

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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

Councillors St. J Greenhough Mrs. J Cartmell and Mrs P Holt.  
Two representatives from Freckleton in Bloom.

**1) Apologies:**

Councillors Mrs. L Willis (holiday) and K McKay (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 4 - The stone in the park and items 6 & 7 – The Bush lane allotments.

**3) To hold discussions with the FBC's Conservation Ranger**

Phil Edmondson, FBC's Area Conservation Officer, gave a short presentation of the work the Conservation team are undertaking. This included Conservation projects, Environmental Education, Volunteer schemes, Outdoor events, organised walks, Activities, Patrols and litter picking.

It was agreed that he should contact the schools, the FIB committee, the Friends of the Park and the Younger Years group in order to promote his work. The Clerk agreed to send him the contact details.

It was agreed that the Council would advertise forthcoming events

**4) To review the location for a Memorial stone to be donated by FIB.**

The FIB representatives reported that they would like to install a stone with a verse from the original programme for the children who died in the Air disaster.

It was resolved that the stone should be installed on the left hand side of the entrance to the Memorial park, adjacent to the opening to the original Memorial stone.

**5) To review the Trees on green Lane West**

It was reported that the following trees were in need of attention:-

- a) An apple tree in the hedge adjacent to the turn round area.
- b) Another tree in the same area.
- c) The oak and another tree part way up the road.

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

**6) To review the gate on the Bush lane allotments.**

The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint about a gate, in the allotment hedge, being locked. He reported that the owner of 27, Green lane west had been using it but the gate had recently been locked.

The Clerk reported the following:-

The Allotment hedge, where the gate in question is situated, is owned by the Parish Council and he could find no evidence that approval has been given for the gate to be installed.

The only authorised users for the access road, at the rear of the properties, are the owner of No. 15 and his brother, the owner of No 25 and the owner of the land adjacent to the Allotment hedge.

When the land was sold for the building of Nos. 27-31 it was part of the agreement that the rear fence of each property should be constructed of solid wood with concrete supports. The owner of No.15 stipulated this and the Clerk has been informed that he could enforce it.

The owner of No. 15 allowed the previous owner of No. 29 to install a gate in the rear fence because his father helped his brother to maintain the pit on their land. The brother removed the gate when the property was sold.

It was resolved that the gate, in the allotment lane hedge, should remain in place subject to an amicable arrangement being reached for the owners of No. 27 and the owners of No. 31 using it. Otherwise, the Council will remove the gate and re-instate the hedge.

**7) To review the Bush lane allotment lane**

It was reported that the Chairman and the Clerk had held a meeting with representatives from UU to request that the allotment lane is urgently re-instated, preferably with tarmac. It was stated that initially the pot holes would be filled in with screed and consideration would be given to tarmacking.

Further discussions have be held with the Clerk and the Manager for this area and it was stressed tarmacking was the Council priority as soon as possible. He agreed to consider our request.

It was agreed that the UU should be pursued to get the tarmacking done ASAP.

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

Date.....01/10/18.....