
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11th December Galgate Recreation Rooms

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

Steve Caswell - clerk.

1 member of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

A concern was raised regarding the newly formed attenuation pond at the Bowland Rise development. The pond has steep banking down to the water and whilst there is a lifebelt in place, the height of the fencing is completely inadequate.

A question was also asked about the 106 monies due from this site.

It was agreed that the council would contact Lancaster City Council on both of the aforementioned points.

149/23 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Hopkins

150/23 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.

151/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th November 2023

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

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr S Corkerry

152/23 Members Reports

Cllr Charlesworth informed the meeting that the newly proposed Galgate Football Club lease was currently being scrutinised by the legal support team at Lancaster University and a reply was expected within the next week.

The meeting was informed that the waste bins outside the Spar shop in Galgate actually belonged to the store but, a new bin was due to be placed by the bus stop near the New Inn within the next week.

153/23 To consider matters of planning and development control.

The Parish Council considered the applications before them, and the Road Traffic Regulations and Footpath Diversion consultation.

The Council commented that the application 23/01273/FUL application was in a Conservation Area and as such, the solar panel installation would need to be in accordance with Conservation Area Legislation.

154/23 To consider Dolphinholme Playground Extension Work.

Councillors Mather and Collinson informed the meeting of their meeting with the Duchy of Lancaster representatives and their willingness to lease a piece of land adjacent to the current play area, in order to create a new pump track.

A developer of pump tracks will be contacted to draw up some basic plans and an estimated cost for this development.

155/23 To consider payments for authorisation.

Payments for authorisation:

Electricity Invoice	£ 128.11
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 95.10
Clerk's Salary (inc back pay)	£ 1834.30
Lengthsman Costs for December 23 (inc playground repairs)	£ 664.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

156/23 To receive an update on the Galgate Recreation Fields Barrier

A company to carry out the works to the barrier had been found and a meeting is to be arranged to discuss costs, timelines and the works involved.

157/23 Galgate Football Club Lease.

As the legal review of the lease had not yet been completed, the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

158/23 To consider car parking at Galgate Recreation Fields

The clerk informed the council of the contact with Creative Parking. The council agreed that further information would be sought and the recommendations from Creative Parking be considered once received.

159/23 To consider the Galgate Christmas Tree

Councillor S Corkerry informed the meeting that in recent years a tree had been placed within the village and dressed with Christmas lights. It was felt by the council that the trees on the site are now mature enough to be decorated with lights without the need to purchase a tree annually. The land on which the tree was placed is owned by Persimmon Homes and permission to trim one of the trees would be sought.

160/23 To consider the annual estimates and precept

The clerk presented the estimates for the 2024/25 fiscal year and answered questions. After much deliberation the estimates were agreed as below and a precept for 2024-2025 be set at £37,410.00

	ACT 22/23	APP/ACT 23/24	ESTIMATE 24/25
INSURANCE	£ 1,085.00	£ 1,140.00	£ 1,200.00
ENERGY COSTS	£ 1,180.00	£ 1,560.00	£ 2,000.00
GRANTS	£ 2,120.00	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,500.00
WEBSITE	£ 1,720.00	£ 490.00	£ 560.00
LEGAL FEES	£ 5,280.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00
WATER COSTS	£ 1,100.00	£ 1,230.00	£ 1,300.00
L/MAN COSTS	£ 4,800.00	£ 5,160.00	£ 5,200.00
SALARY COSTS	£ 16,300.00	£ 15,270.00	£ 15,300.00
AUDIT FEES	£ 390.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
REPAIRS/RENEWALS	£ 3,500.00	£ 19,000.00	£ 15,000.00
PURCHASES	£ 5,600.00	£ 100.00	£ 500.00
NALC/LALC	£ 760.00	£ 630.00	£ 650.00
MISC.	£ 300.00	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 44,135.00	£ 46,680.00	£ 44,910.00
INCOME	£ 7,500.00	£ 7,000.00	£ 7,500.00
PRECEPT REQUIRED			£ 37,410.00

Resolved that the precept for 2024-2025 be set at £37,410.00

Proposed by Cllr Collinson

Seconded by Cllr Mather

161/23 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- A request to purchase a piece of land on Salford Road
- The possible new Community Orchard at Galgate Recreation Fields

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for October 2023

Antisocial behavior – 7 incidents

Other theft – 2 incidents

Public Order – 1 incident

Criminal Damage & Arson – 3 Incidents

Burglary – 1 Incident

Violence / Sexual Offences – 7 incidents

Other crime – 1 incident

162/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 8th January 2024

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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