

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 25 January 2018 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

Present Cllrs K Brown (Chairman), D Bonney, J Holborn, D Miller and H Thomas.

01.18 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Brown was elected as Chairman for the remainder of the Council year.

02.18 Apologies

None received.

03.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

04.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 September 2017

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

05.18 Village Entrance Markers

A design for a stone structure for the area of land by Eccleston Bridge was considered.

Resolved: the design was approved and Chorley Council is to be contacted to progress the works.

A picture is required for a metal sign for Heskin Bridge, which is to be fixed to the rear of a sign for Heskin parish. Several suggestions were put forward including St Mary's Church, the Lych Gate, Eccleston Hall and Grove Mill. Attempts to obtain a satisfactory historical image of Grove Mill are to be made.

06.18 Hawthorns Play/Open Space Area

Members discussed options for the area which would retain its current use as an area for smaller children. Suggestions included replacing the 2 existing springers and installing a seesaw. Designs are to be incorporated into the surfacing to provide interesting play for toddlers.

07.18 Millennium Green

The volunteer group was discussed and Cllr Thomas volunteered to be the initial coordinator.

Members decided to request permission from Lancashire County Council to install wooden bollards to prevent damage to the verges at the entrance caused by parked vehicles.

The recent tree pruning course had highlighted the need for the removal of some tree protectors containing thick metal bands which cannot be easily removed.

Resolved: a contractor is to be instructed to remove the bands.

08.18 Ongoing Items

Members discussed outstanding items and some were reviewed, taking into account the feasibility of the original proposals.

Village Green - planting of the rockery area has been completed and the pressure washing of the block paving and cobbled seating area, together with the Millennium Green tiled area has been ordered.

Langton Close play area - the developer had advised their solicitor is now dealing with the transfer of the land.

Bradley Lane pond - the developer has not yet complied with ecological conditions so no progress can be made.

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