
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024 Galgate Recreation Rooms.

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

Steve Caswell - clerk.

2 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

The issue of the attenuation pond at the Higher Bond Gate Development, and the fact that it was dry even after the recent heavy rainfalls. The matter has been forwarded to Lancaster City Council but will be raised with them again.

The Parish Council were informed that the disused gate at the Dolphinhholme Playground Site was in dire need of fencing off to create a safe environment for the play area. The cost of fencing to the site would be £300. It was proposed by Cllr Mather, seconded by Cllr Booth and agreed by the council that this work should be carried out as soon as possible.

118/24 Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

119/24 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.

120/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th November 2024.

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

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

121/24 Members Reports

Cllr Hoggarth reported that she had attended a pre planning meeting to discuss the possible development of the site at Bailrigg Lane, Lancaster. The presentation whilst being very informative contained little information covering highway issues and the flood assessments for the site had not yet been completed.

Cllr S Corkerry informed the council that WiFi was now available in the recreation rooms.

Cllr Collinson informed the council that the new lighting to the car park adjacent to the recreation rooms was now fully functional.

12224 To consider matters of planning and development control.

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

123/24 To consider payments for authorisation.

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 S Corkerry

124/24 Consideration of the Parish Precept for 2025/26 Fiscal Year.

It was discussed at great length and proposed that the precept for 2025/25 be increased on the previous year's precept by 1% to cover the increase in costs of running the Parish Council. In real terms this is an increase of £1110 to the precept and an increase of 47pence per annum for a Band D Property.

This was proposed by Cllr Collinson and seconded by Cllr Mather.

As a named vote was requested, the Parish Council voted thus:

Cllr L Corkerry – For	Cllr Charlesworth – Abstain	Cllr Collinson = For
Cllr S Corkerry – For	Cllr Hoggarth – For	Cllr Mather – For
Cllr Jarnell – For	Cllr Booth – Against	Cllr Pollitt – For

The motion was carried.

125/24 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. A quote had been requested but as yet, had not been forthcoming.

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

126/24 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

Cllr L Corkerry reported that the new gate at Galgate Recreation grounds was difficult to open as the latch was quite high. It was agreed by the council that this matter be looked into as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported on:

- The broken bench at Dolphinholme had been reported to Lancashire County Council and, whilst they disputed that they had damaged the bench, they would, as a gesture of good will, replace the bench at their own expense.

- Galgate Football Club had requested permission to place a 2m2 storage container beside the Cricket Pavillion to store goalposts in. It was agreed by the council that this would be allowed.
- Lancashire County Council had requested that consideration be given to planting a micro wood in the land to the rear of the Cricket Pavillion. The council felt that as no decision had yet been made regarding that piece of land, a micro wood may hinder future use of the site and as such, permission would not be granted at this moment in time.
- There had been a recent complaint regarding the lighting covering the main car park at the Galgate Recreation Fields site.
- Lancaster City Council have been approached regarding the use of 106 monies throughout Ellel. As yet, no response has been forthcoming but the matter would be followed up.
- A quote has been received for £8000 to move some of the play equipment within the Galgate Recreation Fields site. Further quotes for this work will be sought.

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for October 2024

Anti-social behaviour - 3 incidents
 Burglary – 1 Incident
 Criminal Damage and Arson – 1 incident
 Drugs – 2 incidents
 Other theft - 2 incidents
 Robbery – 1 incident
 Vehicle Crime – 2 incidents
 Violence and Sexual Offences - 7 incidents
 Other Crime – 1 incident

127/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 13th January 2025

The meeting closed at 7.39pm

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