

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 31 October 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.

25.19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Heath.

26.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

27.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 September 2019

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

28.19 Village Green Silhouette Flower Bed

A suggestion to enlarge the bed to the front of the silhouette had been made at the full Council meeting. In accordance with Standing Orders, a special resolution for rescission of a decision within a 6 month period is required to be made in writing, signed by 3 Members. Members were of the view the item had been considered at length at the September committee meeting and the size agreed and there was no reason to amend the decision.

HMP Wymott had produced a wooden plaque for the silhouette which is to be treated, painted and installed in the bed.

28.19 Village Entrance Sign

The image for the entrance sign on the Heskin border was discussed. A dome topped sign, of a similar design to the one recently erected on Southport Road for Ulmes Walton was preferred, containing a Lancashire Rose emblem. Members were minded to obtain the sign via Lancashire County Council to avoid any issues with design.

Resolved: a dome topped sign, with the wording "Welcome to Eccleston", containing a Rose is to be ordered from Lancashire County Council.

29.19 Seat on Recreation Ground

As agreed at the September meeting, Members had identified as suitable location for a seat at the Tidy up event. The suggested location was beyond the hedge in the north western corner of the football pitch closest to the play area.

Resolved: a seat made from recycled materials is to be obtained.

30.19 Committee Related Items

Concerns were raised regarding open spaces related items being brought up and discussed at full Council meetings. Recently two items, namely the Silhouette Flower bed and a suggestion to extend the path on the Millennium Green for the benefit of Eccleston Primary School, had been raised at Council meetings.

Resolved: an item is to be included on the November Council meeting agenda requesting all items relating to open spaces issues are referred to the Open Spaces Committee, rather than dealt with by full Council.

31.19 2020-21 Budgets

Suggestions for inclusion in the next financial year's precept were discussed. Increases in the Millennium Green budget to £3500 and the Planting budget to £1500 are to be put forward.

32.19 Updates

Millennium Green - the order for the work has been placed with a local contractor.

Hawthorns Play Area – a quotation from a local company is awaited.

Langton Close Play Area - a site plan was delivered to the Council's solicitor on 16 September.

33.19 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 28 November 2019.

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