

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 26 May 2022 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

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

Also present Cllr R Burns and 1 member of the public.

08.22 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr M Miller was elected.

09.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bonney and M Frost.

09.22 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

10.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 February 2022

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

11.22 Public Participation

The condition of The Hawthorns Play Area was mentioned. Work is due to commence shortly.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

12.22 Millennium Green

The Chairman provided details of a meeting with a drainage contractor, who had confirmed it was not feasible to drain the area due to the lack of a suitable outlet.

Information regarding the pond area had been provided following a site visit by a representative of Lancashire Wildlife Trust. A further inspection is to be arranged during the Summer when the water level had dropped.

Costings for a path along the eastern boundary are to be obtained following confirmation by Lancashire County Council of the intentions for the path to Eccleston Primary School.

Suggestions for a post and wire type fence along the boundary by the ditch and additional tree planting were put forward.

The Oak sign board at the entrance is in need of replacement. A wrought iron surround was suggested and a design is to be sent to the Clerk.

13.22 Entrance Sign at Heskin Bridge

Details of the proposed location are to be passed to the Clerk for confirmation of land ownership.

14.22 Updates

The structure for the area of reflection on the Village Green was agreed as one of Chorley Council's Western Parishes Neighbourhood Priorities for 2022-23.

15.22 Projects for 2022-23

Future suggestions for projects included improvements to the verges at the entrance to The Hawthorns, possibly in the form of a raised wooden planter and/or wildflower planting and a review of the planting contract to include the Village Green beds and planters at the Church bridge and the verge by Verdes.

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