
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024 Galgate Recreation Rooms.

Present: Cllr Booth, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr Mather and Cllr Pollitt

Steve Caswell - clerk.

4 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

A representative from Askam Civil Engineering attended the meeting and explained the desire for the business to employ local residents. He also explained that the business offers grants of £500 each month to charitable causes. The Parish Council agreed to help promote the grants and to help, whenever possible, to promote vacancies within the local community.

An issue was raised regarding the chimney on site at the Silk Mill. The chimney stack is in a poor condition and in urgent need of repair.

Concern was raised about the poor state of the road markings at Gleaves Hill Lane, Dolphinholme and speeding motorists through that area. The local resident also enquired about the possibility of a 20MPH speed limit being introduced.

A local resident expressed concern about the state of the signage within Dolphinholme and the need for new “Dolphinholme” signs, possibly including information of the area being home to the world’s first woollen mill.

A local resident explained that the beech hedge besides Dolphinholme play area is in need of trimming.

A representative from the Duchy of Lancaster explained that a willow tree that has a protection notice has been damaged recently. An application to carry out works on the tree has been applied for and as soon as this is granted, work to the tree will commence.

A representative from the Ellel Village Hall explained that they were still having issues with the new barrier at Galgate and in particular, the lock which had been replaced wrongly.

A question was asked about the bus shelter at Five Lane Ends, the Parish Council were informed that this was due to be repaired soon.

84/24 Election of Chair for the meeting.

In the absence of both the chair and vice chair, Cllr Mather was appointed chair for the meeting.

85/24 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Corkerry, S Corkerry, Collinson, Hoggarth and Jarnell.

86/24 Declaration of interests.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in any item regarding the village hall as a VH trustee. Cllr Booth took part in the discussion regarding the request for sponsorship from the Village Hall but took no part in the voting thereon.

87/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 8th July 2024.

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

Proposed by Cllr Charlesworth

Seconded by Cllr Pollitt

88/24 Members Reports

Councillor Charlesworth reported that, as requested, he had prepared a response to the recent consultation on proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. As the deadline for responses was imminent it was agreed that Cllr Charlesworth's report be sent out to all members with a deadline for response to allow Cllr Charlesworth to include and proposed amendments prior to submitting the report on behalf of the Parish Council.

89/24 To consider matters of planning and development control.

The Parish Council considered the planning applications before them and had no comments to make on any of the applications.

90/24 To consider payments for authorisation.

The Parish Council considered a request for compensation relating to a damaged tyre resulting from a recent visit to the Galgate Recreation Fields. The council were advised that the insurance company recommendation was to compensate for the cost of a replacement tyre but not the claim for time.

The Parish Council felt that, as any compensation would be taken from the public purse, that the recommendation of the insurance company should be binding. The Parish Council agreed to pay the claimant £60.

Payments for authorisation:

August

Electricity Invoice	£ 181.64
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 101.26
Clerk's Salary	£ 1279.90
Lengthsman Costs	£ 678.92
Village Hall Sponsorship	£ 275.00

September

Electricity Invoice	£ 159.31
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 101.26
Clerk's Salary	£ 1279.90
Lengthsman Costs	£ 678.92
External Audit Fee	£ 252.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr Mather

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

91/24 Galgate Recreation Fields Play Area – this item was deferred until the next meeting.

92/24 Annual Audit Report

The clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn had completed the annual audit for 2023 – 2024 and had found no issues of concern.

93/24 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- Galgate Recreation Fields Committee
- Galgate Football Club – request to close the road through the Recreation Fields during match times. The Parish Council supported this as long as an alternative route was open and the area was marshalled.
- Increase of dog fouling issues within the Galgate Recreation Fields.

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for July 2024

Anti-social behaviour - 10 incidents

Burglary – 1 Incident

Criminal Damage and Arson – 5 incidents

Other theft - 4 incidents

Public Order – 3 incidents

Vehicle Crime – 3 incidents

Violence and Sexual Offences - 11 incidents

94/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 14th October 2024

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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