
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024 Galgate Recreation Rooms

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

Steve Caswell - clerk.

5 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

A concern was raised regarding the overflowing of drains adjacent to the Galgate Village Hall. This would be reported to Lancashire County Council and United Utilities.

A question was asked about the newly formed Rural Access Committee and their role. This was explained.

A question was asked about the annual Christmas tree lights, this was explained and that the lights would be in place again for next year.

1/24 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Hoggarth.

A written resignation from Cllr Hopkins explaining excessive personal and work commitments, was noted and accepted by the council. The notices of Casual Vacancy would be placed in the notice boards, dated 8th January 2024.

2/24 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.

3/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th December 2023.

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

Proposed by Cllr Charlesworth

Seconded by Cllr S Corkerry

4/24 Members Reports

There were no members reports.

5/24 To consider matters of planning and development control.

The Parish Council considered the planning applications before them and commented that the application number 23/01353/FUL did raise a number of issues. The council fully support the development of employment buildings and the creation of jobs but did have cause for concern regarding the number of parking spaces provided in an already over saturated area and the drainage of the site would need to ensure that it was able to cope with drainage in the area without creating further flooding issues.

6/24 To consider payments for authorisation.

Payments for authorisation:

Electricity Invoice	£ 226.01
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 95.10
Clerk's Salary (inc back pay)	£ 1279.90
Lengthsman Costs for January 24	£ 430.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

7/24 To receive an update on the Galgate Recreation Fields Barrier

The council are waiting for a quote to carry out the works.

8/24 To consider possible siting of a telecommunications mast at Galgate Recreation Fields.

The council have been approached regarding the possibility of siting a telecommunications mast within the Galgate Recreation Fields. Whilst no site had yet been chosen and no costs, recompense, or work schedules had been outlined, the council felt it was worth discussing the matter further and considering the options open to them.

9/24 Galgate Football Club Lease.

The draft lease had now been scrutinised by the Law Clinic and the clerk would make the recommended alterations. Following a discussion it was agreed to make further minor changes in order to make clearer one or two of the definitions within the lease. Once this work had been completed, the lease would be sent to the football club. A plan of the site to be included on the lease was still to be drawn up and agreed and the Schedule of Condition for the site was to be prepared.

10/24 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- A new bin to be placed at the main road bus stop in Galgate.
- The receipt of 106 Monies by Lancaster City Council. £89,397.75 has been received and is to be spent as:
 - £33,747.75 towards the Parish Council tennis court and bowling green at Dolphinholme
 - £55,650.00 towards the Parish Council play area at Dolphinholme
- The new attenuation pond at Higher Bond Gate and its role to provide multifunctional benefits alongside the attenuation pond during periods of heavy rainfall the site would also provide open space and ecological benefits.

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for November 2023

Antisocial behavior – 8 incidents
Bicycle theft – 1 incident
Criminal Damage & Arson – 3 Incidents
Burglary – 1 Incident
Violence / Sexual Offences – 8 incidents

11/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 12th February 2024

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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