
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11th September at Galgate Recreation Rooms

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

Steve Caswell - clerk.

2 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

Waste bin besides St John's Church

Temporary Traffic Lights near school crossings

105/23 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Hopkins

106/23 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.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in item 110/23 as a church appointed school governor

Cllr S Corkerry declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 110/23 as a member of St John's Church and in item 111/23 as a member of the Lancaster Military Heritage Group, but was able, under the members code of conduct, to stay in the meeting and speak on the items, but did not take any part in the voting,

107/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th July 2023

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

Proposed by Cllr Hoggarth

Seconded by Cllr Booth

108/23 Members Reports

Cllr Mather reported that the quote for the new gate at Dolphinholme Playground had been received and that it was within the limits set by the council and, as such, the new gate had now been ordered.

109/23 To consider matters of planning and development control - The Parish Council considered the applications before them. The application 23/00956/FUL was discussed and commented that the council felt that this application should be supported. This would be passed to the planning authority as a comment.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson

Seconded by Cllr S Corkerry

110/23 To consider a Grant Application on behalf of St John’s Church – the Parish Council discussed the application and agreed to an award of £275.00

Proposed by Cllr Collinson

Seconded by Cllr Hoggarth

111/23 To consider a request for financial support from the Lancaster Military Heritage Group – the Parish Council considered the request and agreed to a payment of £52

Proposed by Cllr Charlesworth

Seconded by Cllr L Corkerry

112/23 To consider payments for authorisation.

Payments for authorisation:

Electricity Invoice	£ 196.22
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 78.00
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 190.30
Clerk’s Salary August and September	£ 2421.20
Lengthsman Costs for August / September 2023	£ 860.00
External Audit Fee	£ 252.00
St John’s Church, Ellel	£ 275.00
Lancaster Military Heritage Group	£ 52.00
Data Protection Registration	£ 40.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr Booth

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

113/23 To consider the Dolphinholme Playground Equipment, the Galgate Recreation Fields playground equipment and the possible tree and hedge planting at Galgate Recreation Fields – the Parish Council discussed both sites and agreed that playground committees would each consider their options for the sites and return to the next meeting with a plan which would then be moved forward.

A new swing seat would be purchased for the Dolphinholme site to replace the broken one and the broken rolling bar would be replaced, with a maximum spend of £1100.

Proposed by Cllr Pollitt

Seconded by Cllr Mather

114/23 To receive an update on the Galgate Recreation Fields Barrier – No update was available.

115/23 To review the signage at Galgate Recreation Fields – the council considered the current signage and the issue of dog fouling throughout the site, it was agreed that new signs would be purchased to a maximum cost of £200.

Proposed by Cllr S Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

116/23 Galgate Football Club Lease – the council discussed the lease and agreed to set the annual rent at a proportion of the figures used to estimate the annual costs of running the whole site

Proposed by Cllr Mather

Seconded by Cllr L Corkerry

117/23 Ellel Neighbourhood Development Plan – this item was deferred until the next meeting.

118/23 Conclusion of Audit by PKF Littlejohn to 2022/23 - the Clerk reported that the auditors had now completed their inspection of the accounts and reported back that the council had not fully made provision for the exercise of public rights during 2021/22. The Council agreed that this was corrected during 2022/23 and would remain in the correct format. No other matters were brought to the attention of the council.

119/23 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- LALC AGM and Parish and Town Council Conference – Cllrs L Corkerry and Charlesworth would attend on behalf of the council.
- NatWest bank dormant bank account – the funds had now been reinstated
- Carnforth and Galgate Air Quality Management Area Revocation
- Recreation Rooms condition

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for July 2023

Antisocial behavior – 7 incidents

Other theft – 2 incidents

Drugs – 1 incident

Criminal Damage & Arson – 2 Incidents

Public Order – 2 incidents

Violence / Sexual Offences – 14 incidents

120/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 9th October 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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