
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023 at Galgate Recreation Rooms

Present: Cllr Booth, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr Collinson, Cllr S. Corkerry, Cllr L. Corkerry (in the chair) Cllr Pollitt

Steve Caswell - clerk.

7 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

Planning Application 23/00251/FUL

Cattle loose in Dolphinholme damaging walls and vehicles

Treat Day – 17th June 2023

Disappointment at political affiliations being noted on ballot papers

76/23 Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

77/23 Declaration of interests.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in any item regarding the village hall as a VH trustee.

Cllr S Corkerry and Cllr L Corkerry declared an interest in any item regarding the Galgate Action Flood Group as members.

78/23 Co-option for vacant parish council seats.

University West Ward, it was proposed by Cllr Charlesworth, seconded by Cllr S Corkerry and unanimously agreed that Anna Hopkins be co-opted for this seat.

University West Ward, it was proposed by Cllr Collinson, seconded by Cllr Pollitt and unanimously agreed that Peter Mather be co-opted for this seat.

University East Ward, it was proposed by Cllr Charlesworth, seconded by Cllr S Corkerry and unanimously agreed the Stephanie Hoggarth be co-opted for this seat.

All three new councillors signed their acceptance of office and took their seats at the council.

79/23 Appointment of representatives on committees.

Dolphinholme Playground Committee – Cllr Mather and Cllr Collinson

Galgate Recreation Area Committee – Cllr Hoggarth, Cllr Charlesworth and Cllr L Corkerry

Communication and Media Committee – Cllr Hoggarth, Cllr Mather and Cllr Charlesworth

A proposal for a new Rural Access Committee was made by Cllr Charlesworth and seconded by Cllr L Corkerry. The new Rural Access Committee will consist of Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr S Corkerry and Cllr Hopkins.

80/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 15th May 2023

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the chair.

Proposed by Cllr S Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Collinson

81/23 To consider matters of planning and development control - The Parish Council considered the applications before them and having already objected to the proposal, again raised on objection to and application 23/00251/FUL. Objections be raised on the grounds that the application is for an agricultural building that is larger than necessary for the workable land that is will service. The siting of the building is a danger to the highway on a 60mph road with access directly off this road. The proposal is for an agricultural building of immense proportions on the gateway to an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that the council feel should be protected.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

82/23 To consider payments for authorisation

Payments for authorisation:

Electricity Invoice	£ 126.32
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 39.00
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 95.15
Clerk's Salary	£1210.60
Lengthsman Costs for April, May & June 2023	£1290.00
Warm Spaces – Kitchen works	£ 130.70
Treat Day Grant	£ 250.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

83/23 To receive an update on the Dolphinholme Play Park gate quotations - the council agreed that this gate replacement had now become urgent and as such Cllr Mather would order the works and meet the contractor to ensure that the works are carried out in accordance with the latest safety legislation.

84/23 To receive an update on the Galgate Recreation Fields Barrier – The new barrier design was now out for quotation.

85/23 Jubilee Platinum Benches – the benches would be sited by the parish Lengthsman as soon as practically possible.

86/23 Repair to potholes on the access road to the recreation rooms – options and costs for the repair would be investigated

87/23 Guardian for the Village Hall Defibrillator – Cllr Booth volunteered to take on this role.

88/23 SCP/2022/0002 – South Lancaster to M6 Road Scheme - Cllr S Corkerry agreed to prepare a reply to the consultation and would share it with the council for their thoughts before submitting the response to LCC.

89/23 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- National Grid funding available for woodland and hedgerows
- The Beach of Dreams Walk
- CPRE Membership
- Issues with the bin collection service from Lancaster City Council
- A resident’s proposal for a new “weeding group” to help control weed growth
- The council received a “thank you” from Michael Kristianson for the recent grant
- Lancaster City Council’s Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for April 2023:

Antisocial behavior – 4 incidents

Burglary – 1 incident

Drugs – 1 incident

Other Theft – 3 Incidents

Possession of weapons – 1 incident

Vehicle Crime – 1 incident

Violence / Sexual Offences – 5 incidents

Other Crime – 1 incident

90/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Dolphinholme Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 10th July 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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