

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Tuesday 30th November 2004

Present:

Councillor T. Threlfall (Chair)

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

Mr. G Danson and 5 representatives from the Freckleton in Bloom committee.

Apologies: Councillor T Fiddler

1. Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Discussions with Freckleton in Bloom Committee

Councillor Threlfall went through the marks received by the village in the Judges report for the Britain in Bloom competition. Various comments were made about the marking of different sections. The Chairman asked for ideas on how the village may be improved for next year's competition. The following were suggested:-

- a) Litter – More publicity, including an article in the Newsletter, to ask residents to keep the village tidy.
- b) Chewing gum – A clean up campaign should be arranged.
Councillor Robb indicated that he has a list of 30 volunteers, from the parish plan initiative and these people could be contacted to help with the tidying up of the village.
- c) Competitions for best kept garden and other areas – It was agreed that this should be progressed as a joint venture with the Parish Council and the Freckleton in Bloom committee. The presentation of prizes could be linked to the annual Horticultural show.
- d) The Freckleton in Bloom committee indicated that they were considering putting a sculpture or water feature on the roundabout and enquired whether the Council would be involved with the decision on what feature should be used. It was pointed out that approval would be needed from the LCC highways department.

The Chairman pointed out that additional Christmas lights were being bought to be displayed around two of the trees in the cenotaph area. These were being provided by the Freckleton in Bloom committee.

3. Review of Open Spaces expenditure

The Clerk gave an overview of the Open Spaces expenditure to date and highlighted 6 projects that were outstanding. These were:-

- a) Alteration to Band room
- b) Repair to millennium clock.
- c) New doors, windows and fascia boards at the Rawstone centre.
- d) New safety fence in the Play area of the memorial park.
- e) New security light outside the scout hut.
- f) Refurbishment and maintenance of the bowling green.

It was agreed that, with the limited resources available, the following should be progressed:-

- a) Repair to millennium clock –approximately £200.
- b) West facing section of the Rawstone centre – approximately £2,500.

4. Bush lane allotments

As there are no vacant plots it was agreed that no action could be taken with the waiting list.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chairman of the allotments informing him that the Ragwort weed is on some of the allotments and asking if it could be removed in spring.

5. Croft Butts lane allotments

As there are no vacant plots it was agreed that no action could be taken with the waiting list.

It was agreed that the judging of these allotments should be arranged for spring and then again in August, each year. It was suggested that Bernard Townsend and John Broughton should be asked to do the judging.

6. Correspondence

The Clerk informed the meeting that an email had been received from Brian Cowell, 11, Balderstone Road, requesting that 2 trees, adjacent to his garage, be removed because they were a potential source of damage to his property. It was agreed that these trees should be removed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....L Rigby, Chairman.....

Date.....6th December 2004.....