
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 14th October 2019 at 7.15pm at Dolphinholve Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Booth, Cllr Corkerry, Cllr Collinson, Cllr Greenwood, Cllr Helme, Cllr Mather (vice-chairman), Cllr Walsh, Cllr Whitaker (chairman) Cllr N Wilson.

Gill Mason - clerk.

One member of the public.

145/19 Apologies for absence.

None.

146/19 Declaration of interests.

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

Cllr Collinson declared an interest in planning application 19/00032/REF.

147/19 Approve and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 9th September 2019.

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed as an accurate record by the chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Corkerry.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

148/19 Open forum.

The resident that attended the meeting reported that the Livestock was dangerous, it is thick with moss and the surface is uneven.

Cllr Whitaker attended the meeting at 7.21pm.

149/19 Planning.

19/00032/REF Appeal By: Mr & Mrs Wallbank Appeal Description: Outline application for the development of 9 residential dwellings with associated access, public open space and associated infrastructure Site Address Land At Higher Bond Gate, Abbeystead Road, Dolphinholve, Lancaster, Lancashire.

The parish council object to the planning application.

Currently the emerging local plan excludes Dolphinholve as a sustainable settlement and the parish council would like to re-iterate that the development will increase traffic along the single track and country lanes, which would create a safety issue.

The sewage system is not equipped for extra housing waste, the main systems for Dolphinholve are septic tanks which already flow to the treatment works, which overflow during heavy rainfall into the river. This extra waste from the development will have a negative impact on the environment. There is a flood risk on the proposed development site from the brook adjacent to the land, any development will cause further run off into the stream.

There is no public transport or facilities and amenities large enough to cater for the increase in population which this development will bring to the small rural village.

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.

19/01174/FUL 73 Main Road Galgate Lancaster Lancashire LA2 0LA

Erection of a single storey front extension and a single storey rear extension and excavation of land to create a sunken patio to rear.

The parish council has no objections.

19/01077/FUL

Land North East Of St Johns Church Chapel Lane Galgate Lancashire.

Creation of an access, siting of a temporary sales cabin and generator with associated parking and landscaping.

The parish council has no objections.

19/01078/ADV

Land North East Of St Johns Church Chapel Lane Galgate Lancashire.

Advertisement consent for the display of 2no free standing signs and 5no flag poles.

The parish council has no objections.

19/01219/FUL

Lancaster Barn Bay Horse Lane Bay Horse Lancaster Lancashire LA2 0HW

Retrospective application for the erection of a timber building.

The parish council has no observations.

It was resolved that the above responses be submitted to Lancaster City Council Development Control.

Proposed by Cllr Corkerry.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

150/19 Remembrance Sunday and wreath purchase consideration.

It was resolved that two wreaths are purchased at a total cost of £40.00.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Whitaker.

151/19 Finance

Payments

Gill Mason- August clerk's wages £859.73 and expenses £63.80	£923.53
Insurance – NFU Mutual (D/D)	£153.85
Eon electric bills (D/D)	£149.98/37.07
Memorial wreath x 2	£40.00
D Whitaker – reimbursement fencing repair material	£109.29
PKF Littlejohn – auditors	£360.00
NBB recycled benches x 2	£984.00

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

Receipts

Recreation room hire	£35.00
Punch Taverns car park rent	£880.00

152/19 Recreational field area and recreation rooms.

Football pitch railing quotation and to consider the contractor for works

It was resolved that the works be completed by Richard Wilson at a cost of £2940.00.

Proposed by Cllr Whitaker

Seconded by Cllr Mather.

Football club equipment storage review

The football club has not responded to the emails or letter regarding storing the machinery for safety. Cllr Whitaker has also spoken to the club and they said they would put the machinery away, but they haven't.

Cllr Whitaker will speak to the club again and feedback to the parish council.

CCTV and annual maintenance

Cllr Collinson will arrange a meeting with himself, Cllr Whitaker and the CCTV company to resolve the issues with viewing the footage.

Playpark repair and maintenance

Six bags of cushion- fall have been delivered, the Dolphinholme playpark bark has yet to be spread.

It was resolved that four swings seats be purchased up to a cost of £300.00. Cllr Collinson will contact Wicksteed to purchase the seats.

Proposed by Cllr Mather.

Seconded by Cllr Whitaker.

Purchase of gravel for the recreational area potholes

Cllr Wilson has received two quotes for the tarmacing of the rec area car parks. Cllr Mather will ask another contractor to tender for the tarmacing, so the parish council has three quotes.

It was resolved that gravel be purchased up to a cost of £250.00 to fill the potholes.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson.

Seconded by Cllr Mather.

153/19 Churchyard purchase update.

No update. Cllr Whitaker will talk to the owners of the land regarding the potential purchase and the clerk will get more information on access for the public footpath and the change of use.

154/19 Punch Taverns lease review.

The clerk has been liaising with the solicitor regarding the contract. The contract should be sent to Punch Taverns to be signed. The parish council would like to express their disappointment in the delay with dealing with the contract renewal by the solicitors.

155/19 Craft Centre car park review.

The clerk wrote to the tenant but has had no reply. The lease was renewed in 2012, the clerk will check the contract term.

156/19 Capital projects review.

The bowling club water meter and a new handrail for the Livestock was added to the projects list.

157/19 Village contractor and works list update.

Cllr Mather and Cllr Whitaker will review the list of works and create a specification for tenders.

158/19 Siting of the memorial and village benches review.

It was resolved that two recycled benches be purchased and that the cost for siting the benches be approved up to a cost of £250.00.

One bench will be sited at the doctor's surgery and Cllr Helme will ask the Beech Ave Playpark Group where they would like the second bench sited.

The memorial bench will be purchased once a site has been allocated in Dolphinholme.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson.

Seconded by Cllr Mather.

159/19 Christmas tree purchase, lights and siting review.

There is an electricity supply from a nearby resident's home, the parish council will ask if this supply can be used and the parish council pay for the electric. Cllr Collinson will provide the Christmas trees and Cllr Whittaker will get a quote for new lights.

160/19 Teenage facilities review.

No update.

161/19 Reports and correspondence (information only)

Persimmon Homes, footpath legal proceedings update – noted.

Request for beware of hedgehog's signage in Dolphinholme.

A 40mph restriction has been placed on Whams Lane with new signage.

162/19 Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.15pm at the Galgate Recreation Rooms

Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.15pm at the Galgate Recreation Rooms

The meeting closed at 9pm

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