

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on Monday 17th May 2004

Present:

Councillor T. Threlfall (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs. M. Dowling, Mrs. J. Maguire and C Robb.

Apologies: Councillor T Fiddler.

1) Scout's Initiative.

Representatives from the scouts requested the use of a small piece of land (e.g. one of the beds) so that they could train the scouts in the respect of public places within the village. They would take over responsibility for planting and maintaining the bed. It was agreed that they should be allocated the rockery type beds on the south side of the memorial park.

2) Watering procedures

The Clerk reported that the Garlick brothers had agreed to water the hanging baskets and tubs from the beginning of June to the end of September 2004. It was agreed that they should be watered to keep them healthy during this period. The frequency would be determined by the weather. The equipment, previously used by the gardener, would be used to do the watering.

As the gardener would now not have any equipment to water the flower beds it was agreed that they would be watered by one of the local farmers using a "bowser" type machine, as and when required. This would be arranged by Councillor Threlfall when requested by the gardener.

3) Gardeners report.

Glyn indicated that assistance was required with pruning the bushes around the Memorial park and Cenotaph. The Garlick brothers have agreed to do this. Assistance was also required with the emptying and rotavating the flower beds. T Threlfall has agreed to assist with this.

Glyn indicated that the following equipment was in need of repair or should be replaced:-

1. The rotary mower. It was agreed that a new one should be bought.
2. The trailer should be replaced with a tipper. It was agreed that Braithwaites should be approached to see if the old one could be part exchanged.
3. The mobile phone should be replaced. It was agreed that a new one should be bought.

4) New equipment for Memorial park.

The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation of the order and a delivery date of 14th June had been indicated. He rung Wicksteed prior to attending the meeting and they had agreed to confirm the completion date by Wednesday 19th May.

5) Memorial park – safety Inspection report.

A number of issues had been raised from the recent inspection of the equipment in the park. It was agreed that these should be progressed and the Clerk would arrange for the repairs to be carried out.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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