

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 17 July 2018 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

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

Also present 2 Members of the public.

09.18 Election of Chairman

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

10.18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bonney.

11.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

12.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2018

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

13.18 Village Entrance Markers

The metal sign entrance sign for Heskin Bridge was discussed. The sign would not be visible fixed to the rear of the Heskin parish sign and a location inside the boundary was suggested. The image for the sign was discussed and Members decided on the St Mary's Church Lychgate.

14.18 Resident's Suggestion and Requests

The hedge on the Millennium Green boundary with Newlands requires a major cut back.

Resolved: the hedge cutting is to be ordered.

A resident had suggested planting and maintaining the verge to the front of the Carrington Centre pond and had offered to try to form a working party. Land ownership has been queried with Lancashire County Council and enquiries are to be made with Verdes.

The Scout Group had advised of problems with young people using a tree near the Scout Hut to get onto the roof, causing damage. Members were very concerned at the safety implications and suggested the Scouts are advised to carry out the works to the tree necessary to resolve the problem.

A suggestion for improvements to the Recreation ground play area had been received. Once the improvements to The Hawthorns have been carried out Members will turn their attention to the Recreation Ground.

A resident had complained of large dogs on St Mary's School playing field causing problems with young children. Lancashire County Council is to be notified.

15.18 Volunteer Group

The Committee thanked the Members of the Volunteer Group for their efforts, which had greatly improved the Millennium and Village Greens.

Discussions had taken place with Members of Mawdesley Millennium Green Trust, who had offered to pass on information as to how they became established and how they operate.

Attempts to put in place a structure into the work are to be made so items such as removal of waste bags can be co-ordinated satisfactorily. Health and safety/liability implications of members of the public using machinery on the areas were also discussed.

16.18 Ongoing Items

Bollards at the entrance to the Millennium Green have been installed by Lancashire County Council.

The tree protectors have been removed from the trees on the Millennium Green.

Pressure washing of the blocked paved path and cobbled seating area and the Millennium Green tiled area has been chased.

Adoption of Langton Close play area - the Parish Council's solicitor has received initial contact from the developer's solicitor.

Adoption of Bradley Lane pond - Bloor Homes has yet to comply with LCC ecological conditions imposed within the permission for the development.

17.18 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

18.18 Hawthorns Play/Open Space Area

Members viewed proposals from several contractors for the area. The details of all the proposals are to be emailed to Members for full inspection, with a further meeting to be convened to decide on a preferred design.

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