
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019 at 7.15pm at Dolphinholme Village Hall.

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

Gill Mason - clerk.

Six members of the public.

20/19 Apologies for absence.

Cllr O’Riordan and Cllr Greenwood.

21/19 Declaration of interests.

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

Cllr Helme declared an interest in the planning agenda item, as a member of Lancaster City Council Planning and Highways Regulatory Committee.

22/19 Minutes of the last meeting.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 were approved and signed by the chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

23/19 Open forum.

The resident who owns the land that the parish council are interested in purchasing / adverse possessing, attended the meeting to ask for better and clearer communication from the parish council regarding the proposed purchase. It has not been clearly stated to the resident, how much land the parish council require to extend the graveyard and whether an assessment has been completed to see if there are spaces or a need for extra graves. The resident would like to know if the parish council have taken into consideration the upkeep costs of the proposed extension and why the land around the church could not be used.

Cllr Whitaker thanked the resident for attending the meeting and talking to the parish council about her concerns.

A resident informed the parish council that the LED street lights in Dolphinholme are bright but restrictive, so they are not ideal for pedestrians as it is very dark in between each light. The parish council did not install these lights, they are LCC Highways installations.

Cllr Booth attended the meeting at 7.22pm.

24/19 Planning.

Land at Chapel Lane, Galgate update.

Cllr Helme reported that the application for 33 bungalows on Chapel Lane has been granted. This application is preferable as the alternative application would be for two- storey affordable homes which would create more traffic than the current application.

18/01598/FUL – Change of use of land to allow for the siting of 9 touring caravans with associated access and landscaping. Ms Hughes, Wyreside Lakes Fisheries, Gleaves Hill Lane, Ellel.

The parish council support the application.

Proposed by Cllr Wilson.

Seconded by Cllr Walsh.

Retrospective planning for the recreation rooms, Galgate update.

The clerk has contacted Lancaster City Council Planning Department for advice on how to proceed with a retrospective application.

25/19 Finance

Payments

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| Gill Mason- clerk's wages | £859.73 |
| Clerk's expenses | £74.50 |
| Insurance – NFU Mutual (D/D) | £152.36 |
| Eon electric bills (D/D) | £145.07/306.20 |
| Zipwire seat reimbursement – G Mason | £69.99 |
| Frances Forestry - annual village contract | £1104.00 |

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Mather.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

Receipts

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| Recreation room bookings | £24.00 |
| Football club water rates reimbursement | £30.00 |

26/19 Recreational field area and recreation rooms.

Bowling club grant update

The clerk reported that there has been no notification of the grant being deposited into the parish council account, but it may have been sent after the latest bank statement was received. Cllr Mather will ask the windturbine fund whether the grant has been sent.

Decking repair update

The clerk has contacted the contractor to ask for a start date but has had no response.

CCTV update

The CCTV has been repaired so it is able to film continuously not sporadically. Recreation room user groups are sometimes leaving the lights and heaters on. The clerk asked if it would be possible for signage to be placed in the rooms, reminding users to switch off the heaters and lights or incur a daily charge for the wasted useage.

Car park lights update

The contractor will start the work on installing the lights on Wednesday 13th February.

27/19 Churchyard purchase update.

The church had been approached and it was confirmed that extra burial space is needed.

Parishioners would prefer to be buried near their families and friends on the existing churchyard, not on the land around the church.

It was resolved that the clerk ask Armistead Barnett to complete a land valuation at a cost of £250 plus vat. The parish council would like 15 yards of the land from the existing churchyard, which would be approximately 1155 square yards and 255 potential new burial plots.

Proposed by Cllr Whitaker.

Seconded by Cllr Walsh.

28/19 To consider the request for the purchase of an oven for the village hall.

Ellel Village Hall Committee would like the parish council to purchase a new oven for the hall so that the VAT can be reclaimed through the council's account. The current oven is second hand and a new full size catering oven is required. The clerk advised the parish council that the account can only be used for parish council purchases which will then then become a parish council asset. The parish council can purchase items or pay for services and give them away for free to another body. The village hall committee will be asked to provide three different quotes for the cost of an oven for the parish council to consider.

29/19 Reports and correspondence.

LALC training update – noted.

Community governance review information – noted.

30/19 Date and time of next meeting.

11th March 2019 at Galgate Recreation Rooms.

The meeting closed at 8.01pm

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