
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held at the Galgate Recreation Rooms on Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr S Booth, Cllr I Collinson (chairman), Cllr J Greenwood, Cllr H Helme, Cllr M Helm, Cllr P Mather, Cllr D Whitaker (vice- chairman).

Gill Mason - clerk.

7 members of the public present.

109/17 Apologies for absence.

Cllr M O' Riordan.

110/17 Declarations of interest.

Cllrs Booth, Helm and Helme declared an interest in any item regarding Ellel Village Hall.

111/17 Approve and sign minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 9th September 2017.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Collinson.

Proposed by Cllr Greenwood.

Seconded by Cllr Helme

112/17 Open forum.

John Entwistle attended the meeting to update the parish council on the neighbourhood plan. There was a workshop held in July and Mr Entwistle presented the survey results. On the 1st November there is a meeting for the local plan update.

The bowling club would like to know if the disabled access to the green will be reinstated. Cllr Whitaker enquired when the new bowling season will start and would the club be happy if the work has been completed by then.

113/17 Planning applications.

17/01031/FUL Proposal : Retrospective application for the construction of a menage, alterations to land levels and creation of a new access track, erection of 4 lighting columns and erection of a field shelter For : Mrs Fiona Bowery Site Address : Saddle Farm, Kit Brow Lane, Ellel, Lancaster, Lancashire.

The parish council have no observations.

17/01150/FUL Proposal : Conversion of existing garage to ancillary living accommodation For : Mr & Mrs S. Chadwick Site Address : 12 Swaledale, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA2 0RL.

The parish council have no observations.

It was resolved that the parish council submit the above responses.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr Whitaker.

114/17 Finance

Payments.

Gill Mason- clerk's wages £737.70 and expenses £38.60	£776.30
Eon electric bills (D/D)	£94.70/55.38
Insurance (D/D)	£160.50

Lancaster City Council pavilion rates £112.70

6.2 Receipts

Punch Taverns - Plough car park £880.00

115/17 Neighbourhood plan update.

John Entwistle will forward the results from the survey to the clerk.

116/17 Pavilion rates and insurance.

The clerk has received a court summons for the parish council for the unpaid rates of the football club. The clerk enquired whether the parish council would need to attend, but it is for administration purposes only.

Lancaster City Council have said that the parish council needs to appeal to the VOA, but the outstanding payment still needs to be paid. The clerk requested that a monthly payment be set up, giving the parish council time to appeal.

It was resolved that the parish council pay the rates first instalment and the clerk appeal to the VOA.

Proposed by Cllr Whitaker.

Seconded by Cllr Helm.

The football club have an outstanding water bill and a new insurance bill for the football pavilion.

It was resolved that the clerk invoice the club for the full outstanding amounts.

Proposed by Cllr Mather.

Seconded by Cllr Helm.

117/17 Footpath clearing, Main Road.

The pathway from Galgate to the motorway has overgrown vegetation and is dangerous for pedestrians having to walk into the road.

The clerk will contact Lancashire Highways to ask for the path to be cleared.

118/17 Village Hall solar panels income update.

The clerk has asked the LEF to provide the information requested from Eon which will then be submitted to OFGEM for appeal.

If OFGEM decline the application, due to the clause that the 10% of funding hasn't been paid back to the third party, the parish council will consider publicising the issues that prevent the solar panels generating income.

119/17 Recreational area and recreation rooms.

Bowling Club gate request.

The parish council will look into clearing the vegetation and making a clear pathway for disabled people before the bowling season commences.

Heaters for the rec rooms.

No update

Dog fouling.

The parish council has received complaints about dog fouling on the rec area. The clerk will look at the CCTV to see if owners can be identified and Cllr Mather said he would obtain 'You are being watched' signage from Lancaster City Council.

Ongoing repair & maintenance review.

The handrail on the decking outside the rec rooms has been remade and will be installed as soon as possible. Cllr Whitaker has attached astroturf to the decking as wet weather it is slippery. The astroturf will be added to more of the decking to prevent accidents.

The clerk was asked to contact an electrician to install a photocell with a PIR detector outside the rec rooms before the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr Mather.

120/17 Zipwire working group update.

The zipwire has been erected and is in working order. Thanks to Cllr Collinson for managing the project with the contractors. The clerk will ensure that the CCTV cameras are covering the zipwire area and get the zipwire added to the insurance cover.

121/17 Church land purchase and Byelaw update.

The clerk wrote to Dr McCellan regarding the purchase of her land to extend the churchyard. Dr McCellan has written back stating she does not want to sell the land. The clerk was asked to write to the Vicar of St Johns Church explaining the interest in buying the land and how much would the church like to be involved with the process.

122/17 Cllr Helm - Letter to LALC regarding the labelling of meat.

Cllr Helm asked the parish council to support his proposal to submit to LALC a letter for the AGM regarding the labelling of meat of animals which have not been pre - stunned before being killed. It was resolved that the parish council will not support the proposal as it is not considered a parish matter.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

123/17 Clerks report, police report and correspondence.

Thank you letter from Dolphinholme Village Hall for the windows and doors.

124/17 Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.15 pm at Dolphinholme Village Hall - agenda items to be submitted by **Sunday 5th November at 5pm.**

Meeting closed at 8.48pm

Signed (Chairman) Date

