

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 26th March 2018

Present: Councillor, T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. P Holt, St J Greenhough, Mrs. J Cartmell and 1 representative from Freckleton In Bloom

1) Apologies:

Councillor K McKay (Away on business)

It was resolved to accept the reason for absence.

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

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest The Memorial park – item 5, The Cenotaph – item 3, 7 & 9, The Bush lane allotments – item 6 and The Bush lane Sports field – item 8.

3) To Consider a request from FIB to display metal poppies in the Cenotaph

Harry hall explained that the FIB committee would like to purchase metal poppies, with individual name plaques on them, to be displayed in the Cenotaph to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

It was resolved to accept the offer.

4) To consider setting up a litter picking programme

The following areas had been identified as needing tidying up:-

Lower lane from the Estate to the bye-pass. Maybe a litter bin by Quakers Wood would be better.

The length of Preston New road up to 3 Nooks.

The Bye-pass between the two roundabouts

Goe lane

The ginnel between Lytham road and Clitheroes lane

Bush lane by the BAE emergency gate.

Naze lane east round airfield to Stoney lane

Green lane from Naze lane to Naze lane east

Preston old road

It was agreed to contact LCC regarding the areas on the main roads.

The FIB and Friends of the park agreed to support this project.

It was agreed to ask the Scouts and Brownies if they would be involved.

It was agreed to refer this back to the full Council for further consideration.

5) To consider progressing the phase 3 development of the Memorial park

Lyn Braithwaite, from the Friends of the Park, informed the meeting that they would like to install a picnic area, with seats, on the eastern side of the park for parents with dogs to sit while the children are in the play area. Also, she would like two seats installed as soon as possible on the pathway near to the play area.

She requested that removable bollards be installed at both entrance to the park to stop cars driving onto the park.

She agreed to apply for funding for the development of the CCTV cameras in the park.

6) To consider tarmacking the remainder of the bush lane allotment lane

It was agreed that this should be progressed if United Utilities are prepared to pay half of the costs. It was suggested that speed humps should be installed to stop vehicles speeding down the lane.

The Clerk agreed to progress with UU.

- 7) To consider planting a Christmas tree in the Cenotaph as a permanent feature**
 Whilst it was thought that this was a good idea it was not accepted for the following reasons:-
 It would be difficult to control the growth. It would have a visual impact on the Cenotaph stone. The area in the Cenotaph is not big enough to have a permanent feature of this size.
- 8) To consider a cleanup of the Bush lane sports field perimeter**
 It was reported that there were a number of old metal hardware left on the perimeter of the outfield that was no longer being used by the Cricket section.
 It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Rawstone Centre management committee asking for the hardware to be removed.
- 9) To consider a request from Karen Pye to trim a tree in the Cenotaph to allow light on to a trough she sponsors.**
 It was agreed that it would not be practical to trim the trees to allow light on to the trough.
 It was agreed that the trough should be moved to a more suitable area.
- 10) To consider a request form John Clitheroe to cut the grass verge opposite his property on Green lane west.**
 It was reported that this is a perpetual complaint from Mr. Clitheroe. The area is not wide enough for machinery to cut the area. It was only grassed over on the understanding that he would maintain it.
 It was agreed that the Council do not have the resources to cut this area.
- 11) The Coach & Horses car park and adjoining fencing**
 It was reported that area is on the route of the judging for in the in Bloom initiatives.
 It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Landlord requesting that he asks the Brewery to repair/tidy-up the car park and the fencing before the judging takes place this year.

Signed.....Mrs. M Whitehead, Vice Chairman.....

Date.....09/04/18.....