

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2005

**Present:**

Councillor T. Threlfall (Chair)  
Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs. J. Maguire, Mrs. E Willis,

**Apologies:** Mrs. M. Dowling and T Fiddler.

1) Bowling Section grant.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the Bowling section grant should be increased to £1,800 per annum (Previously £1,000). This amount, together with the Rawstone grant of £1,250 due to be paid in April 2005, will meet the Bowling section's request for £3,000.

2) Review of Agricultural Vehicle usage.

i) Fuel

The Clerk reported that the Council currently spends £1,500 per annum on diesel fuel for the agricultural vehicles. These costs could be reduced by two thirds if we obtained a storage tank and purchased agricultural (red) diesel. Councillor Threlfall indicated that a tank would cost approximately £350 to buy. It was agreed that the clerk should obtain costs for the purchase of a diesel storage tank and check out the safety regulations.

ii) Towing Vehicle

Currently, the open Spaces supervisor is using his own vehicle to tow the trailer around the village when he is doing small maintenance jobs. In addition, the Rotary mower tractor is used to pull maintenance equipment, such as roller and spiker, and this is causing damage to this vehicle. Councillor Threlfall suggested that we purchase a small 35hp tractor for this purpose. (Approximate costs £3,500). This would also release the rotary tractor for contract work at busy times.

3) D Rose Bush lane allotment

It was agreed that there had been some improvement with this allotment and the animals on it. It was suggested that the lease be renewed for a further 12 months and he be requested to improve the fencing around the allotment and ensure that water is always available for the animals.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.**

**Signed.....Loius Rigby, Chairman.....**

**Date.....4<sup>th</sup> April 2005.....**