
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.15pm at Galgate Recreation Rooms.

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.

16 members of the public.

126/19 Apologies for absence.

None.

127/19 Declaration of interests.

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

128/19 Approve and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 8th July 2019.

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

Proposed by Cllr Greenwood.

Seconded by Cllr Corkerry.

129/19 Open forum.

Two residents, who are members of the Beech Avenue Playpark Committee, attended the meeting to ask the parish council if it would support a project to create facilities for teenagers in the village. The parish recreational area would be the only land that could be used. The committee members will ask the parish teenagers what they would like in the village and feedback to the parish council.

130/19 Planning.

Notifications

Existing Lawful Development Certificate for 19/00799/ELDC – Galgate Cricket Club Pavilion, Main Road, Galgate.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.22pm to allow public participation in regards to the planning applications.

Applications

19/00985/FUL

Erection of a single side storey extension. Spar, 71 Main Road, Galgate.

The parish council supports the application.

Proposed by Cllr Walsh.

Seconded by Cllr Collinson.

LCC/2019/0030

Proposed eastern lateral extension to the existing gritstone and shale quarry followed by infilling of the excavation with imported inert waste to be completed by the 30 June 2038, together with the rebuilding and extension of the derelict farmhouse for use as site office accommodation, with the

whole of the site to be finally restored by 30 June 2039, or within 12 months from the cessation of landfilling operations, whichever is the sooner. location: Ellel Crag Quarry, Ellel, Lancaster.

The parish council object to the planning application with the following observations:

The hydrology report states that the works would not have an impact on the residents in the area, but this was surveyed at only 500m out of the centre of the existing quarry, where there aren't any residential premises.

Going from the perimeter of the proposed extension, there are a number of bore holes and springs that feed water troughs in the fields. Some properties only have springs and no mains water.

The land off the side of the fell will have a change in the water course which will have an impact on homes and businesses.

The proposed extension is very close to residential boundaries. The two boreholes are 250 metres away from the boundary which puts the water sources under threat.

The stream is to be rerouted across the land to the north of the site which will affect the spring for livestock.

When the 8.5 hectares has been excavated the water runoff will be immense and this could pollute the fresh water, which is needed to be unpolluted for the animals and there is no guarantee of this being kept clear.

The current contractors do not have a good track record and have in the past breached their permits. They have previously been in threat of prosecution but managed to get this reduced to a negligible fine.

We are concerned that there will be no monitoring of what materials the quarry will be filled with when the wagons off load.

The quarry will be excavated 100 metres deep, this could have repercussions on the foundations of dwellings nearby.

What will the 1.79 million tonne of stone, which is not of good quality, be used for? There is nothing on the planning application that details the use for such a large quantity.

There is no consideration for the impact on the environment and wildlife. There are hares, deer and buzzards on the land with no reference to key species, making the impact statement outdated and flawed.

The change of use for the derelict house to offices will cause more traffic on the road at Star Bank.

The track is a single use road with already existing vehicular access issues, with Five Lanes End already being a hot spot for accidents.

When they redirect the stream, which has not been referred to or considered in the application it will have to travel uphill across the gas pipeline. Also, there is an electric supply to be redirected that services adjacent properties.

Proposed by Cllr Greenwood.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

LCC/2019/0040

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 01/08/0629 to amend the time scale for the completion of the mining and landfilling of ellel crag quarry from 30 june 2023 to 30 june 2038, with the whole of the site to be finally restored by 30 June 2039, or within 12 months from the cessation of landfilling operations, whichever is the sooner. location: Ellel Crag Quarry, Ellel, Lancaster.

The parish council object to the planning application as it is not necessary to extend the quarry and therefore no need to extend the timeframe.

Proposed by Cllr Greenwood.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

LCC/2019/0041

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission LCC/2016/0001 to amend the time scale for the inert waste transfer and recycling operations, and the wood shredding/chipping operations, from 30 June 2023 to 30 June 2038 or within 6 months of completion of the landfilling activities at Ellel Crag quarry, whichever is the earlier, with restoration of the site within a further 12 months location: Ellel Crag Quarry, Ellel, Lancaster

The parish council object to the planning application as the extension to the quarry is not needed and the inert waste filling will not be able to be assessed or monitored daily. There could be waste materials that could be detrimental to the land if it leaches out on to farmland.

Proposed by Cllr Greenwood.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

19/00233/FUL

Land Adjacent To Highfield Wagon Road Dolphinhholme Lancashire.

Erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage with associated drainage and installation of a package treatment plant.

The parish council has no observations.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.47pm.

131/19 Finance

Payments

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| Gill Mason- August clerk's wages £929.06 and expenses £38.59 | £967.65 |
| Insurance – NFU Mutual (D/D) | £153.85 |
| Eon electric bills (D/D) | £19.79/120.57/£73.26/£277.33 |
| Waterplus (D/D) | £392.89 |
| Website fee | £133.30 |
| ICO (D/D) | £35.00 |
| Wicksteed Beech Ave playpark target wall | £12,000.00 |
| MJC property services – recreation area decking | £4,450.00 |
| LASAR water course | £240.00 |
| France's Forestry | £864.00 |
| Waterplus(D/D) | £477.00 |

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Mather.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

Receipts

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| Recreation room hire | £250.00 |
| Punch Taverns | £212.16 |
| Village hall (50% car park lights) | £352.00 |

Clerk's hours review

The clerk will reduce her hours as the recreation room isn't being hired as frequently and there is no CCTV footage to view. The parish council would like a comprehensive list making of all aspects of land ownership, recreational users, subscriptions etc by the clerk which may increase the hours again. A monthly review of hours will be completed.

132/19 Recreational field area and recreation rooms.

Football pitch railing quotation review and to consider the contractor for works

Three quotes have not been received. The parish council will review the tenders at the next meeting.

Football club equipment storage review

The clerk will write again to the football and cricket clubs asking them to safely store their machinery by the 1st October.

If the machinery is not removed the parish council will consider fencing off the machinery and recharging the clubs for the expense.

Sensory light purchase update and CCTV review

Cllr Collinson will contact Bay Communications and arrange a meeting to resolve the issues with Wi-Fi and the CCTV in the village hall.

Playpark repair and maintenance

Cllr Whitaker has mended the fencing which was vandalised at the Galgate playpark.

133/19 Churchyard purchase update.

No update.

134/19 To consider the replacement of benches and bins in the parish.

The clerk has contacted public realm and asked for the replacement bins but has had no response. It was resolved that two recycled plastic benches will be purchased for the village and one oak bench to be purchased in memory of Cllr Michael Helm and placed in Dolphinholme.

135/19 To consider the request for providing insulation or lighting / electric for the storage unit for the Galgate Treat Day Committee.

The insulation is not needed and this item will be taken off the agenda.

136/19 To consider the resurfacing of Dolphinholme playpark.

It was resolved that six bags of play bark will be purchased for the Galgate and Dolphinholme playparks up to a cost of £500.00 from Building Supply Direct. Cllr Whitaker to order and organise delivery.

Proposed by Cllr Mather.

Seconded by Cllr Helme.

137/19 Punch Taverns lease review.

The clerk was asked to contact the solicitors who dealt with the counterpart lease in 2012. The lease needs renewing, after the responsibility of the repair and maintenance of the car park has been confirmed.

138/19 Craft Centre Car Park review.

The clerk was asked to write to the owner of the Craft Centre to enquire about his intentions of the use of the car park now that the centre has closed.

139/19 Capital projects and audit review.

The external auditors have requested a breakdown of the ringfenced capital project monies:

Football field fencing £2,000

Churchyard land purchase and fees £15,000 - £25,000

Car park resurfacing £5,000

Other projects to consider are the bowling club water meter and livestock fencing.

140/19 Village contractor and works list update.

The parish council has reviewed the works that need to be completed in the parish by a village contractor for 2020. A schedule of works will be created and sent to new contractors to tender.

141/19 To consider the bus shelter mural and tree planting request.

It was resolved that the parish council gives permission for volunteers to paint the mural on the bus shelter up to a cost of £200.00 for materials.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Councillor by Cllr Whitaker.

142/19 Christmas tree purchase, lights and siting review.

Christmas trees will be sited in Galgate and Dolphinholme. The parish council will purchase better lights to decorate the tree with and ask the residents on the persimmon site for a power supply.

143/19 Reports and correspondence (information only)

Craft Centre Car Park and the A6 water run off email – noted.

144/19 Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 14th October 2019 at 7.15pm at Dolphinholme Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

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