
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 Galgate Recreation Rooms

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

Steve Caswell - clerk.

1 member of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

A concern was raised once again, regarding the litter around the access road to the M6 service station.

The height restriction barrier at the Galgate Recreation Fields has been damaged. The council were informed that damage had been caused by a vehicle leaving the Village Hall and that their insurance details were being sought.

It was reported that some of the walls on the Duchy of Lancaster estate were in poor order, this would be reported to the Duchy.

24/24 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr L Corkerry

25/24 Declaration of interests.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in any item regarding the village hall as a VH trustee.

Cllr S Corkerry and declared an interest in any item regarding the Galgate Action Flood Group as a member.

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

Cllr S Charlesworth declared an interest in the planning application 24/00171/FUL, as a student of Lancaster University

26/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th February 2024.

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

Proposed by Cllr Jarnell

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

27/24 Members Reports

Cllr S Corkerry reported that the waste bin outside the Galgate Fish and Chip shop had been removed.

Cllr Charlesworth reported on the recent Lancaster City Council Parish Forum that he had attended alongside Cllr S Corkerry. He reported that the City Council were developing a new Local Plan, which they were hoping to have completed by summer 2026. The Parish Council will have further chance to comment on the plan during the process.

28/24 To consider matters of planning and development control.

The Parish Council considered the planning applications before them and commented that the application number 23/01353/FUL had been seen and discussed by the council previously. The council felt that not enough had changed in the application to amend the decision and, as such, the council reiterated their original comments but added their thoughts that parking in the general area of the application was lacking and that the application would lead to an increased use of Chapel Lane, which is a cause for concern.

29/24 To consider payments for authorisation.

Payments for authorisation:

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| Electricity Invoice | £ 256.83 |
| M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee | £ 46.80 |
| NFU Mutual - Insurance | £ 95.10 |
| Clerk's Salary | £ 1279.90 |
| Lengthsman Costs | £ 430.00 |
| Hedgehog Highway Project | £ 157.50 |

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr S Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

30/24 Galgate Football Club Lease.

The draft lease was now in a position to be finalised with only the calculation of the final percentage of the Parish Council's insurance costs to be added. This would be completed prior to the next meeting.

31/24 Galgate Recreation Fields Play Area

It was agreed that the Recreation Fields Committee would meet to discuss the options for the site and report back at the next meeting.

32/24 Galgate Recreation Field Planters

It was agreed that the cost of planting the planters and maintaining them throughout the year be added to the Lengthsman role.

33/24 Galgate Recreation Rooms Broadband

The council considered the options for a broadband supply for the Galgate Recreation Rooms and felt that the option of a unlimited download dongle, be investigated further. This would be reported back to the next meeting.

34/24 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- Drain issues adjacent to the Canal side craft centre.
- The availability of tree cages for the Galgate Recreation Fields site.

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for January 2024

Antisocial behavior – 1 incident
Criminal Damage & Arson – 2 Incidents
Other theft – 1 Incident
Possession of weapons – 1 Incident
Vehicle Crime – 1 Incident
Violence / Sexual Offences – 1 incident

35/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 8th April 2024

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

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