

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 25 January 2023 at The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Cllrs H Thomas (Chairman), C Heath, D Miller and M Miller.

Also present Cllr D Graham and 1 member of the public.

01.23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Brown, M Brown and R Burns.

02.23 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 July 2022

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

04.23 Lancashire Night

A report was provided on the 26 November 2022 Lancashire Night event. There were over 50 people in attendance and the reaction from those attending was very positive. Once all income and expenditure had been taken into account there was a cost of approx £250 to the Activities budget.

Members agreed an event on Saturday 27 November 2023 was to be arranged at Bateman Hall with the usual entertainment to be booked. Enquiries are to be made regarding possible additional entertainment, with catering to be provided by a local caterer.

05.23 Future Events

A number of potential events were discussed, with any proceeds from the events to go to the Recreation Parks project:

An event to mark the Coronation of HM King Charles III on Sunday 7 May 2023. This would be arranged along the lines of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations but incorporating a 'street party'. A suggestion to include a 'Pudding Fit for a King' competition for young people to provide recipes and bake cakes/puddings was put forward, with judging to be held in The Hub. Suggestions for commemorative items for local primary schoolchildren are to be put forward.

A Family Weekend on 24 and 25 June involving funfair rides on the Recreation Ground. The possibility of resurrecting Walking Day over this weekend is to be investigated with local churches and primary schools, which could end at the Recreation Ground.

A Race Night to be arranged at the Institute on 31 March 2023, which would include a hotpot supper.

A Talent Night for Young People in September, when school holidays are over, possibly to be held at St Agnes' Hall. Local music tutors and the primary school are to be approached to see if their pupils would take part. Members of the Junior Band could also be invited.

Information was provided on an event which happens at the Tesco store in Leyland at which members of the Emergency Services attend with vehicles for members of the public to inspect and sit in. It was suggested this could take place on the Recreation Ground car parks during July or August.

A Family Cycle Ride around the Recreation Ground path in July/August was put forward.

The possibility of arranging Bingo Nights was also mentioned.

06.23 Steam Pump

A steam pump from the former Carrington Mill has been gifted to the Parish Council and is in need of shotblasting and powder coating prior to being placed on the verge by Verdes. It was agreed the provision of a concrete plinth should be put forward as a Neighbourhood Project

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.