

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 7 September 2017 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

Present Cllrs C Mayor (Chairman), K Brown and H Thomas.

Also present 2 members of the public.

14.17 Apologies

None received.

15.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

15.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 June 2017

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

16.17 Millennium Green

Residents had been working on overgrown areas on the Millennium Green and it was felt this should be formalised in some way. The formation of a volunteer group and how the Committee might help was discussed and the Chairman is willing to be involved. How the group might operate was also discussed and one of the problems highlighted was the disposal of the cleared vegetation. An article requesting volunteers to join the group is to be included in the next newsletter. The suggested path on the Newlands side of the area will not be pursued.

Lancashire County Council had requested details of the proposals to prevent parking on the verges at the entrance. Information on items such as raised beds or rocks is to be obtained.

Pressure washing and re-sanding of the Millennium Green circle and the block paving and stone sets on the Village Green considered.

Resolved: works to both areas were approved.

17.17 Hawthorns Play Area

Chorley Council had provided details of developer's contributions available specifically for the Hawthorns Play Area. As the area is surrounded by properties Members were conscious of possible issues with neighbours and were keen to retain the area as an open space containing a small amount of toddler equipment. Chorley Council's Parks and Open Spaces officer is to be asked for suggestions.

18.17 Recreation Ground

Chorley Council had provided details of developer's contributions available for play improvements and Members discussed possible replacement of additional equipment. Members are to view items of outdoor gym equipment and prices are to be obtained.

19.17 Ongoing Works Programme

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 ordered. Replacement of the wooden Best Kept Village sign was discussed. The Clerk is to provide Members with an example of the Council's logo to be assessed for suitability.

Village Entrance Markers - The Clerk had met on site with a Chorley Council Officer to discuss requirements and a site meeting with a contractor is to be arranged. The contractor will then provide details of the type of design feasible for both sites.

Langton Close play area - a response regarding the adoption had been received on the day of this meeting and the matter will be progressed.

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

New Street open space/pond area - no further action is to be taken.

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