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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> April 2025 Galgate Recreation Rooms.**

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

Clerk S Caswell

6 members of the public.

#### **Open forum**

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

A question was asked regarding the recent stalled housing development at Galgate and the impact on the possible 106 monies. The council were informed that the housing developer had gone into liquidation and as such the development had stopped. Should the development be sold on to a new developer, the 106 monies would become available once again, but could be renegotiated by the new developer.

A representative of the Galgate bowling club asked a question of the council regarding the proposed lease for the Galgate FC and indicated that no other users of the Recreation Fields had been consulted during the preparation of the aforesaid lease. Representatives from the Galgate Bowling Club and Galgate Football Club, informed the council that it was their intention to initiate a meeting with all of the users of the Galgate Recreation Fields site to encourage greater interaction and participation with the management of the site moving forwards. This was supported by the council.

A question was asked regarding the closure of the road through the Galgate Recreation Fields site whilst the Galgate FC were playing football. Whilst the idea of the closure was fully supported, it was felt that better signage or stewarding was necessary.

#### **157/25 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hoggarth and Cllr Jarnell.

#### **158/25 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.

**159/25 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

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

Proposed by Cllr Charlesworth

Seconded by Cllr Pollitt

**150/25 Astroturf Pitch at Galgate Recreation Fields**

A representative from Galgate FC reported to the council that Lancaster University had promised to gift to the Recreation Fields their astroturf pitch which was being replaced. The Council had a number of questions regarding this and felt that it would be more appropriate to defer this item to the next meeting when a representative from the Lancaster University could attend. A member of the public suggested that this would have a negative impact on the environmental position of the site as it would be covering natural grass. The representative from Galgate FC suggested that part of the car park would be a better site for the astroturf than covering natural grasses. The idea of the astroturf was supported by the representative of the Galgate Bowling club.

This item was deferred to the May meeting of the council.

**151/25 Pop up “Hook a Duck” bakery at Galgate Recreation Rooms.**

A presentation was given to the council regarding the use of the Recreation Rooms as a pop up bakery on Wednesday of each week. The rooms would also be needed on Tuesday of each week for preparation too. The presenter indicated that the open bakery would also be a meeting place/ café for the whole community of Ellel. A rent of £40 per week for the first three months was agreed by the council which would then be reconsidered after the initial three month period. A start date would be confirmed when all appropriate licences had been prepared.

This proposal was fully supported by the council. Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry and seconded by Cllr Charlesworth.

**152/25 Members Reports**

Cllr L Corkerry and Cllr S Corkerry informed the council that they had met with members of the cricket club and that the meeting had been very positive. The cricket club had great plans for the future including seeking further sponsorship and encouraging a younger generation of cricketers. They added that the cricket club were also looking to improve facilities within the changing rooms. The council agreed to obtain a quote for the necessary plumbing works within the recreation rooms and the changing rooms. This was proposed by Cllr Charlesworth and seconded by Cllr Collinson.

It was reported that the “Children Playing” sign at Galgate Recreation Fields had been broken.

It was reported that a parent of a volunteer from the Warm Spaces had recently moved much of the pile of chippings adjacent to the recreation rooms and used it to fill in the pot holes on that part of the site.

**153/25 To consider matters of planning and development control.**

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

**154/25 To consider payments for authorisation.**

- i) The council considered the request for grant support for a forthcoming Easter Event at the Ellet Village Hall. This was supported by the council and a grant of £275 agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mather and seconded by Cllr L Corkerry.
- ii) The Council considered the request for grant support from the Galgate Horticultural Society for their forthcoming annual “Gaslight” show. This was supported by the council and a grant of £275 agreed. Proposed by Cllr Charlesworth and seconded by Cllr L Corkerry.

- iii) Payments for authorisation:  
March 2025

Electricity Invoice	£ 249.79
Three WiFi	£ 22.00
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 101.26
Clerk’s Salary	£ 1279.90
Lengthsman Costs	£ 2850.90
Microsoft Account	£ 84.99
Defibrillator Pads	£ 89.00
Lancaster City Council – trade waste	£ 664.20

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr Charlesworth

Seconded by Cllr Booth

**155/25 Plough Inn Car Park – Parking Restrictions**

A representative from the Galgate Bowling Club said that this would not be supported as the current proposed position of the camera would capture all users of the site and not just the users of the Plough Inn car park.

The clerk informed the council that he had contacted the owners of the Plough Inn and asked for a resubmission of the plans with less barrier restrictions and a camera siting that only covered the Plough Inn car park but had not yet received a reply.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred until a response from the Plough Inn and the car parking company was received.

**156/25 Rubbish to the rear of Galgate Recreation Rooms**

It was agreed that Cllr Collinson would obtain a quote for the largest skip hire available and then a community clean up day be organised to clear the rubbish behind the recreation rooms and the remaining astro turf left on the car park.

**157/25 Dolphinholme Bench**

It was agreed that the bench would be replaced with a contribution of £300 from Lancaster City Council. The bench would be sited by Cllr Mather.

**158/25 Electric Cooker Socket at Galgate Recreation Rooms**

It was reported that the Warm Spaces group had purchased a new cooker and a fridge freezer for use in the recreation rooms. It was agreed that the council would fund the installation of the cooker and the necessary extra sockets at the recreation rooms as per the quote of £1020 (Inc VAT). Proposed by Cllr Charlesworth and seconded by Cll Collinson.

**159/25 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics**

The Clerk reported that the Bus Stop at Dolphinholme was in urgent need of repair. Cllr Collinson agreed to carry out the repairs.

The Clerk reported that a request had been received asking to place a Clothing Bank on the Galgate Recreation Fields site. The council considered the request but felt that this may lead to further issues with dumping and fly tipping on the site and so refused the request.

The Clerk reported that the 106 monies for the Dolphinholme development had been agreed by Lancaster City Council and were now available to be used as per the agreed specifications.

**The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for February 2025**

Anti-social behaviour - 4 incidents

Bicycle Theft – 3 incidents

Burglary – 5 Incidents

Criminal Damage and Arson – 3 incidents

Other Theft – 1 incident

Public Order – 2 incidents

Violence and Sexual Offences - 15 incidents

**160/25 Date and time of the next meeting.**

The next meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Council, will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

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