

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006, on the Bush lane playing fields

### Present:

Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. M. Dowling, Mrs. E Willis, Mrs. M Whitehead C Robb, Mrs. J Maguire, St J Greenhough and L Rigby.

**Apologies:** Councillors T Fiddler,

### 1) Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2) To Review the requirements for the new trees on the Bush lane playing Fields.

The Clerk stated it had been agreed, at the last Council meeting, that 50% of the trees would be felled and the other 50% pruned back. The purpose of the meeting was to decide on what type and volume of trees should be planted to replace the felled trees.

The Chairman reported that he had met with Brackenwood nurseries and they had indicated that they would allow a 20% discount on the trees purchased.

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should meet with representatives from Brackenwood nurseries to decide on the best type of tree to be planted and the quantity required. The Clerk stated that he would instruct the tree surgeon to carry out the tree work as soon as possible, so that the new trees would be planted whilst the ground was still wet.

### 3) To decide on the next tenant for allotment 6a, on Bush lane.

Councillor Mrs. Willis informed the meeting that the Allotment Holders Association was not concerned that this allotment should go to a horse owner, but requested that all seven applicants, on the waiting list, be interviewed and they have a representative on the Interview panel.

The Clerk stated that it was Council policy to offer the allotment to the next person on the waiting list. It was agreed that this practice should be followed. It was also agreed that this person would have an informal interview and it was not necessary for the Allotment Holders to be present.

### 4) Land Adjacent to hedge on Green Lane west.

The Clerk reported that he and several members of the Council had received a number of complaints from a Mr. Clitheroe on Green lane west, requesting that the land on the other side of the road, opposite his house, should be maintained by the Council. This piece of land was inspected by the committee members and it was agreed that it was not the Council's responsibility. The hedge had been cut back further than the rest of the hedge and it was suggested that it should be allowed to grow back to the original hedge line. Alternatively, the gap could be filled with the Pyracantha bushes, from the Balderstone Road.

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

**Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....**

**Date.....04<sup>th</sup> December 2006.....**