
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 Galgate Recreation Rooms.

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

Steve Caswell - clerk.

2 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

A question was asked regarding the attenuation pond at the Higher Bond Gate Development, and the fact that it was dry even after the recent heavy rainfalls. The matter will be forwarded to Lancaster City Council.

The Parish Council were informed of damage to the bridge over the River Conder at Chapel Lane, this has been reported previously to the highway's authority. Apparently, the damage is greater than first anticipated.

109/24 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Hoggarth, Cllr Jarnell and Cllr Pollitt.

110/24 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 Booth reiterated his interest in the Village Hall and whilst taking part in the discussion concerning these items, took no part in the voting thereon.

111/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th October 2024.

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

Proposed by Cllr Booth

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

112/24 Members Reports

Cllr Charlesworth presented a report on a proposed grants policy for the parish council. The report was widely accepted with the addition of:

- A maximum grant limit of £275 being included.
- Grants being applicable to single events, meaning that a group can apply for more than one grant in a fiscal year.
- The policy be reviewed annually.
- The budget for grants be set at the Precept meeting in December each year.
- Two trenches of applications be accepted, one in March and one in September each year.

This was proposed by Cllr L Corkerry and seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

113/24 To consider matters of planning and development control.

The Parish Council considered the planning applications before them and made no comment.

114/24 To consider payments for authorisation.

The Parish Council considered a request for funding towards the Pantomime being performed at the Ellel Village Hall. The council noted that a grant had already been allocated to the village hall for Halloween / Pantomime in this fiscal year. As this event had already been awarded a grant, the request was refused.

Payments for authorisation:

November

Electricity Invoice	£ 222.59
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 101.26
Clerk's Salary	£ 1279.90
Lengthsman Costs	£ 1014.92
Galgate Recreation Fields Lighting	£ 1810.00
Galgate Recreation Fields Cable Laying	£ 464.40

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Collinson

115/24 Galgate Recreation Fields Exit Barrier

The height of the exit barrier to the recreation fields is shorter than the height of the barrier at the entrance. It was agreed that a quote be sought to increase the height of the exit barrier to the same height as the entrance barrier.

A quote would be presented at the next meeting of the council.

Proposed by Cllr Mather and seconded by Cllr Collinson.

116/24 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

Cllr Collinson reported that the newly resurfaced footpath at Livestocks was particularly slippery when wet. This would be reported to the Duchy of Lancaster.

Cllr Mather reported that the fencing around the playground at Dolphinholme needs to be repaired and extended.

The Clerk reported on:

- The broken bench at Dolphinholme had been reported to Lancashire County Council legal team who were looking into the incident.
- City Cllr Maddocks has arranged for a dual radar test to check for speeding traffic on Stoney Lane to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
- Recent high winds had brought a tree down onto the allotments at Galgate Recreation Fields. This has been reported to Network Rail who have agreed to remove the trees and hedging in that area and replace with suitable fencing.

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for September 2024

Anti-social behaviour - 4 incidents

Burglary – 1 Incident

Criminal Damage and Arson – 1 incident

Other theft - 1 incident

Public Order – 2 incidents

Violence and Sexual Offences - 7 incidents

117/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 9th December 2024

The meeting closed at 7.39pm

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