
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish meeting held at the Galgate Recreation Rooms on Monday 8th May 2017 at 6.45pm.

Present:

Cllr M Blundell, Cllr S Booth, Cllr I Collinson (chairman), Cllr J Greenwood, Cllr H Helme, Cllr M Helm, Cllr M O' Riordan, Cllr D Whitaker (vice- chairman).

Gill Mason - clerk.

One member of the public present.

2017/1 Chairman's annual report.

It has been a busy year with planning applications for development in the parish. The proposed local plan looks like any future development will be out of the village at the moment.

The parish council received a grant for a new zipwire, thank you to Cllr Helm for applying for the grant.

The football pavilion building is almost finished and David Greaves has worked hard and administered this project very well.

The bus shelter on the main road has been painted and a contractor for the village has been organised.

The recreational rooms are being hired out regularly and the money that this generates will be spent on the upkeep of the rooms and the surrounding area.

Dolphinholme Village Hall required new heating which the parish council paid for and in this financial year we will be paying for new windows and doors.

The bowling club had new handrail material provided from the parish council and new planters were bought and planted up at both entrances of Dolphinholme.

The treat day committee organised a very successful bonfire evening in which the parish council supported.

The Galgate recreation field has had new fencing erected.

Thank you to all councillors for supporting each other's proposals and getting work completed.

2017/2 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes will be signed at the next meeting.

2017/3 Statement of accounts – year ended 31st March 2017.

Balances brought forward - £40,797.00

Annual precept £25,673.

A variance of £953.00 increase.

This increase is due to the increase in the tax base. The parish council wanted the precept per household to remain the same, but due to new housing and the increase of the tax rate, the precept had to be raised so the rate per household was the same.

Receipts £62,140.

A variance of £50,942.00

The increase was due to the Groundworks UK grant for a new football pavilion £40,229.00, two grants for a zipwire and car park alterations £7004.60 and a neighbourhood plan grant £3994.00.

Staff costs and administration expenses £7,155.00

A variance of £865.00

This increase is due to the clerk completing a ten hour week for a full year 2016/17. The previous year the previous clerk had reduced his role to hours needed only. This would cover meetings and administration when the parish council requested until the new clerk was employed. The new clerk only started the required ten hours in October 2015.

Loan interest and capital repayments £3,919 - Total borrowings £17,500 - PWLB loan.

Payments £67,109.00.

A variance of £43,457.00.

This increase was due to the expenditure of building a new football pavilion £45,226.00 of which the parish council has received a Groundworks UK grant for.

The bank statements year ended 31st March 2017 are as follows:

Community Rooms £2,237.00

Current account £31,566.68

Business reserve £17,713.57

Total £51517.25

There are three unrepresented cheques :

G Mason £559.92

LALC £446.31

Room rent £84.00

£1090.23

Total £50,407.02

Total fixed assets £330,356 – no movement of assets.

2017/4 Open Forum – at which any person on the Ellel electoral register may participate.

Mr Greaves from the Galgate Football Club updated the parish council on the development of the new pavilion. The building is almost finished, the showers need tiling and other small jobs need to be completed. Unfortunately, the water supply has had a leak, incurring costs but Mr Greaves and the clerk will contact United Utilities to see if there is any reduction in the bill as the premises is unoccupied.