

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

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on 30 June 2016 at The Football Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Cllrs M Frost (Chairman), K Brown, M Miller and H Thomas.

### 01.16 Election of Chairman for 2016-17

Resolved: Cllr Frost was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

### 02.16 Apologies

None received.

### 03.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 04.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 November 2015

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

### 05.16 Recreation Ground Trees

The removal of four dead Conifers in the vicinity of the Changing Rooms was considered. Members were keen to provide replacement trees however it was decided more suitable locations than in the vicinity of the building, paths and play area should be identified. A suggestion to donate the replacement trees to the local schools was made.

Resolved: the trees are to be removed and local schools contacted

Requests for works to trees overhanging two properties on Madison Chase were discussed. One property had been advised the tree is not on Parish Council land. The other property is to be visited to ascertain whether the tree is on council owned land and to advise the resident of a Tree Preservation Order on the surrounding trees.

### 06.16 Village Entrance Markers

This item was deferred pending receipt of quotations.

### 07.16 Village Green

The rockery area along the Ince Lane boundary was felt to be in need of improvement and the planting of suitable bushes was suggested.

Resolved: advice on suitable planting is to be obtained and a maximum budget of £200 was agreed.

Replacement of the wooden Best Kept Village sign was discussed. It was suggested the post should be retained and the sign replaced with the village crest. Measurements are to be taken and prices obtained.

### 08.16 Hawthorns Play Area

Members considered works to the planted areas, which are overgrown. Prices are to be obtained.

### 09.16 Millennium Green

Additional works were discussed. Vehicles parking along the verge at the entrance on Red House Lane were damaging the surface and the possibility of planting to prevent this was mentioned. The ownership of the verge is to be queried with Lancashire County Council.

Lancashire County Council's permission to reinstate the path on the Newlands side of The Green with a crushed stone path similar to the Recreation Ground path is also to be requested.

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