
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023 at Galgate Recreation Rooms

Present: Cllr Booth, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr Collinson, Cllr L Corkerry, Cllr S Corkerry, Cllr Pollitt.

Steve Caswell - clerk.

6 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting all Council members signed their Acceptance of Office Declarations.

57/23 Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence

58/23 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors Lisa Corkerry and Shaun Corkerry both declared an interest as members of the Galgate Action Flood Group. Cllr Booth declared an interest as a Village Hall Trustee.

59/23 Election of Chair for 2023/24.

Cllr L Corkerry was elected as chair for 2023/24. Cllr Corkerry took the chair and signed the declaration of acceptance.

Standing Orders were suspended at the point to allow an Open Forum. Issues raised during the open forum were:

Introduction of Clerk and Members of the Council

A vote of thanks was given to retired members of the Council

Disappointment was aired at the politicising of the Parish Council at the recent election.

60/23 Election of Vice Chair for 2023/24

Cllr S Corkerry was elected as Vice Chair for 2023/24. Cllr S Corkery accepted the role and signed the declaration of acceptance.

61/23 Co-option for Parish Councillor vacancies.

It was agreed that the electees that stood at the last election but did not quite gather enough public support to be elected, would be contacted in the first instance to see if they wish to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

62/23 Ellel Parish Council Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

The council considered the new Parish Council Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct and agreed to its adoption.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson and Seconded by Cllr Booth

63/23 Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies and Committees.

The council appointed the following representatives:

Ellel Village Hall – Cllr Booth

Dolphinholme Village Hall – Cllr Collinson

The appointment of members on the following committees; Playground Committee, Recreational Area Management Committee and the Communications and Media Committee be deferred until the next meeting.

64/23 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2023

It was proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr L Corkerry, that the minutes be agreed and signed by the chair.

65/23 Matters of Planning and Development Control.

The council considered the list of current planning applications and made no comments on any of the applications before them.

66/23 Payments for Authorisation.

The council considered the list of payments and it was proposed by Cllr L Corkerry and seconded by Cllr Booth that the following payments be made:

Electricity Invoice	£ 126.32
M6 Media – website hosting fee	£ 39.00
Warms Spaces – Pans	£ 36.99
Postage	£ 18.00
NFU Mutual Insurance	£ 153.58
Clerk's Salary	£1210.60
LALC / NALC subscription	£ 635.58
Dolphinholme Playground Works	£2880.00
Internal Audit Fee	£ 150.00
Trade Waste Contract	£ 572.83
Village Hall Room Hire	£ 45.00
Lengthsman works	£ 346.50
M Kristiansen – Planting	£ 55.00
Warm Spaces – Kitchen update	£ 100.00

67/23 Update on Dolphinholme Play Park Gate

It was agreed that the quotations so far received would be brought to the next meeting and a decision made at that meeting.

68/23 Update on Galgate Recreation Field Barrier

The new design had been drawn and costs were now being sought.

The barrier had been left open recently and the council considered that the code should now be changed and the new code be known to only necessary parties.

69/23 Update on Plough Car Park

The clerk informed the council that the solicitor had recommended further action, which was only really relevant should the council ever wish to sell the site.

The clerk would investigate further regarding the deeds.

70/23 The Lengthsman Role for 2023/24

The council received the updated costs for the Lengthsman's work for 2023/24 and decided, as the current provider did an excellent job, that this would be accepted and the provider be engaged for 2023/24.

71/23 Galgate Recreation Rooms Environmental Health Advice

Following a recent visit by the Environmental Health Office to the Galgate Recreation Rooms, the council would grant £100 towards the costs and this would be managed by the Warm Spaces volunteers. This was proposed by Cllr Collinson and seconded by Cllr Booth.

72/23 Village Hall Building Works and Children's Play Area

Following a presentation by the trustees of Ellet Village Hall, the council agreed that the children's play area could be extended beyond the current boundary and the council fully supported the work being undertaken. This was proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr L Corkerry.

73/23 Annual Statement of Assurances and Annual Return.

The council considered the annual statement of assurances and agreed that to the best of their knowledge the statements could be agreed and signed by the chair.

The council considered the annual return and agreed that the return was an accurate reflection of the council's finances and that the return be signed by the chair.

These were proposed by Cllr Collinson and seconded by Cllr Booth.

74/23 Reports and Correspondence.

The Clerk reported on received correspondence including:

Request for support for parking restrictions on Chapel Street, Galgate from the Fire Brigade following an incident where a fire engine couldn't gain access to Ellel St Johns Primary School. – This was supported by the council.

Request for a “guardian” for the defibrillator at Ellel Village Hall – deferred.

Thanks had been received from Anthony Newton for the recent Galgate Gaslight Show grant from the council.

A question had been received regarding the lighting on the roadway through the recreation fields and the necessity for it to be on all night – the council noted this but added that the lights were not new, and had only been refurbished and were necessary for the safety of the site. A member of the public noted that there had been more positive comments than negative ones regarding the lighting.

The clerk reported on the crime statistics for the area for March 2023:

Anti-Social Behaviour - 2

Bicycle Theft - 1

Burglary - 1

Criminal Damage / Arson - 2

Other Theft – 2

Violence and Sexual Offences – 6

75/23 The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 7.00pm at Galgate Recreation Rooms.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed..... Date.....