

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Remote Meeting held on 10 November 2020.

Present Cllrs H Thomas (Chairman), M Brown, R Burns and V Counce.

06.20 Apologies

None received.

07.20 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

08.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 January 2020

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

The Chairman confirmed events mentioned in the previous minutes (VE Day Celebrations and Lancashire Night) had had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

09.20 Christmas Tree and Lights

As the Christmas tree last year was well received by residents, the Committee had previously confirmed a tree for this year and had expressed a wish to introduce coloured lights to brighten up the tree. Quotations were considered for replacement lights.

Resolved: new multicolour lights and a transformer, at a cost of £430, are to be ordered.

Lighting for other trees on the Village Green was discussed. Members agreed to view the area once the tree had been erected and lights put on to gauge any additional requirements.

The fencing around the tree was also discussed. Chestnut paling has been used for several years and, whilst it may not be particularly attractive, it has been successful in reducing vandalism to the tree and lights. Members agreed to continue with this method of fencing.

In the interests of resident's wellbeing, the Committee was not able to make arrangements for the Carol singing for this year.

10.20 2021-22 Budgets

The Committee has authority to approve spending from the Village Activities and Christmas Celebrations budgets.

Activities for 2020-21 have been curtailed by the pandemic and it is hoped by the time of the next financial year the Committee will be in a position to look to renew activities.

Budgets of £1000 for each were suggested.

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