
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023 at Dolphinholme Village Hall

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

Steve Caswell - clerk.

David Ryall – B4RN

2 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

David Ryall gave a short presentation on the work of Broadband For Rural North (B4RN)

Crofters Fold Play Area

Passive House Development

91/23 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Collinson and Cllr Mayer

92/23 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.

Cllr L Corkerry declared an interest in any item concerning the Warm Spaces Group.

Cllr Pollitt declared an interest in the B4RN presentation as a family member worked for the group.

93/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th June 2023

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

Proposed by Cllr Booth

Seconded by Cllr Hoggarth

94/23 Members Reports

Cllr L Corkerry reported on the request to site a bench in the Parish Council owned bus stop at Galgate from the Bus Users Group (BUG). This was found to be not suitable at the present time but further discussions on the siting of the bench would be held. It was proposed by Cllr L Corkerry and seconded by Cllr Charlesworth, that Cllr S Corkerry join the BUG as a representative of the parish council. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr S Corkerry reported that the roundabout at the junction of Chapel Street and Chapel Lane had been remarked, and that he was going to report the overhanging hedges by The Plough in Galgate.

Cllr Charlesworth reported on the inaugural meeting of the Rural Access Committee and would send out an initial report.

95/23 To consider matters of planning and development control - The Parish Council considered the applications before them. The application 23/00706/ADV was discussed and commented that the flag poles in the proposal were too tall and overbearing, This would be passed to the planning authority as a comment.

Proposed by Cllr Hoggarth

Seconded by Cllr S Corkerry

The consultation by Lancaster City Council on their solar farm proposal was discussed and the council considered this in a positive light and would support such a development, Cllr Charlesworth agreed to prepare a response.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Hoggarth

96/23 To consider payments for authorisation

Payments for authorisation:

Electricity Invoice	£ 103.32
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 39.00
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 95.15
Clerk's Salary	£1210.60
Lengthsman Costs for July 2023	£ 430.00
Fire Extinguisher Service and Renew	£ 95.70
CPRE Subscription	£ 50.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

97/23 Review of Income and Expenditure for first quarter of 2023/24 fiscal year.

The clerk presented the first quarter accounts to the members:

The Parish Council held reserves of £60,000 as of April 2023, payments into the accounts include the precept of £34,000 and other income up to the end of June 2023 of £1182.

Outgoings of £14, 541 result in a balance of just over £80,000 at the end of June 2023.

Should the income and expenditure remain at the levels of the first quarter, the expected income and expenditure for the remainder of the fiscal year should be:

To end of September 23 - £80,000 plus income of £400 less expenditure of £4,800 = £75,600

To end of December 23 - £75,600 plus income of £400 less expenditure of £4,800 = £71,200

To end of March 24 £71,200 plus income of £400 less expenditure of £4,800 = £66,800

The current level of income and expenditure would mean the parish council reserves would be over £6000 higher at the end of the financial year, than the previous financial year end.

98/23 To receive an update on the Dolphinholme Play Park gate quotations - the preferred quote was still being sought for renewal. Once received the works will be carried out.

99/23 To receive an update on the Galgate Recreation Fields Barrier – The new barrier design was now out for quotation.

100/23 Repair to potholes on the access road to the recreation rooms – It was considered that the estimated cost of repairing the potholes, using the labour of the Cricket Club Members, of £450 was agreeable and that the work should be carried out.
Proposed by Cllr Hoggarth
Seconded by Cllr L Corkerry

101/23 Ellel Neighbourhood Development Plan – Further enquiries into the role of Lancaster City Council and the possibility of any available funding, would be made.

102/23 Ellel Emergency Plan - Cllr S Corkerry reported that the current (2017) emergency plan was being reviewed and would be brought back to the council once complete. The new plan would be made available through the Parish Council Website.

103/23 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- Platinum Bench Footings – to be investigated further
- NatWest bank dormant bank account – the bank require further information
- Warm Spaces Group – working with War on Waste
- Possible lease costs of £750 +VAT
- Dog Control Issues at Galgate Recreation Fields

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for May 2023:

Antisocial behavior – 9 incidents

Burglary – 2 incidents

Drugs – 1 incident

Criminal Damage & Arson – 2 Incidents

Vehicle Crime – 1 incident

Violence / Sexual Offences – 10 incidents

90/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 11th September 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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