
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 13th November 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:

A representative from the newly formed Dolphinholme Youth Club attended the meeting and outlined the future plans of the group.

134/23 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Hopkins

135/23 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 Hoggarth declared an interest in the agenda item 140/23 concerning the Galgate Treat Day/Bonfire night application for funding, as a member of the Treat Day Committee. Cllr Hoggarth spoke on the item but took no part in the voting.

136/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9th October 2023

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

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Charlesworth

137/23 Members Reports

Cllr S Corkerry reported on information he had received from the Lune Rivers Trust and the extra work they would be carrying out in the River Condor catchment area.

Cllrs L Corkerry and Charlesworth reported on the attendance at the recent LALC AGM and Parish and Town Council conference. They reported that the Parish Council motion to support 20MPH speed limits had been supported and NALC would now refer this to central Government. They also reported on a number of topics that had been discussed at the event, including:

- Potential Unitary Authority
- Local police ASB task force and rural team

- Public Rights of Way information
- Highways Management
- The work of LCC Flood management team

Cllr Hoggarth reported that the new curtains to the Recreation Rooms were to be measured in the coming week.

138/23 To consider matters of planning and development control.

The Parish Council considered the applications and considered that the Kings Lee Chapel, Ellel Grange was in dire need of restoration and feared that without work to the site, the building would very soon become derelict. The council supported the application to carry out works to this site.

139/23 To consider a request for financial support from Dolphinholme Youth Club.

The council heard the application from the representative of the club present at the meeting and supported unanimously, the application for £200 to purchase youth club equipment.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson

Seconded by Cllr L Corkerry

140/23 To consider a request for financial support from Galgate Childrens' Treat Day/Bonfire Night.

The council heard from Cllr Hoggarth, the need for support for the Bonfire Night event and the particular need to cover the costs of the extra lighting needed as the event grew and numbers increased. The council agreed to fund the extra lighting needed.

Proposed by Cllr Mather

Seconded by Cllr Booth

141/23 To consider payments for authorisation.

Payments for authorisation:

Electricity Invoice	£ 128.11
M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 95.10
Clerk's Salary	£ 1210.60
Lengthsman Costs for November 23	£ 586.00
MOT supplied	£ 308.28
Sovereign Playground Parts	£ 1313.45
Dolphinholme Youth Club	£ 200.00
Lancaster City Council – Election Costs	£ 1559.42
Royal British Legion – Wreaths	£ 40.00

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr S Corkerry

142/23 To receive an update on the Galgate Recreation Fields Barrier

It was agreed that a new bollard be incorporated into the design of the barrier and the bollard and barrier be installed together as one unit from one installer.

143/23 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 as:

15% Parish Council

20% Village Hall

20% Cricket Club

20% Football Club

15% Bowling Club

10% Allotments site

The lease would be amended to reflect this and would be sent for a legal review before presenting this to the Galgate Football Club.

144/23 Ellel Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The council were informed that there had been very little interest shown in joining the NDP Steering Group, only one person had volunteered. It was agreed that further information be disseminated, and further participants would be sought.

145/23 To consider the proposal for a bus stop bench

The council considered this proposal but agreed that the decision reached previously be adhered to. The council had concerns regarding a bench in the bus stop would create ASB: a bench had been removed some years earlier due to this. The council had also taken advice from Lancaster City Council, who suggested that any benches placed in bus stops should be of a suitable, robust, recycled material.

The council were informed that a request for a seat had also been received from the Lancaster Bus Users Group. The council agreed to check the ownership of the bus stop and then consider a recycled plastic seat for the site.

146/23 To review the six month expenditure and revenue of the current fiscal year

The clerk informed the council of the current financial standing of the council and reported the income of £36,180 (inc, precept of £34000) and expenditure of £22,300 during the first six months of the financial year.

Should income and expenditure continue at the current levels the Parish Council were informed that the council would have approximately £6000 less in reserves at the end of the financial year, compared to the end of the previous financial year.

The report was noted by the council.

147/23 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- An issue regarding a dropped kerb on Salford Road
- The management of defibrillators
- The new NALC paycales – the council agreed to adopt the new 2023 NALC paycales with immediate effect.

Proposed by Cllr Mather

Seconded by Cllr Collinson

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for September 2023

Antisocial behavior – 6 incidents

Other theft – 3 incidents

Theft from Person – 1 incident

Criminal Damage & Arson – 1 Incident

Vehicle Crime – 1 Incident

Burglary – 2 Incidents

Violence / Sexual Offences – 8 incidents

Other crime – 1 incident

148/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 11th December 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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