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## Ellel Parish Council

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### Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Galgate Recreation Rooms.

Present: Cllr L Corkerry (In the Chair) Cllr S Corkerry, Cllr Booth, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr Collinson, Cllr Hoggarth, Cllr Mather and Cllr Pollitt

Steve Caswell - clerk.

1 member of the public.

#### **Open forum**

##### **Issues raised during the open forum:**

An update was given on the upcoming planning appeal by Gladman Developments Ltd. Ellel Parish Council confirmed that their original objections had been forwarded to the planning inspector.

A question was asked about the non-existence of a bus service in Dolphinholme.

A question was asked about the role of the Lengthsman and the Public Rights of Way works needed throughout Ellel. The Council were informed that the correct manner in which to report PROW works is through Lancashire County Council, who will then decide on the best route to completing the works.

The Parish Council were informed of damage to the bridge over the River Condor at Chapel Lane, this has been reported previously to the highways authority.

#### **95/24 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jarnell.

#### **96/24 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. Cllr Hoggarth declared an interest in the Galgate Treat Day/ Bonfire Night and whilst taking part in the discussion concerning these items, took no part in the voting thereon.

#### **97/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

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

Proposed by Cllr Hamer  
Seconded by Cllr Booth

### **98/24 Members Reports**

Cllr Collinson gave an update on the proposal for a pump track at the Dolphinholme Playground site.

Cllr Mather informed the council that he was still awaiting the contractor to reply concerning the fencing/gate at Dolphinholme playground.

Cllr L Corkerry informed the council that the Warm Spaces grant recently received included a sum to be used to provide WiFi in the Recreation Rooms. The council were informed that the cost for a 5G Hub would be £22 per month, for a two year contract and the Warm Spaces grant would cover the first twelve months.

### **99/24 To consider matters of planning and development control.**

There were no planning applications for the council to consider this month.

### **100/24 To consider payments for authorisation.**

The Parish Council considered a request for a contribution towards the lighting needed for the forthcoming Bonfire Night Celebrations. The council discussed the options and agreed that the possibility of permanent lighting affixed to the Recreation Room be investigated and if possible be in place for this year's event. If this was not possible, it was agreed that, as a matter of duty of care, to visitors to the site, the council would fund the hire of lighting for this event.

Payments for authorisation:

October

Electricity Invoice	£ 188.55
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 144.00
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 101.26
Clerk's Salary	£ 1279.90
Lengthsman Costs	£ 678.92
RBL Poppy Wreaths	£ 50.00
Data Protection Registration	£ 35.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson  
Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

### **101/24 Review of Six-month income and expenditure for the current fiscal year.**

The Clerk (RFO) informed the council of the current fiscal standing of the council and explained that whilst it may appear that the council's expenditure is greater than the previous years, when capital expenditure is taken into account and the VAT recovered, the financial standing of the council is not dissimilar to the previous year's

### **102/24 Galgate Recreation Fields Play Area**

Cllr S Corkerry informed the council that Lancaster City Council had gifted a number of “Dog Fouling” and “One Way” signs to be placed around the Galgate Recreation Fields. Cllr S Corkerry also mentioned that the children’s play area was overgrown and underused in the position that it is now. The possibility of relocating the play equipment would be looked into.

The Galgate Recreation Rooms are in need of new curtains/blinds. The quote for replacing the current curtains will be brought to the next meeting.

### **103/24 Galgate Bus Shelter**

It was agreed by the Parish Council that, whilst the ownership of the shelter is unknown, the parish council would arrange for the shelter to be painted to cover the graffiti onsite. The graffiti on Stoney Lane bridge would also be painted over.

### **104/24 Galgate Recreation Fields Exit Barrier**

The clerk reported that the Lengthsman had ordered yellow paint and a height restriction sign for the gate and this would be done as soon as possible. Concern was raised that the exit gate is now lower than the entrance gate which could lead to issues of vehicles entering the site and not being able to leave by the exit gate.

### **105/24 Christmas Tree**

The Council agreed that the trees usually adorned with Christmas lights had now grown too large and that this was no longer a viable option. The possibility of planting a permanent Christmas tree would be looked into.

### **106/24 Social Media**

The Council agreed that greater use could be made of social media and the website. Cllr Mather proposed that, as the council have overall control their own website, and not any social media sites, that any posts should be published on the website and then copied to further social media posts. Cllr Mather agreed to write a policy for future social media postings.

### **107/24 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics**

Cllr L Corkerry reported that a volunteer, with the support of their family, would move the MOT stones aside the recreation rooms and fill in some of the pot holes on the car park.

The Clerk reported on:

- The broken bench at Dolphinholme. BT denied that they were working in the area at the time and suggested that Lancashire County Council may be responsible for the damaged bench

- Notice had been given to the Council that Openreach would be installing a 10m high, light wooden pole besides 10 Salford Road, Galgate.
- United Utilities are planning on improving the wastewater service throughout Lancaster and as part of this improvement, the drainage through the Galgate Recreation Fields would need to be inspected.

**The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for August 2024**

Anti-social behaviour - 6 incidents  
Burglary – 1 Incident  
Criminal Damage and Arson – 3 incidents  
Other theft - 2 incidents  
Public Order – 1 incident  
Vehicle Crime – 3 incidents  
Violence and Sexual Offences - 10 incidents  
Other Crime – 1 incident

**108/24 Date and time of the next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

The meeting closed at 8.47pm

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