
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Recreation Rooms, Galgate on Monday 4th April 2016 at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr S Booth (chairman), Cllr I Collinson (vice chairman), Cllr J Greenwood, Cllr M Helm
Cllr P Mather, Cllr M O' Riordan & Cllr D Whitaker.
Gill Mason (clerk to the council)
Members of the public.

44/16 Apologies.

Cllr Blundell.

45/16 Declarations of interest.

Cllrs Booth & Helm declared an interest in any item regarding the village hall.

46/16 Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting held

on Monday 14th March 2016 with the following amendments to agenda item 39/16:

Lancaster City Council had not replaced the street lighting with LED or heritage lamps in 2008/2009. They had only replaced the lights with a standard black column and standard lamp

for possible future conversion. LCC are now scheduling to install the LED lights and to upgrade to heritage style lamp would cost £6905. £5105 more than the scheduled budget. Proposed by Cllr Collinson.

Seconded by Cllr O'Riordan. All in favour.

47/16 Open forum.

A resident was concerned that the incorrect date had been advertised in the noticeboard.
Cllr

Helm explained that although the councillors were aware of the date of the meeting, it had not been changed before it was posted in the noticeboard. The clerk also apologised for the confusion.

The matter of the payment to Dearden Land Drainage for the footpath at Leech House was questioned. It was thought that the footpath had been funded and not paid for by the Parish Council. Cllr Helm explained that the Parish Council were to make the payment but had already been reimbursed by LCC.

48/16 Police report.

Ellel

Vehicle bonnet damaged overnight.

Galgate

Domestic dwelling broken into, cash taken

Domestic dwelling broken into, jewellery stolen

Damage to vehicle, wing mirror kicked off

Damage caused to bowling green surface

Ellel

Damage caused to quantity of horse feed bags stored at stables

Galgate

Container being used to store items in field had lock damaged, no entry gained

Stable broken into, tack stolen

Stable broken into, tack stolen (repeat victim)

Greenhouse windows damaged by stones.

Changes to working practices from PC Andy Massingham:

At the beginning of April, I will become a hybrid officer, in addition to my responsibilities as the Community Beat Officer for the Lower Lune Valley and Ellel area (covering 230 sq miles), I am also a Wildlife Officer.

The change to being a hybrid officer means that I will also have responsibility to attend and respond to emergency and non emergency incidents outside the Lune Valley and Ellel boundary in the north Lancaster area. There are two other officers who work the North Lancaster beat area, they will be asked to carry out patrol within the Lower Lune Valley and Ellel area which, will fill a gap when I am not on duty, so you will hopefully see more of the Police in your area.

49/16 Planning.

1.Applications.

15/01344/FUL 24 Salford Road Galgate Lancaster Lancashire LA2 0LN Demolition of existing side conservatory and garage and erection of a 3-bed dwelling with attached garage
No objections. Please note the following observations: If the planning officer is minded to support the application, please could yellow lines outside the property be considered. Salford Road already has congestion and access problems, due to the current on street parking. Traffic calming measures would also be welcomed.

16/00320/VCN Launds Field Stoney Lane Galgate Lancaster Lancashire LA2 0JZ. Outline application for residential development of up to 50 Dwellings (pursuant to the variation of condition 1 and 16 on planning permission 15/00854/VCN to amend the layout and landscaping plan) **The parish council object to the planning application due to insufficient information regarding the variation. A full and comprehensive explanation of the variation of condition 1 and 16 is requested before consideration and response.**

16/0038/TPO 18 Vernon Park, Galgate. Lancaster, Lancashire LA2 0LS

Prune x 1 lime and x 1 hawthorn tree – **No objections.**

It was resolved that the above responses be submitted to the LCC planning department.

Proposed by Cllr Helm.

Seconded by Cllr Collinson. All in favour.

50/16 Finance

1.Payments.

Gill Mason-clerk's wages £540.37, expenses £36.47

Eon electric bills £112.11 / £3.78 (direct debit)

British Gas £243.96 (January direct debit)

Dearden payment for footpath £350.00

LALC membership subscription £439.20

It was resolved that the above payments be paid.

Proposed by Cllr O'Riordan

Seconded by Cllr Collinson. All in favour.

2.Receipts.

£350 BACS reimbursement from LCC for the footpath.

51/16 Dolphinholme Neighbourhood Plan.

The documents submitted by Mr John Entwistle from the neighbourhood plan group have been circulated to the parish councillors. The councillors questioned what is a usual size scheme for a neighbourhood plan and would the proposed area be workable.

Cllr Booth will send the clerk the parish plan, so she can distribute and print off a copy for the councillors for reference.

There will be an extraordinary meeting held to discuss this agenda item. A date and time to be arranged.

52/16 Recreational area fencing – review of quotations.

The parish council has received three quotes for the materials and erection of the recreational area fencing (steel and timber). The majority of councillors voted on the purchase of a steel fence rather than a timber fence.

Cllr Collinson will request a detailed quotation from the three suppliers for the steel fencing. It was resolved that steel fencing will be the material of choice for the recreational area fencing.

Proposed by Cllr Greenwood.

Seconded by Cllr Helm.

53/16 Dolphinholme welcome/entrance sign.

It was resolved that three planters will be made for each entrance of Dolphinholme village.

Cllr Collinson and Cllr Greenwood will work together on the production of the planters.

Proposed by Cllr O’Riordan

Seconded by Cllr Collinson. All in favour.

54/16 Village Hall solar panels feed in tariff update.

The clerk has contacted Eon, but as Cllr Booth completed the original application, Eon won’t provide any information until Cllr Booth contacts them to authorise the clerk to act on his behalf. Cllr Booth had emailed Eon and the clerk will follow this up.

55/16 Subscription/fees from recreational areas.

The sub-committee will meet and report back their proposals to the full council. Cllr Blundell has been added to the sub-committee members.

56/16 Village grass cutting, repair & maintenance contractor.

This item will be carried over onto the May agenda, once the councillors have reviewed the schedule of work.

57/16 Insurance review.

The clerk is meeting the representative from NFU Mutual on Monday 11th April. There will be an extraordinary meeting held to discuss the three insurance quotations. A date and time to be arranged.

58/16 Grant applications update.

Cllr Helm has received a quote of £12,766.90 for the zipwire including installation. Two more quotes will be needed. Cllr Helm proposed that he apply for further funding from the Duchy of Lancaster and the Forest of Bowland AONB (Champion Bowland) to cover the shortfall. Cllr Booth thanked Cllr Helm for successfully gaining the grants.

The parish council’s application to the Wind Turbine Fund for £2200 was successful. Cllr Helm proposed that the grant be spent on the following: A gate for the multisport area £1,200, installation and formation of a ramp £650 and a proposal for a small gate for pedestrian access to be quoted for.

It was resolved that Cllr Helm will gain quotes for the small gate.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson

Seconded by Cllr Mather. All in favour.

59/16 Correspondence.

A report of a man on the canal, living on a burnt out boat, with items from the boat left on the canal side – the clerk will contact the Canal Trust for advice.

The meeting closed at 21.15

Date and time of next ordinary meeting

Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.15 pm at the Galgate Recreation Rooms.

Signed (Chairman) Date