
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.15pm at Dolphinholme Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Booth, Cllr Greenwood, Cllr Helme, Cllr O’Riordan, Cllr Whitaker (vice- chairman), Cllr Walsh, Cllr N Wilson.

Gill Mason - clerk.

One member of the public.

46/19 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Collinson (chairman).

47/19 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 and an interest in the planning application 19/00251/FUL as a neighbour of the applicant.

Cllr Walsh and Cllr O’Riordan both declared an interest in the planning application 19/00336/OUT as acquaintances of the applicants.

48/19 Minutes of the last meeting.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019 were approved and signed by the vice - chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Greenwood.

Seconded by Cllr Walsh.

49/19 Open forum.

The parishioner that attended the meeting, reported that there had been no agenda placed in the Dolphinholme noticeboard this month.

There is Japanese Knotweed growing at Starbank, Dolphinholme on a highway’s verge.

Salford Road needs reviewing for double yellow lines, as it is congested due to the parked cars.

50/19 Planning.

19/0042/TCA Remove section of windblown birch blocking footpath. Ash (T 2909). 6 Months. Pollard declining roadside ash to a height of 4-5 metres. Crown dieback throughout and further decline since last assessment. Oak (T 6907). 6 Months. Remove deadwood over footpath and benches. Oak (T 6914). 6 Months. Note this is dead and not in the application but referred to in the attached schedule of works. Oliver Thompson Address : Starbank, Starbank, Dolphinholme, Lancaster.

The parish council has no objections.

19/00251/FUL Erection of a joint single storey rear extension. Mr Ties van Ark Address : 11 Swaledale, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire.

The parish council has no objections.

19/00133/OUT Proposal : Outline application for the demolition of two existing residential dwellings, existing farm buildings, the removal of existing caravans and extensive hardstanding and the redevelopment of the site for up to 25 residential dwellings with associated access For : Drinkwater Site Address : Condergarth, Kit Brow Lane, Ellel, Lancaster, Lancashire.

There has been a change in the description to account for the proposed demolition.

The parish council has no objections.

19/00336/OUT Outline application for the erection of two dwellings and associated access. Mr & Mrs Spence Address :Street Record, Bay Horse Lane, Bay Horse, Lancashire.

The parish council has no objections.

19/00342/FUL Retrospective application for the retention of a 1.5m fence to the western boundary. Halfway House, Main Road, Lancashire.

The parish council has no objections.

It was resolved that the above observations be submitted to Lancaster City Council Planning Department.

Proposed by Cllr Wilson.

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood.

51/19 Finance

Payments

Gill Mason- clerk's wages	£929.06
Clerk's expenses	£51.36
Insurance – NFU Mutual (D/D)	£152.36
Eon electric bills (D/D)	£245.42
MJ Catterall - Car park lights	£702.00
G Mason – site and location map	£99.36

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

Receipts

Recreation room booking	£75.00
Punch taverns	£880.00
Village Hall electric	£1445.43
Village Hall insurance	£750.00
Lancaster City Council precept	£28,638.92

52/19 Recreational field area and recreation rooms.

The Wi-Fi is not working in the Village Hall and this has affected the CCTV recordings. The clerk had contacted the village hall manager and asked if the Wi-Fi problem can be rectified. Cllr Helme will also contact the village hall's secretary to ask if the Wi-Fi will be fixed.

The bowling club have tipped soil, debris and rubbish on the hardcore near the car park. Cllr Whitaker will approach the bowling club members to ask for the waste to be cleared away.

The parish council would like to invite all the rec area user groups to attend the annual parish council meeting in May. The clerk will contact the groups.

Decking repair update

No update. The clerk was asked to contact the contractor and ask when he will be starting the repairs, as it has been three months since he was given the job to complete.

53/19 Churchyard purchase update.

Cllr Helme and Cllr Whitaker attended the PCC meeting. The councillors were informed that the church council and the Blackburn Diocese do not have any money to be able to contribute to the purchase of the land.

Cllr Whitaker will talk to the land owner to discuss the next steps of the potential purchase and negotiation of the land price.

54/19 To consider the request for the purchase of an oven for the village hall.

No update.

55/19 LALC subscription renewal.

It was resolved that the annual subscription be paid. The parish council will decide at the next meeting whether they will renew the subscription for 2020/2021.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Whitaker.

56/19 Retrospective planning application for the recreation rooms update.

The clerk submitted the planning application but was told by a planning officer that the parish council can go for an existing lawful development certificate. The approximate fee for the application is £1386.

It was resolved that the parish council submit the application for the certificate.

Proposed by Cllr Whitaker.

Seconded by Cllr Walsh.

57/19 Parish council land on Chapel Street review.

The land is not registered with land registry. The clerk will circulate the title maps of the surrounding areas to the parish councillors. The parishioner who is currently using the land as an allotment has not yet been identified.

58/19 Beech Avenue playpark update.

The clerk has been notified that the contractor will commence building the new playpark at the end of April.

59/19 LASAR water training costs for volunteer.

It was resolved that the parish council pay for the training session for the emergency plan volunteer at a cost of £30.00. The clerk was asked to invite the emergency plan coordinator to attend the next meeting to discuss the LASAR water training for Ellel.

Proposed by Cllr Whitaker.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

60/19 Internal auditor consideration.

The clerk will ask the internal auditor from last year to complete the audit for 2018/2019.

61/19 Reports and correspondence.

Request to save the inscribed stones at the institute – noted.

Insurance renewal documentation – noted.

62/19 Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 13th May 2019 at the Galgate Recreation Rooms - Annual parish meeting 7pm and the annual parish council meeting 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.58pm

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