Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th February 2021 at 7pm.

Due to the Covid 19 virus and social distancing rules the parish council meeting was held remotely by video communication.

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

Gill Mason - clerk.

One member of the public.

Open forum

A representative from CLOUD attended the meeting and informed the parish council that over the past four years CLOUD has been monitoring and where necessary, raising objections to local planning proposals of which Bailrigg Garden Village has been a particular concern. Recently an organisation called JTP, funded by Lancaster City Council, was appointed to market this scheme. CLOUD has written to JTP expressing the many worries of local people particularly in Galgate. The representative would like the parish council to also express their concerns to JTP and the planning department.

(Letter from CLOUD to JTP to be circulated to all councillors).

1/21 Apologies for absence.

None.

2/21 Declaration of interests.

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

Cllr Corkerry declared an interest in any item relating to the flood forum.

3/21 Approve and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021.

It was resolved that the minutes be approved as an accurate record and will be signed by the chairman at the next physical meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Corkerry.

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood.

4/21 Planning.

20/01425/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension.

10 Chapelside Drive, Ellel, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA2 0QU.

The parish council has no observations.

5/21 Finance

Payments

Gill Mason- clerk's wages and expenses	£900.37
Insurance – NFU Mutual (D/D)	£153.85
Eon electric invoice (D/D)	£48.17
CPRE Subscription	£100.00
D Whitaker reimbursement for gravel	£15.38
Luke Tattersall – village contractor	£140.00
JW Ramsbottom – Tarmacing of recreational area drive	£4440.00

Receipts

British Gas refund - village hall
It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Clir Halma

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Seconded by Cllr Corkerry.

6/21 To consider the Punch Taverns lease update.

No update.

7/21 To consider the replacement of the stile on Langshaw Lane.

The tenant has granted permission for the gate to be erected. The parish council will also contact the landowner for permission.

8/21 To consider the repairs and maintenance update of the Dolphinholme Playpark including the roundabout.

Cllr Mather met with the Lancaster City Council representative and discussed the park repairs. Immediate actions for the parish council are: Cushion-fall needs to be placed on the grass areas in line with British Standard recommendations and the tyre swing and the bridge are rotten and need to be removed.

It was resolved that the two pieces of equipment are removed and up to £250 of cushion-fall be purchased and spread on the park.

Proposed by Cllr Helme.

Seconded by Cllr Corkerry.

9/21 To consider the grit bin requirement for the village.

All the grit bins are in place and filled. The Dolphinholme grit bin lock will be taken off so residents can use the salt / grit when needed.

10/21 To consider the need for the hedging on Wagon Road to be cut back.

The hedge has been cut back but the verge needs to be cleared of the soil before it goes down the road drains. Cllr Collinson offered to use his digger to scoop up the soil and dispose of it.

11/21 To consider the parking concerns at The Mill, Chapel Lane.

The clerk was asked to contact planning enforcement regarding the parking issue on Chapel Lane. The residents of The Mill are not supposed to have vehicles as part of the planning conditions. The parish council would also like enforcement to know that there are plastic drainpipes which are not in keeping with listed building requirements or the planning application.

12/21 To consider the allotment society's request to have a reduction in their water bill due to the travellers using their bowser.

The parish council reviewed the 2019 water bill for the allotments and it is in line with the 2020 bill so unfortunately cannot give a reduction.

13/21 To consider the request for the recreation rooms ownership details from the Valuation Office Agency.

The clerk will send off the information to the Valuation Office.

14/21 To consider the Eon electricity plan renewal.

The clerk was asked to look at an alternative green supplier and let the parish council the recommended choice.

£1261.23

15/21 To consider the recreational area subscription fees for 2021/2022.

It was resolved that the recreational area users will be charged the £75 user subscription fee. The parish council will consider raising the fee next year.

Proposed by Cllr Whitaker.

Seconded by Cllr Collinson.

16/21 Reports and correspondence (information only).

Junction 33 – Ecology/Environment investigation notification. Residents complaints of parking on Salford Road.

17/21 Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 8th March 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.
SignedDate