

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 2 September 2021 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

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

Also present Cllr A Whittaker and 3 Members of the public.

20.21 Apologies for Absence

None received.

21.21 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

22.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 March 2021

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

15.21 Public Participation

The meeting was advised the work which had been carried out was acceptable however there is still an issue with another group of trees further along.

A resident of Newlands complained the Birch trees which had been reduced in height were still shading the rear garden of her property.

A suggested to cut the trees down was put forward.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

16.21 Millennium Green

i) Members considered a further request to remove or reduce the height of trees to the rear of properties on Newlands. Members were not in favour of removing the trees and a quotation had been obtained by local residents for work to the trees. An alternative quote is awaited.

Resolved: the work suggested in the quotation obtained by the residents is to be ordered.

ii) Further improvement works to the area were discussed. Enquiries are to be made regarding a long reach digger to clear the pond area. A suggestion for wild flower planting in the grass area to the right of the entrance was put forward.

An application to the Woodland Trust for trees had been successful and delivery will take place in November.

17.21 Recreation Ground

The Police had requested whether the seat near of properties on Richmond Road could be moved following complaints of anti social behaviour. An alternative location for the seat and locations for three additional seats around the fields were confirmed.

Resolved: the existing seat is to be relocated and 3 new seats purchased.

The Play Area Group was continuing fund raising and had received initial plans and quotations.

A resident had provided detail of dog fouling on the fields.

18.21 Updates

Unauthorised gates onto council owned land - the insurers had confirmed the policy will cover claims arising from the use of the gates.

Flagpole on the Village Green - installing a flagpole to the Christmas tree socket was not practical. Prices are to be obtained for a flagpole with as hinged base which would be installed to the rear of the Village Green.

Hawthorns Play Area - confirmation of the availability of the promised funding has not yet been provided by Chorley Council.

19.21 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting was provisionally scheduled for 7 October 2021.

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