

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 7 December 2021 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

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

Also present 1 member of the public.

29.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Heath.

30.21 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

31.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 September 2021

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

23.21 Public Participation

The meeting was advised that, following works which had been carried out to trees on the Millennium Green, some properties on Newlands were still suffering from shading by Silver Birch trees.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

24.21 Millennium Green

The issue of the Silver Birch trees to the rear of a property on Newlands was referred to the Committee from full Council. The Clerk advised of a telephone conversation received from Chorley Council's Tree Officer advising of requests from residents to place preservation orders on trees on the Millennium Green. The Officer had advised this was not normally done on parish council owned land as unnecessary works are not generally undertaken by parish councils.

The Committee agreed to adhere to the Council's Tree Policy.

Trees supplied by the Woodland Trust are to be planted by a contractor.

25.21 Village Green

The purchase of a flagpole, at a total cost of £970.00 (+VAT), was agreed.

The installation of a stone feature on the Village Green was discussed. It was suggested Full Council should be advised of the intention.

26.21 Updates

Hawthorns Play Area - due to the timescale for the production of the new equipment, Chorley Council has agreed to provide a replacement grant agreement with an extended date to ensure the play area replacement will be completed within the required timescale. It is hoped this will be provided in time for signature at the next Parish Council meeting.

Recreation Ground - the three new seats have been installed and an existing seat relocated. The contractors had mentioned they received very favourable comments from users of the area whilst carrying out the work.

Millennium Green pond - Lancashire Wildlife Trust has been contacted for advice regarding the clearance of the pond area.

A query was raised regarding the Bradley Lane pond. The meeting was advised nothing had been heard from the developer or Lancashire County Council regarding whether the ecology conditions on the Carrington Centre development had been met.

27.21 2022-23 Budgets

Items for inclusion in the precept were discussed. A suggestion for a village entrance marker at the entrance to the village from Heskin was made.

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