

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 3 August 2023 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

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

Also present Cllr A Whittaker and 1 member of the public.

21.23 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr M Miller was elected as Chairman.

22.23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Heath.

23.23 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

24.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2023

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

25.23 Public Participation

A tree on the Millennium Green, close to the boundary with Beechfields, has obstructed a satellite signal for several years when the tree is in leaf. Confirmation from Sky had been provided advising a satisfactory signal cannot be achieved due to the tree and the resident requested the cutting back or removal of the tree. If the Committee agrees to the removal, a replacement tree was offered.

26.23 Millenium Green

The request from a resident to remove a tree was considered. Options considered were to do nothing, remove the tree or lower the crown, with the latter being contrary to the Tree Policy. Members agreed to set aside the Tree Policy in this instance.

Resolved: the tree is to be removed and the offer of a mature fruit tree, to be planted away from the boundary, accepted.

Youths had moved a seat from the block circle area to close to properties on Newlands, causing a nuisance to residents. The seat has been removed for safe keeping . Members agreed the seat should be installed nearer to the entrance, to the left of the fork in the path.

27.23 Recreation Ground Path

A quotation for topping up the path was considered. Additional quotations are awaited.

Resolved: to avoid delays, a budget of up to £1600.00 was agreed, with the Clerk to provide details of quotations for approval by Committee Members.

28.23 Tree Policy

The existing Tree Policy was reviewed. Details of Chorley Council's current Tree Policy were provided for an example. Members agreed to recommend acceptance of a new policy, in line with the Chorley Council policy, to full Council for approval.

29.23 Ongoing Items

The Lancashire Wildlife Trust has confirmed work to the pond area is scheduled to commence mid September.

The planning application for the replacement of the Recreation Park play area has been validated by Chorley Council, with a projected decision date of 9 August.

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