

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 24th February 2020

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)
Councillors St. J Greenhough and K McKay, Mrs. N Whalley Mrs. L Willis, a representative from the Club day committee and the tenants from the Bush lane Allotment Holders Association.

1) Apologies:

Councillors. J Graham and T Fiddler (Other business).
It was resolved that the reason for absence be accepted.

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

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in Bush lane Sports field (items 3 & 6), the Open Spaces area on Balderstone road (item 4) and the Bush lane Allotments (item 5 & 6).

2) To review the dip in the Bush lane sports field.

The representative from the Club day committee pointed out where the dip was in the sport field that was causing problems with the children’s running event
It was resolved that the dip should be filled in when the weather improves and preferably before the Cricket season starts.

3) To consider a request from the FIB committee to plant an Orchard at the end of the Balderstone road.

It was pointed out that this area was designated as a children’s play area.
The Clerk reported it had been suggested that 6 trees should be planted and he had received a quotation of £138.
As there was no representative from FIB it was agreed to meet with them on site to clarify what is required.
It was resolved to accept a quotation £136 to provide additional plants for the Memorial park.
It was further resolved that additional grass should be laid around the edges of some of the borders.

4) To review the requirements for the Bush lane allotments.

Concern was raised about the amount of water standing on the allotments.
It was resolved to ask the Council to agree in principle to the Allotments being drained.

5) To review the signage for the Sports field and the Allotment lane.

Concern was raised regarding the amount of dog dirt on the lane.
It was resolved that two additional signs should be placed at the entrance to the Allotment lane. One indicating “Only authorised vehicles beyond this point” and another “To avoid distress to livestock Dogs should be kept on leads on this lane”.
It was suggested that the tenants should close the gate when leaving the allotments to deter unauthorised vehicles driving down the lane.
It was resolved to erect three additional sign around the Bush lane sports field requesting Dog owners to use the designated Dog exercise area and not the Sports field where Children play sports.

Signed.....St. J Greenhough.....

Date.....03/03/2020.....