
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th February 2025 Galgate Recreation Rooms.

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

Steve Caswell - clerk.

3 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

A local resident asked a question regarding 106 monies due to be spent in the Dolphinholme area. The resident was reassured that the monies were held by Lancaster City and were restricted to be spent on specific items within the Dolphinholme area.

A representative of the trustees of Ellel Village Hall explained to the council that the budget for the Village Hall would have a £3000 deficit for the forthcoming fiscal year. The Village Hall had lost one of its main customers and despite making many savings the hall was still looking at a shortfall for the forthcoming year. The Parish Council agreed to consider the position of the Village Hall at the next meeting when a Village Hall Business Plan would be presented to explain how the shortfall would be overcome for future years.

137/25 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr Collinson and Cllr Jarnell

138/25 Declaration of interests.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in any item regarding the village hall as a VH trustee and as a member of the Warm Spaces Group.

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.

139/25 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th January 2025

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

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Booth

140/25 Members Reports

Cllr Mather reported that some fly tipping had been left in the bus shelter in Dolphinholme. This would be reported to the relevant authority.

Cllr Mather reported that the bus shelter in Galgate had been daubed with graffiti once again, it was agreed that the Lengthsman would paint over the graffiti as soon as possible.

Cllr S Corkerry suggested that the locking mechanism at the Galgate Recreation Rooms was in need of replacing and would secure a quote for this works to be carried out.

Cllr L Corkerry reported that new blinds had been purchased for the Galgate Recreation Rooms, the old broken chairs had been disposed of, and the next steps in refurbishing the rooms would be to dispose of the old broken pool table and install a new free-standing cooker.

Cllr L Corkerry reminded members that the road surface outside the Galgate Recreation Rooms was still full of potholes and in need of levelling off. A quote would be sought to carry out the works.

141/25 To consider matters of planning and development control.

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

142/25 To consider payments for authorisation.

Payments for authorisation:

November

Electricity Invoice	£ 244.72
Three WiFi	£ 22.00
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 101.26
Clerk's Salary	£ 1279.90
Lengthsman Costs	£ 678.92

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr Booth

Seconded by Cllr L Corkerry

143/25 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.

144/25 Dolphinholme Playground Footpath

The new fencing at Dolphinholme Playground means that the footpath on the site needs extending/moving slightly. A quote for the works will be sought and presented to the next meeting.

145/25 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported the new Deliberate CIC had held a workshop in the Village Hall to ask local residents what they wished to see in their own area in order to initiate some community based and environmental projects. The results of the workshop would be written up and forwarded to the Parish Council.

A parent at Dolphinholme Primary School had contacted the Parish Council with concerns regarding traffic parking and turning within the immediate vicinity of the school. As this is an issue for the Highways Authority, this would be forwarded on to Lancashire County Council.

Punch Taverns, the leaseholder for the car park besides the Plough Inn, Galgate, have approached the Parish Council with concerns regarding the car park at the Plough Inn being used as a public car park to the detriment of the inn. The Parish Council responded to the concerns and suggested that a solution be sought to deter parking on that site from anyone apart from users of the inn or the recreation fields.

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for December 2024

Anti-social behaviour - 3 incidents

Bicycle Theft – 1 incident

Burglary – 1 Incident

Criminal Damage and Arson – 10 incidents

Other Theft – 10 incidents

Public Order – 1 incident

Vehicle Crime – 7 incidents

Violence and Sexual Offences - 14 incidents

146/25 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 10th March 2025

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm

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