
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024 Galgate Recreation Rooms

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

Steve Caswell - clerk.

4 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

A concern was raised regarding one of the floodlights on the junior football pitch, the lamp itself is hanging loose. This will be reported for repair.

An update was given regarding the CCTV situated at the Village Hall. Estimates to have broadband installed at the Galgate Recreation Rooms would be investigated.

12/24 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Hoggarth.

13/24 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.

14/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 8th January 2024.

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

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr S Corkerry

15/25 Co-option for the vacant seat in the ward of University West.

Two members of the public indicated their desire to fill the vacant seat on the council. Each gave a short presentation about themselves and what they felt they could bring to the council and the community of Ellel. Both left the room whilst the council discussed the vacancy. After a vote it was decided the Mark Jarnell would be co-opted. Mr Jarnell signed his acceptance papers and took his seat on the council.

16/24 Members Reports

Cllr S Corkerry reported a number of issues regarding the play area at Galgate Recreation Fields. This would be added to the agenda for the March meeting for further discussion.

Cllr Mather reported the unacceptable amount of litter around the rear access roads to the M6 Lancaster Services. The litter was obviously coming from the services site and spreading onto the A6. The services would be contacted regarding this matter.

17/24 To consider matters of planning and development control.

The Parish Council considered the planning applications before them and commented that the application number 20/01453/OUT had been seen and discussed by the council a number of times. The council felt that nothing seemed to have changed in the application to amend the decision taken by the council in November 2022, and, as such, the council reiterated the objections made to this application on that date.

18/24 To consider payments for authorisation.

Payments for authorisation:

Electricity Invoice	£ 235.64
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 95.10
Clerk's Salary (inc back pay)	£ 1279.90
Lengthsman Costs for January 24	£ 430.00
Dolphinholme Playground Storage Box	£ 206.76

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr Charlesworth

Seconded by Cllr Booth

19/24 To receive an update on the Galgate Recreation Fields Barrier

A quote of £4500 to replace the barrier plus an extra £900 to include a bollard was discussed by the council. It was agreed that the quote be accepted and the works carried out.

Proposed by Cllr S Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Collinson

20/24 To consider the Hedgehog Highway Project.

The council have been approached regarding the possibility of supporting the national Hedgehog Highway Project. After a short discussion the council agreed to support the project and, at a cost of £150, purchase a set of Hedgehog Highway surrounds and the supporting information.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr S Corkerry

21/24 Galgate Football Club Lease.

The draft lease had considered by the football club. The only issues raised by the football club included the possibility of double insurance in that the football club have their own insurance and questioned the need to pay a percentage of the councils insurance. The council explained the need for both parties to hold their own insurance but did agree to look at the possibility of reducing the percentage of the councils insurance recharged to the football club.

The Football club also had concerns about not be able to fence off and protect the playing areas of the pitches. This the council felt was reasonable and agreed that part of the wording of the lease prohibiting this would be removed.

22/24 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- Drain issues adjacent to the Canal side craft centre.
- The stile at the end of the footpath by Ellel School had been reported as damaged.
- Lancaster City Council District Local Plan review – Cllrs Charlesworth and S Corkerry would attend on behalf of the council.
- The Galgate Bus Stop ownership, Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council both agreed that the bus stop does not belong to them. Further investigations into the ownership of the site would be undertaken.
- **NatWest Bank Mandate**
The council were informed that all Parish Council payments would still be authorised and approved by the council, proposed and seconded in the correct manner. It was agreed by the council that the mandate for both of the Ellel Parish Council accounts be amended to allow one signatory.
Proposed by Cllr Mather
Seconded by Cllr S Corkerry

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for December 2023

Antisocial behavior – 4 incidents
Drugs – 1 incident
Criminal Damage & Arson – 1 Incident
Burglary – 2 Incidents
Other theft – 2 Incidents
Public Order – 1 Incident
Vehicle Crime – 1 Incident
Violence / Sexual Offences – 6 incidents

23/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 11th March 2024

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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