
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.15pm at the Galgate Recreation Rooms.

Present: Cllr S Booth, Cllr J Greenwood, Cllr H Helme, Cllr P Mather, Cllr M O'Riordan, Cllr D Whitaker (vice- chairman), Cllr N Wilson.

Gill Mason - clerk.

Seven members of the public.

Cllr Whitaker (vice-chairman) will chair the meeting.

130/18 Apologies for absence.

Cllr I Collinson (chairman) and Cllr M Helm.

131/18 Declaration of interests.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in any agenda item relating to Ellel Village Hall.

132/18 Minutes of the last meeting.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018 were approved and signed by the vice-chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood.

Cllr Helme joined the meeting at 7.19pm.

133/18 Open forum.

The bowling club representative reported to the parish council that the wind-turbine fund committee had not received all the information required from the councillors, to allow the transfer of grant funds to the parish account.

The bowling club are very disappointed that the parish council have not rectified the bowling club gate, as promised at the July meeting. They find that the parish council are not true to their word and had not done what they said they would do.

The Beech Avenue playpark committee members reported that the group have collectively received £57,000 for the project, but have a shortfall of £3,000. They will stop fundraising on 1st December.

They asked the parish council if they would consider contributing to the project, so they have the full amount needed to commence building the playpark.

Tony Cragg from the Galgate Football Club attended the meeting to introduce himself as the new club secretary. He reported that the timber fence at the top of the field is dangerous and needs replacing. The parish council informed Mr Cragg that the fence is the responsibility of the Plough Inn. Due to the football club being placed in different leagues, the galvanised steel rail would need extending beyond the dugout. The parish council will send Mr Cragg their suppliers contact for the new railing.

A resident asked the parish council what their response would be to the planning application that had been submitted for the build of 9 dwellings at Bond Gate, Dolphinholme. The parish council have not received the application.

The resident asked that when the parish council does respond, it makes sure that it states it is a statutory body.

134/18 Planning applications.

18/00569/VCN Proposal : Erection of horticultural buildings, creation of an access track and changes to the existing access arrangements (pursuant to the variation of conditions 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17 on planning permission 10/01066/FUL to vary the approved layout, elevations and floor plans and to provide further information on materials, drainage access and planting) For : Mr & Mrs Haley Site Address : Plantopia Nurseries, Stoney Lane, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire.

18/00834/LB Proposal : Listed building application for the installation of a replacement roof, windows, internal and external doors, repairs to masonry, removal of front step and installation of a new ramp, installation of flooring, partition walls, ceiling and boarding of internal walls and the fitting of new kitchen and toilet facilities For : Mr Andy Taylor Site Address : St Marys Church, Main Road, Galgate, Lancashire,

18/00833/FUL Proposal : Installation of a replacement roof, windows and front door, removal of front step and installation of a new ramp and creation of new access road For : Mr Andy Taylor Site Address : St Marys Church, Main Road, Galgate, Lancashire.

18/01034/CU Retrospective application for the change of use of land to car park. For: John Barnes Address Old Builders Yard, Chapel Lane, Galgate, Lancashire.

18/00988/OUT Outline planning for the erection of 4 dwellings with associated access. For : Mr and Mrs Armer. Land adjacent to Stonehaven, Bayhorse, Lancaster.

The parish council have no observations on the above planning applications.

Proposed by Cllr Mather.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

135/18 Dolphinholme PTA small grant request.

Cllr Helme declared an interest in this agenda item.

It was resolved that the parish council donate £150.00 to the PTA.

Proposed by Cllr Mather.

Seconded by Cllr O’Riordan.

136/18 Beech Avenue playpark contribution consideration.

It was resolved that the parish council make the payment to the Lancashire Environmental Fund to match fund £1650.00 with Lancaster City Council for the playpark project.

Proposed by Cllr Mather.

Seconded by Cllr Booth.

137/18 Finance

Payments

Gill Mason- clerk’s wages £859.73 and expenses £46.66	£906.39
Insurance – NFU Mutual (D/D)	£152.36
Eon electric bills (D/D)	£72.19/£135.29/£118.93/£127.39
Dolphinholme PTA donation	£150.00
LEF - Beech Ave play park contribution	£1650.00

Water plus invoice	£477.25
ICO registration	£40.00
LALC conference attendance	£35.00

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

Receipts

Recreation room bookings (cash)	£50.00
VAT reimbursement	£5988.85

138/18 Recreational field area and recreation rooms.

Bowling club grant update.

The clerk will contact the wind-turbine fund and ask what information they still require to transfer the grant money to the parish council.

Decking repair update

No update.

Installation of broadband for the recreational area update

The village hall committee have met and will contact BT to get the broadband installed at the hall.

Car park lights for winter update

Cllr Mather will enquire what lighting system will be required for the car park and what costs this will incur.

139/18 Parish management and maintenance.

Stoney Lane benches have been repaired by Cllr Whitaker.

140/18 Launds field cycle-path update.

Cllr Whitaker has talked to Persimmon homes regarding the cycle path. The landowner has extended a bridge on the land which isn't allowing access for the track. The clerk will forward a letter to the landowner enquiring when he will complete the cycle path, as stated in the planning conditions.

141/18 Churchyard purchase update.

The parish council have not yet met with a solicitor. The clerk will enquire with Lancaster City Council Planning Department about the application for change of use and the costs that it may incur.

142/18 Christmas tree siting consideration.

Cllr Mather will ask the Seat garage in Galgate, if they have any objections to the siting of the tree near the forecourt and enquire whether their electricity supply could be used for the tree lights.

143/18 Cllr Michael Helm resignation.

Cllr Helm has decided to resign due to ill health. The parish council would like to thank Cllr Helm for all his hard work over the years, especially all the grants he applied for and secured for the parish, including the new zipwire in Galgate.

144/18 Environment Agency access to river consideration.

The Environment Agency have requested wayleave to be able to access the river for desilting. The clerk was asked to contact the EA to grant authorisation.

145/18 Reports and correspondence.

None received.

146/18 Date and time of next meeting.

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 8.31pm

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