

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on 25 July 2019 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

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

Also present 2 Members of the public.

### 01.19 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr M Miller was elected as Chairman.

### 02.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Brown.

### 03.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 04.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 August 2018

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

### 05.19 Village Entrance Sign

An image for the sign was selected. A change in location to close to the boundary on the left hand side of the road approaching the village was agreed and permission is to be requested from Lancashire County Council for the erection of the sign on the highway verge.

### 06.19 Millennium Green

Members agreed the area is in need of a great deal of work and a suggestion was made that all growth, other than the orchard area and established trees, could be removed. Members put forward a list of works required which included removal and replacement of some signage, removal of protectors around established trees, removal of the tiles in the block circle, cutting back some overgrown bushes and removal of others, removal of dead trees and clearance of the pond area. Members of the Committee are to carry out a site visit on 29 July to confirm the work required.

### 07.19 Village Green

Planting around the soldier silhouette was discussed and it was agreed that, rather than a block or wooden border, a bed is to be dug around the silhouette and low lying Rose bushes planted.

Other works to be arranged are the resetting of loose kerbstones and additional planting of shade tolerant plants for the Ince Lane side to try to encourage pedestrians to use the entrances provided.

### 08.19 Recreation Ground

Hedge cutting has been ordered and, once this has been completed, the possibility of arranging a hedge laying course will be looked into. A suggestion for wildflower planting on the bund on the football pitch was made.

#### 09.19 Ongoing Items

Langton Close play area - negotiations regarding the transfer of the area are ongoing between the Parish Council's and developer's solicitors.

Verge on The Green - this is being dealt with by Chorley Council as the Neighbourhood Priority for 2019-20.

Hawthorns play area - confirmation of the availability of the funding for the replacement of the equipment and landscaping has been requested from Chorley Council.

The next meeting was scheduled for 29 August 2019.

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