

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Present:** Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. N Griffiths, Mrs. J Cartmell, Mrs. P Holt, St J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, L Rigby, P. Walton and representatives from Freckleton in Bloom.

**1) Apologies:**

K McKay (away on business)

It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.

**2) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**

All Councillor, as landlords, declared an interest in item 3, The Memorial Park.

**3) To review the bushes and shrubs in the Memorial park**

It was resolved that the following work should be carried out:-

- a) The shrubs in all the beds should be cut back to a manageable height, trees should be pruned and overgrown bulb plants should be removed.
- b) The tree stump, adjacent to the walkway, the trees next Guide hut and the 2 hawthorn trees next to the scout hut, should be removed and the stump ground down to below soil level.

Golden Leaf were asked to supply a quote for this work.

**4) To review the site for a bench in memory of Colin Robb.**

It was resolved to site the bench adjacent to the guide hut.

**5) To review the Open Spaces workloads and machinery for the 2017/18 season**

Councillor Mrs. Cartmell confirmed that the 2 grass cutting tractors have been sent for servicing and will be ready before the end of March 2017.

It was suggested that the watering system needs updating. The Clerk reported that Golden Leaf had agreed to have this equipment reviewed and upgraded before the end of May 2017.

It was resolved to reduce the size of the Balderstone beds about approximately 12 "at the rear to make them easier to water and maintain.

**6) To review the number of beds, baskets and tubs for the 2017/18 season**

Freckleton in Bloom agreed to supply a list of the beds, baskets and troughs that will be maintained and watered during the 2017/18 season. Golden Leaf have agreed to undertake this work.

**7) To consider a request from FIB to replace the blue Freckleton sign**

It was resolved to accept the offer from Freckleton in Bloom to provide a new sign for the eastern entrance to the village and to repaint and erect the old sign on the western entrance to the Village.

**8) Children's pads in the Defibrulators.**

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from the Bowling club to replace the children's pads in the Defibrulator at the Cenotaph, at a cost of approximately £70.

It was resolved that the Children's pads in the defibrulators at the Cenotaph and the Rawstone centre should be replaced.

**Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....**

**Date.....10/04/17.....**