carwood Gardens Maintenance
 - 12.2. Licensing Act 2003 - Review Of Statement Of Licensing Policy
 - 12.3. LALC Newsletter
 - 12.4. Countywide Sign Posting Project
 - 12.5. Community Engagement & Chairmanship courses
 - 12.6. The Chair volunteered to read the meters and forward the readings to the Clerk

44/16 OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 The Council heard a proposal to co-opt Peter Mather to the Council and this was unanimously approved.
- 13.2 A member of the public who was attending the meeting for the first time asked that new-comer observers be welcomed to the meeting and that name cards were produced so that members of the public could put names to the faces of the Councillors.
- 13.3 The Chair was asked to speak to Cllr Blundell about his attendance record.
- 13.4 Quotes for bark chippings to the playground and maintenance works to footpaths in Dolphinholme would be circulated to members by email.

The meeting closed at 20.10hrs

Date and time of next ordinary meeting
7 SEPTEMBER 2015 – GALGATE RECREATION ROOMS - 7.15PM

Signed Chairman Dated