
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.15pm at the Galgate Recreation Rooms.

Present: Cllr S Booth, Cllr I Collinson (chairman), Cllr J Greenwood, Cllr H Helme, Cllr M O’Riordan.
Cllr D Whitaker (vice- chairman), Cllr N Wilson.

Gill Mason - clerk.

Five members of the public.

161/18 Apologies for absence.

Cllr P Mather.

162/18 Declaration of interests.

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

Cllr Collinson declared an interest in the planning application for Ellel Hall.

163/18 Minutes of the last meeting.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018 were approved and signed by the chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Wilson.

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood.

164/18 Open forum.

A resident told the parish council that to budget £2,500 on a SpID that can be moved around the village would not be a lot to spend, considering the speeding problem on Whams Lane and the two fatalities that have occurred recently.

The banners that are attached to the railings at the Galgate traffic lights are a distraction and may cause an accident. This is an Lancashire County Council Highway issue.

165/18 Planning applications.

18/01229/FUL Proposal : Change of use of a shop (A1) to dwelling (C3), erection of single storey extensions to the side and rear and construction of a ramp to the front For : Mr A Whittaker Site Address : 9 Beech Avenue, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA2 0NW

18/01252/FUL Proposal : Erection of a detached two storey dwelling (C3) with associated hardstanding and regrading of land levels For : Mr & Mrs Wells Site Address : Land To The South Of Foxholes, Hollins Lane, Bay Horse, Lancaster, Lancashire.

18/01277 / FUL of single storey side extension, erection of orangery extension with external steps, construction of a log/bike store and outdoor kitchen : Mr & Mrs Smith. Address : Ellel Hall, Ellel Hall Gardens, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire.

The parish council have no observations regarding the above applications.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood.

166/18 Beech Avenue playpark update.

The clerk has received and banked the raised funds for the playpark. The parish council will hold onto these funds until payment is requested from Lancaster City Council.

167/18 Finance

Payments

Gill Mason- clerk's wages	£859.73
Clerk's expenses	£50.31
Insurance – NFU Mutual (D/D)	£152.36
Eon electric bills (D/D)	£213.23/97.46/354.07
St Marks church small grant	£200.00
Bowling club fence material – I Collinson reimbursement	£171.42
Bay communications – Annual maintenance	£360.00

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

Receipts

Recreation room bookings (cash)	£65.00
Dolphinholme Field day committee contribution to tennis court refurb	£1200.00
Village Hall electric repayment	£766.84
Beech Avenue Playpark Group grant funds	£2362.24

Petty cash

Wreaths x 2	£34.00
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168/18 Recreational field area and recreation rooms.

Bowling club grant update

The new gate for the car park is currently being galvanised. Once installed the representative from the windturbine fund will complete a site visit. The parish council have not received any funds from the grant.

Decking repair update

Cllr Whitaker will attach the astro-turf, stored at the recreation area, on the wet, slippery decking. If there isn't any astro-turf left, the parish council will install non-slip strips along the decking for safety over winter.

Installation of broadband for the recreational area update

The clerk has been notified that the broadband has been installed in the village hall. The CCTV software can now be installed on the clerk's computer.

Car park lights for winter update

No update. Cllr Wilson was asked to contact an electrician to obtain a quote for wireless lighting.

169/18 Neighbourhood plan update.

The neighbourhood plan group have been working on the plan for two years. The group will meet on the 29th November and hold a consultation on the 6th December at the Dolphinholme Village Hall for the parishioners.

The group will put forward quality ideas for draft policies for the plan. Mr Entwistle circulated the proposed policies to the parish council for reference.

170/18 Churchyard purchase update.

The clerk informed the parish council that it does not have the power to compulsory purchase land. An application for a CP order would have to go to Lancaster City Council for a decision to action. Cllr Whitaker will talk to the owner of the land near the burial ground and to the land owner at the church to enquire if land could be purchased by agreement.

The clerk was asked to write to the Blackburn Diocese to request their observations on the need of an extension to the churchyard and the potential purchase of land.

171/18 Christmas tree siting update.

Fisher's Garage is happy to site the Christmas tree on their land, but it wouldn't be sited where the parish council wanted, due to the power supply.

It was resolved that a tree be sited on the Laund's Field development near Skew Bridge. Cllr Wilson was asked to get permission from the developers and the clerk was asked to purchase coloured solar lights up to £100.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

172/18 Budget and precept 2019/2020 preparation.

The clerk asked the parish councillors to submit any projects or other expenditure to be considered for the budget and precept 2019/2020 preparation.

173/18 Reports and correspondence.

Ellel ward and election information – noted.

The parish council would like to consider a fitting tribute in memory of Cllr Michael Helm for his hard work and dedication to the parish and the parish council.

His unlimited enthusiasm, knowledge and connections for where he lived, resulted in securing funding for many successful projects which have hugely benefitted the community. He will be sorely missed.

174/18 Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 10th December at the Galgate Recreation Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....Date.....