

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on 1 February 2022 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

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

Also present 1 member of the public.

### 01.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bonney.

### 02.22 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 03.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 December 2021

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 04.22 Public Participation

A resident suggested the Recreation Fields and car park could be used for a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' in celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with donations going towards the play area improvements. A number of suggestions for attractions were put forward. The Chairman of the Activities Committee advised an item is to be included on the next Council meeting agenda to co-opt additional members to the Committee.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 05.22 Millennium Green

The Silver Birch trees to the rear of a property on Newlands were, again, discussed. It was pointed out the Committee agreed to adhere to the Council's Tree Policy at the December meeting and the issue could not be reconsidered until May. It was noted that, during a site visit, Chorley Council's Tree Officer had advised as much work had been done to the trees as could be done without risking permanent damage. A suggestion to plant additional Silver Birch away from the properties was put forward, with a view to remove some trees nearer the boundary once they are established was put forward.

Work to the hedge was considered.

Resolved: the hedge is to be cut to around 1.5m height.

A suggestion to employ a drainage contractor to carry out a survey to check the levels to determine areas to be investigated was considered. Members advised similar exercises had been carried out in the past by both the Open Spaces Committee and the Millennium Green Committee, prior to the council taking on the land. These surveys had confirmed it was not possible to drain the area due to the lack of a suitable outlet.

### 06.22 Hawthorns Play Area

Chorley Council had provided details of proposals for landscaping works which are to be funded from developer contributions. Subject to clarification on the details of the planting, the proposals were accepted.

## 07.22 Updates

The flagpole has been erected and a Union Jack flag flown. To the future, flags flown will be limited to the Union Jack, St George's Cross, Lancashire flag and Platinum Jubilee commemorative flag.

Details of the structure for the Remembrance Garden area on the Village Green were provided. Assistance with the construction is to be put forward at the next Council meeting for consideration as one of the Neighbourhood Priorities

Trees supplied by the Woodland Trust are being planted by the Village Caretaker.

Millennium Green pond - a site visit by Lancashire Wildlife Trust, to provide advice regarding the clearance of the pond area, is awaited.

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