
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ellel Parish Council Held on Monday 9th June 2025 Galgate Recreation Rooms

Present: Cllr Booth, Cllr Collinson, Cllr L. Corkerry, (in the chair), Cllr S. Corkerry, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr Hoggarth and Cllr Pollitt.

Steve Caswell - clerk.

3 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

A question was asked regarding the toilets in the Recreation Rooms. The council agreed that the toilets may be moved around to create better storage for the rooms without cost. This would be done on a temporary basis to gauge the reaction of users of the rooms.

A question was raised regarding the recent proposal of a loan to the Ellel Village Hall. It was explained that Ellel Parish Council did not make a loan to the Village Hall.

A car had been apparently abandoned in Dolphinholme. Local councillors would investigate the matter further.

The handrail outside the Galgate Recreation Rooms had become unstable and unsafe. It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek quotes for the necessary repairs.

A question was asked regarding the missing seat at Dolphinholme. The Parish Council are in possession of a new seat that will be installed shortly.

A question was asked regarding the play area at Galgate Recreation Fields. The council are currently looking at the options available for the site and are hoping to have a solution to the current siting and condition of the play area soon.

174/25 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mather

175/25 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.

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

176/25 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th May 2025

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

Proposed by Cllr Booth

Seconded by Cllr S Corkerry

177/25 Casual Vacancy

Members were informed of the resignation of Cllr Mark Jarnell. The vacancy has been advertised, and should no election be called the council will consider co-option. Members will be informed as soon as the information regarding a possible election is known.

178/25 Members Reports and Updates

Councillor Charlesworth gave the council an update on his recent attendance at the Lancaster City Council Parish Forum, this included an update on the Lancaster District Local Plan review, including the increase in housing requirements from 415 to 619 new homes per year,

179/25 To consider matters of planning and development control.

The Parish Council considered the planning applications before them and agreed to make no comments on any of the applications.

180/25 To consider payments for authorisation.

Payments for authorisation:

Electricity Invoice	£ 246.89
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 50.77
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 107.49
Clerk's Salary	£ 1279.90
Lengthsman Costs	£ 690.90
New Lock at Galgate Recreation Rooms	£ 24.00
Three Wifi	£ 22.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Booth

181/25 Galgate Bus Shelter

The council were informed that the bus shelter at Galgate had been sprayed with graffiti once again. It was agreed that a quote be sought to have the shelter professionally graffiti sprayed in a hope to deter future vandalism.

182/25 Section 106 Agreement with Lancaster City Council

The council considered the agreement offered from Lancaster City Council and agreed to sign the agreement as is, and to allocate the 106 monies as per the agreement.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Collinson

183/25 Ellel Parish Council Constitution

It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next council meeting.

184/25 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- A question had been received about the replacement of the bench at Dolphinholme. This matter was already in hand.
- A request had been received regarding the use of weedkiller at the Dolphinholme Playground and the possibility of notices indicating that weedkiller had recently been used in the area. The Council agreed to gather further information and discuss this further at the next meeting.
- The council were informed of the pending resignation of the treasurer at Ellel Village Hall. The council agreed that the Village Hall would be supported fully by Ellel Parish Council.

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for March 2025

Antisocial behavior – 2 incidents

Burglary – 4 incidents

Criminal Damage & Arson – 2 Incidents

Other theft – 5 incidents

Public Order – 1 incident

Vehicle Crime – 3 Incidents

Violence / Sexual Offences – 12 incidents

Other Crime – 1 Incident

185/25 Date and time of the next meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 7.52pm.

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