

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17th July 2018

Present: Councillor, T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors, K McKay, St. J Greenhough and Mrs P Holt.

1) Apologies:

Councillors Mrs. J Cartmell and Mrs. L Willis (other business)

It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

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

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in item 3 - the storeroom, item 4 – The Memorial Park and item 5 - The Bush lane allotments.

3) To review the contents of the storeroom

It was agreed that the storeroom looked much tidier and the new Contractors were thanked for cleaning it up.

It was resolved that the Clerk and the new Contractor would check all the equipment to see if it worth retaining and scrap the rest. The Clerk agreed to update the inventory.

It was resolved that the hand held mower should be serviced.

Concern was raised with regard the state of the Nilfisk heated power washer. (Cost in excess of £1k when purchased new). The previous Contractor had left it in a dirty condition with parts broken and not working.

It was resolved that the machine should be serviced and repaired so that it can be used again.

4) To review the trees in the Memorial park

The following trees were in need of attention:-

a) Two Silver birch trees, in the Bowling club area, should be removed, as they were interfering with the flood lights and pushing over the metal fence.

b) The large oak tree, in the Rose garden needs crowning.

c) Three trees in the Memorial park, on the southern side of the Bowling green, need crowning as they are blocking light on to the Bowling green.

d) Three trees, in the border adjacent to Astley crescent, need crowning, as they are blocking light on to the gardens on Astley crescent.

It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain quotations for this work so they could be submitted to full Council for consideration.

It was agreed that the new picnic area looked good.

5) To review the Bush lane allotments

Overall the allotments were in good condition and well maintained. The following were noted:-

a) Bushes and shrubbery, adjacent to the last bungalow on Sagar drive, need cutting back.

It was resolved that the Contractor should undertake the work.

- b) Trees on the western side of the overflow tank area need cutting back as they are overhanging the allotment holders' footpath around tank area.
It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain quotations for this work so they could be submitted to full Council for consideration.
- c) The western half of the allotment lane was in need of repair.
- d) There was concerns raised about overflow tank.
It was reported that raw sewerage was in the overflow tank despite an assurance from UU that it would only contain rain water. There was a smell coming from the tank.
There was water standing on the footpath near the sub-station and this was smelling.
The landscaping of the over flow tank area was in a poor state.
It was resolved to hold a meeting with UU to try to resolve these issues and to try to resolve who should pay for the re-tarmacking

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

Date.....03/09/18.....