

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

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on 3 November 2022 at Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

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

Also present Cllr D Graham and 2 members of the public.

### 24.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Frost.

### 25.22 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 26.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 July 2022

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

### 27.22 Recreation Park Project

Members of the fundraising group advised the Lottery Fund bid had not been successful. A decision on application to the Lancashire Environmental Fund is due shortly. Some local businesses have offered sponsorship for items of equipment.

### 28.22 Planting

The Village Caretaker has agreed to carry out the planting and maintenance of the beds and planters. Payment for additional hours will be transferred from the Open Spaces budget as and when required.

### 29.22 Steam Pump

A steam pump from Carrington's Mill, offered to the Council by a resident, requires collection and storage for refurbishment work. Members agrees to store temporarily in the sandbag storage unit.

### 30.22 Ongoing Items

Hawthorns Play Area - the bark strip along the boundary with an adjoining property has been installed and the hedge cut. The litter bin is listed as a Chorley Council asset. Concerns raised regarding weeds appearing in the barked areas will be raised with Chorley Council Officers during an upcoming meeting .

A raised bed for the entrance verge at The Hawthorns was mentioned. Dimensions are required to obtain quotations.

Millennium Green - a revised quote from Lancashire Wildlife Trust for works to the pond area is awaited. A update from Lancashire County Council regarding the path to Eccleston Primary School has not been received. Costings for a wrought iron sign for the Millennium Green are to be obtained. Due to the contractor for the boundary hedge cutting not being contactable, arrangements have been made with an alternative. Installation of a raised concrete bed for the block circle on the Millennium Green had proved too expensive.

### 31.22 2023-24 Budget Requirements

No significant items were put forward.

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