

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 12th September 2005

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs. M. Dowling, Mrs. J. Maguire and Mrs. E Willis.

Apologies: Councillors T Fiddler and C Robb.

1) Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest

2) To review the Annual playground Inspection report.

The annual inspection report from Zurich insurance was accepted and it was noted that no major repairs were required.

The Clerk reported that he was having difficulty in obtaining the spare parts required to repair the equipment and he had approached Fylde Borough Council to see if they would take over the repair work. Councillor Threlfall agreed to discuss this further with Darren Bell.

3) Allotment vacancies – Croft Butts lane

The clerk reported that during the summer recess he had noticed that three allotments had not been cultivated this year. After consulting with the Councillor Threlfall, he wrote to the three allotment holders to see if they were going to continue with the allotments. One was a new occupier and agreed to turn over the plot before the winter. Another wished to give up the allotment after the end of August 2005. No response had been received from the third.

It was agreed that the vacant plot should be offered to the next on the list, Mr. H Molloy, 22, Rydal Ave. In addition, a further letter should be sent to the third allotment holder requesting confirmation that he wishes to continue to use the allotment and indicating that the plot will be re-allocated if he does not reply within one month.

4) Drainage problem – Bush lane allotments.

The Clerk reported that he and Councillor Threlfall had attended a meeting of the Bush lane Allotment Holder Association and concern was expressed that part of the allotments were standing water during the winter months. It was thought that this was due to the drains being blocked up from Green Lane West.

It was agreed that this item should be referred to Councillor Rigby, before being referred to the Environment agency.

5) Items referred from full Council meetings

1. Dog Fouling.

It was agreed that four new signs should be purchased to be sited at both entrances to the Memorial park and at the south and north end of the Bush lane playing field.

In addition, Councillor Threlfall agreed to progress with FBC the supply of new dog fouling bins for Goa lane, north side of Bush lane playing fields and the entrance to the ship yard, on Bunker St.

2. New Shrub area for Balderstone road grass verge.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Ted Threlfall for advice on design and pricing for this shrub area.

6. Lancashire best kept village competition

The Chairman informed the meeting that Freckleton had won three prizes in this year's competition.

1. Winner in most Improved large village class.

2. Winner in Public playing Field class, for the Memorial park.
3. Winner in the Special feature class, for the Lytham road roundabout.

In addition, the village was highly commended for Threlfall transport, in the Commercial & Industrial Class, Balderstone area, in the notice Boards class and the Cenotaph, in the War memorials class.

It was suggested that the Clerk should write to the Freckleton in Bloom committee and Threlfall Transport for all the effort that had been put in to make this year's competition so successful.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....T Fiddler, Chairman.....

Date.....3rd October 2005.....