

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 19th June 2017

Present: Councillor, T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. P Holt, St J Greenhough, K McKay, Mrs. J Cartmell
and 2 representatives from Freckleton In Bloom

1) Apologies:

None.

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

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in the Cenotaph, the Memorial park and the Open Spaces area on the Hawthorns.

3) To review with the Pathway to the Cenotaph

It was noted that the tarmac was lifting on the western side of the pathway due to the roots of a tree.

It was resolved to obtain a quotation for the removal of the root and the area to be re-tarmacked.

4) To review the Memorial park

The Memorial park was reviewed and the following issues were noted:-

- a) The green waste, accumulated from the pruning of the bushes in the park, needs removing. The Clerk agreed to progress.
- b) The Chairman agreed to enquire when the 3rd phase of the development of the park would be started. (i.e. the landscaping of the grassed area to the east of the park).
- c) The Clerk agreed to check with Jo Wood, FBC, when the tile on the trampoline would be replaced.
- d) It was agreed that the two remaining benches should be repaired. It was suggested that the slats should be replaced with plastic to save on maintenance. Harry Hall agreed to check the price and the Clerk will submit the estimate to Council for consideration.
- e) It was reported that wagons had difficulty in seeing when backing out of the storeroom yard, due to high hedge at the entrance to the park. It was agreed that a quotation should be obtained to cut back the hedge and submitted to Council for consideration.

5) To review the Hawthorns

The Open Spaces area on the Hawthorns was reviewed and the following issues were noted:-

- a) Three trees had been damaged by the recent storm and branches were broken off. It was resolved to obtain quotations for the trees to be removed.
- b) A number of trees had branches overhanging onto the pathways. It was resolved to obtain quotations for the trimming back of the trees to above head height.
- c) All the shrubs were in need of a major prune and shaping. Some of the bushes were overhanging the pathway and should be removed because of health and safety issues (i.e. Pyracantha). There were a number of self-seeded samplings that should be removed. The Contractor was asked to progress this work.

6) To review the Bush lane Sports field and Allotments

This item was deferred due to the Fair being on the field.

Signed.....Mrs. S Delany, Chairman.....

Date.....03/07/2017.....