

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on Saturday 14th February 2004 at the Memorial park

Present:

Councillor, T. Threlfall (Chair)
Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs J Maguire and B Ellicott,

Apologies: Councillor T Fiddler.

1. Memorial Gardens – Play Area Safety and Inspection report.

2 pieces of equipment had received a 4 rating (i.e. Problem which requires urgent attention). The One bay, Two Tyre Seats, had been put right by replacing the tyre swings.

The junior playhouses have no safety services. - It was agreed to compare costs for

- a) Installing safety services around these playhouses or
- b) Moving the playhouses to a more central part of the grass area, so that the grass would be the safety service.

The Clerk agreed to obtain prices.

2. New Play Equipment.

The Chairman and the Clerk had met with Paul Norris, from Fylde Borough Council, to progress the purchase of new play equipment for the park. It was confirmed that approximately £8,000 was available for this equipment. Two options were available.

a) FBC would purchase a piece of equipment and this would include a new safety service. They would take responsibility for the Public liability of this equipment. The purchase would have to be completed before the financial year end.

b) FBC would make a payment of £8,000 to Freckleton Parish Council. The parish council would then purchase the equipment. No time constraints would be imposed on the purchase. FBC would not accept responsibility for the Public liability if the existing safety service was used.

It was agreed that we should accept the £8,000 and the Council would purchase the equipment. The Clerk agreed to obtain prices for suitable pieces of equipment.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should check that the existing Insurance would cover the Council for any accidents that may occur on the new equipment.

3. Overhanging Tree.

It was noted a large tree, overhanging the park from an adjacent site, was in danger of shedding branches onto the play area. The Chairman agreed to discuss the felling of this tree with the owners.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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