
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held at the Galgate Recreation Rooms on Monday 11th June 2018 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr S Booth, Cllr I Collinson (chairman), Cllr J Greenwood, Cllr M Helm, Cllr Helme, Cllr M O'Riordan, Cllr D Whitaker, Cllr N Wilson.

Gill Mason - clerk.

Eleven members of the public.

94/18 Apologies for absence.

No apologies received.

95/18 Appointment of vice chairman.

Nominated: Cllr Whitaker

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr Booth.

96/18 To complete acceptance of office.

Cllr Whitaker completed his acceptance of office form.

97/18 Declaration of interests.

Cllr Booth and Cllr Helme declared an interest in any agenda item regarding Ellel Village Hall.

98/18 Minutes.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed by the chairman as true and accurate record of the meeting held on Monday 8th May 2018.

Proposed by Cllr O'Riordan.

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood.

99/18 Open forum.

A member of the public asked if the speed bumps could be marked as someone had damaged their car driving down the main path.

A letter was read out from the bowling club chairman regarding the grant that was received for the installation of the gate and access path from the car park to the club.

The bowling club would like to see the quotes and invoices that the parish council has received and also questioned why they hadn't been consulted on the works and consider the parish council's actions as hasty.

Residents attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the planning application for 32 dwellings on Chapel Lane and asked the parish council to object to application when considering the following observations: There is already a lot of development around the village with a lack of infrastructure. The development will increase the traffic flow which will increase the carbon monoxide count in the village. Chapel Lane is a narrow and windy road which cannot cope with further traffic and the LCC Highways need to address the issues of extra cars and cyclist using this lane.

The potential flooding from another development needs to be considered as the soak away will not cope with another development.

The signs at Dolphinholme need maintaining and the grass needs to be strimmed near the hall.

An extra bin is needed at the recreation area for dog walkers to dispose of their dog poo bags.

The car park will need lighting installing in winter for the user groups to park safely.

100/18 Planning applications.

18/00565/CU Proposal : Retrospective application for the retained change of use of land to car park
For : Mr John Barnes Site Address : Old Builders Yard, Chapel Lane, Galgate, Lancashire, LA2 0PR.

The parish council support this application.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

18/0084/TCA Larch- Group of 5 Larch; fell marked tree, sever and clear Ivy from ground to 1.5m on remaining trees. Heights Farm, Abbeystead Lane, Dolphinholme, Lancaster, Lancashire.

The parish council support this application

Proposed by Cllr O’Riordan.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

18/00534/FUL Erection of timber clad modular building and new access - Dolphinholme Church of England School.

The parish council support this application.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

18/00335/FUL Proposal : Erection of 32 dwellings (C3) with associated access and landscaping For :
Applethwaite Ltd Site Address : Land At, Chapel Lane, Galgate, Lancashire.

Our council has pointed out many times that expansion of Lancaster University and house building exacerbate both traffic problems and the risks of serious flooding.

We understand that Lancashire County Council have been awarded a sum to investigate drainage issues in this and other parts of the district. This shows, if proof were needed, that there is a recognised problem. A fairly perfunctory knowledge of local geography tells us that water falling to the east of this village meets a very effective dam, the embanked West Coast Mainline. This dam is breached in only two places; the watercourses of Condor/Whitley Beck, in the centre of Galgate, and Ou Beck to the north. All were involved in the destruction and damage, of last November. The water table where Ou Beck passes under the culvert to Shearset Bridge is, high, even in dry periods. The conversion of Leach House Farm to residences showed this; septic tanks could not be used to dispose of domestic sewage.

An equally objectionable, if insidious, consequence of the traffic problem is the dreadful level of traffic pollution, especially on the A6 through the village. This is at its worst when children are making their ways to St Johns School (Chapel Street), and older children waiting at bus stops, journeying to secondary schools. Moreover, these children are often accompanied by parents with younger siblings: a county council attempt to set up a “walking bus initiative” had to be abandoned because it was judged that there was no safe route to the school from many parts of the village.

Some years ago Ellel Parish Council carried out a very successful parish plan consultation. There was an overwhelming view that Galgate ought to be able to retain its identity as a

settlement and a community distinct from Lancaster, rather than simply be subsumed into the latter.

At a planning meeting earlier this year the spokesman for a developer was allowed to state that “no statutory objection to *his* proposed development had been made”, we would remind Lancaster City Council of the following:

Parish councils are statutory bodies and statutory consultees for planning matters: although they may appear to be only a voluntary association, they are elected by the parish and are the first level of Local Government.

The parish council object to this application:

Proposed by Cllr Helm.

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood.

101/18 GDPR update and the adoption of the GDPR regulations, standing orders, financial risk assessment and financial regulations.

The clerk has contacted all user groups and hirers of the recreational area and rooms to gain consent to hold their information. Privacy and CCTV notices have been displayed in the recreation room and the village hall.

It was resolved that the GDPR regulations, standing orders, financial risk assessment and financial regulations be adopted by the parish council for 2018.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr O’Riordan.

102/18 Finance

Payments.

Gill Mason- clerk’s wages £967.20 and expenses £60.16	£1027.36
Insurance – NFU Mutual	£152.47
Eon electric bills (D/D)	£178.15/£56.47
Dolphinholme Village Show small grant	£150.00
Galgate treat day small grant	£150.00
Waterplus	£519.70

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr Whitaker.

Receipts

Recreation room bookings (cash)	£250.00
Recreation room bookings (cheque)	£30.00
Ellel Village Hall loan reimbursement	£1280.00
Craft car park rent	£300.00
Interest	£0.75

Neighbourhood plan overspend

It was resolved that the parish council absorb the neighbourhood plan overspend of £60.35 into the parish council budget.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr O’Riordan.

103/18 Dolphinholme sign replacement.

The dolphin that was stolen from the sign has been found and returned to the parish council.

104/18 Dolphinholme tennis court donation request.

The tennis court has been opened for all the residents to use. Further research into how the residents of Dolphinholme would like the area used and managed will be completed.

105/18 Recreational field area and recreation rooms.

Bowling Club gate

The path and gates have been installed at the bowling club.

Decking repair

No update.

Treat day grass cutting

The football team are cutting the grass in time for the treat day as the fixtures for football have started early.

Installation of broadband for the recreational area

The clerk informed the parish council that the current WI – FI in the village hall is intermittent and the CCTV footage can not always be accessed. The clerk was asked to get costs for a broadband setup and monthly running costs, which could be shared with the village hall.

106/18 Beech Road playground grant.

No update.

107/18 Churchyard purchase update.

The clerk was asked to contact an alternative land agent to receive a quote for the compulsory purchase of the land.

108/18 VOA football club rates update.

The VOA has notified the clerk that the Lancaster City Council rates register for the football club have been changed from the parish council to the club's name and correspondence address. The parish council will be receiving a refund of the rates paid from April to August 2017.

109/18 Police report and correspondence.

No update.

110/18 Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 9th July 2018 at Dolphinholme Village Hall

Monday 10th September 2018 at the Galgate Recreation Rooms

Monday 8th October 2018 at Dolphinholme Village Hall

Monday 12th November 2018 at the Galgate Recreation Rooms

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The meeting closed at 8.49pm

Press and public are welcome to attend.