
Ellel Parish Council

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

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

2 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

Due to an accident on the M6 motorway, Cllr S Corkerry and the clerk were both absent from the meeting. In the absence of the clerk, Cllr Hoggarth agreed to take the minutes.

A question was asked about the broken bench at Dolphinhholme, it was agreed that this would be removed prior to being replaced.

During the recent "Tractor Run" it was reported that this had caused damage to the grass verges. It was agreed that the verges would be repaired and that the organisers of the event be spoken to regarding future events.

A question was asked regarding the possibility of a pop-up bakery at the recreation rooms. A full proposal will be presented at the next meeting.

It was reported that the Primary School had still not received the allocated 106 monies from Lancaster City Council. This would be chased up with LCC.

It was reported that there was overhanging foliage on Chipping Road. This would be reported to the Duchy of Lancaster as this was their property.

It was reported that the chimney at 28 Corless Cottages, Dolphinhholme, had recently been refurbished. As this is a Grade ii listed property, the planning permission would be checked.

147/25 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr S Corkerry, Cllr Jarnell and the clerk.

148/25 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 L Corkerry declared an interest in any item regarding the Galgate Action Flood Group as a member.

Cllr L Corkerry declared an interest in any item concerning the Warm Spaces Group.

Cllr Hoggarth declared an interest in any item concerning the Treat Day

149/25 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th February 2025

As the clerk wasn't present for the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

150/25 Members Reports

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

Cllr L Corkerry reported that the Recreation Rooms still needed a new free standing electric cooker and asked members to help allocate one.

151/25 To consider matters of planning and development control.

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

152/25 To consider payments for authorisation.

- i) The council considered the request for support from the Ellel Village Hall of £3000 for the forthcoming fiscal year. It was proposed that a grant of £1000 be given, a loan of £1000 be given and the remaining £1000 be sought through further grant applications. Also that the Village Hall update the council monthly on their ongoing progress in filling the black hole in their finances.
As a recorded vote was requested the voting was thus:
For: Cllr L Corkerry, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr Hoggarth, Cllr Mayer and Cllr Pollitt.
Against: Cllr Collinson.
Cllr Booth, as per the Code of Conduct, did not vote on this item.
The proposal was carried.
- ii) The Council considered the quote for the Lengthsman costs for the 2025/26 fiscal year which included a 5% increase on the previous year. This was accepted.
Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry and seconded by Cllr Mather.
- iii) Payments for authorisation:
March 2025

Electricity Invoice	£ 283.92
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
Reimbursement Cllr S Corkerry	£ 36.73
Dolphinholme Village Hall Hire	£ 45.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr Booth

Seconded by Cllr L Corkerry

153/25 Galgate Recreation Fields Exit Barrier

It was agreed that the work to carry out the slight alteration to the exit barrier go ahead as per the quote received.

154/25 Dolphinhholme Playground Footpath

It was agreed to carry out the alterations and improvements to the footpath in the Dolphinhholme playground go ahead as per the quote received.

155/25 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

In the absence of the clerk this item was deferred until the next meeting.

156/25 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 14th April 2025

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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