

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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

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

Councillor P Walton also attended the meeting.

**1) Apologies:**

None.

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

Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell declared a pecuniary interest in item 4 and did not attend the meeting.

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

**3) To review the Open Spaces areas on the Hawthorns**

It was noted that the area looks much better with the trees removed and the bushes cut back.

It was agreed that the Contractor should be asked to edge the grass on all the pathways.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to FBC to raise concerns at the type of trees and bushes that had been planted when the estate was developed, as the Ash trees and the Pyracantha bushes were not suitable for this type of Open Spaces area.

**4) To review the Open Spaces contract specifications for the 2018/19 period.**

It was resolved that the Contractors should be asked to provide all their own machinery and equipment necessary to undertake the work for all the contracts being offered from 2018. In addition, they will provide fuel for the machinery and equipment.

**a) Grass cutting**

The schedule used for the 2017/18 contract was agreed with the following amendments:-

1) In the areas where bulbs are growing the grass should not be cut until the end of May, to allow the bulbs to be re-established.

2) The Power washing of the AWS area, around the outside of the Cenotaph and the pathway to the Memorial stone should be a separate contract.

3) The painting of Council owned benches should be a separate contract.

**b) Watering.**

It was agreed that the specification should be the same as 2017/18 contract.

**c) Other Open Spaces work**

It was agreed that there should be two contracts for this work.

**1) Bedding out and keeping the beds weed free**

**2) Maintaining the Shrub borders**

It was agreed that specifications for both contracts should be the same as 2017/18.

**d) Litter picking**

It was agreed that specification should be the same as 2017/18 contract.

Signed.....Cllr. Mrs. S Delany.....

Date.....02/10/17.....