

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007

### Present:

Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)  
Councillors Mrs. E Willis, Mrs. M Whitehead and C Robb.

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. M. Dowling, T Fiddler and St J Greenhough,

### 1) **An informal discussion with Sharon Delaney, the AWS Booking Clerk.**

The Clerk indicated that the Rawstone centre had recently requested that the AWS area be repaired, as it was slippery. In addition, the revenue from the AWS area was falling a long way short of meeting the costs for running it. The Chairman stated that the charges for electricity have risen sharply in the last 12 months. The following recommendations were suggested:-

- a) **Security** – Sharon stated that there was no record of who had a key for the area. It was agreed that the locks should be changed and a register maintained of the legitimate key holder.
- b) **Charges for using the AWS** – These have not been reviewed for a number of years and some sections did not pay for using the area. It was agreed that the booking Clerk should prepare a list of all Users, with the frequency of use and the amount currently being charged. The Council will then review the charges to be used. In addition, it was suggested that the new notice board should be used to advertise the availability of the area and the cost per session.
- c) **Electricity Charges** – It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should review the type of meter to be used and the charges per hour for the use of the lights.

### 2) **To consider the land to be made available for Exercising dogs.**

The Clerk reported that it was a requirement of the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 that the Council would have to provide an alternative area for dogs to be exercised, if FBC were to progress an Order to ban dogs from the Playing fields on Bush lane. He indicated that all areas of Open Spaces within the village could be considered to be land available for dog exercising, without having to specifically allocate one area. After a general discussion, the following areas were suggested:-

- a) The land on Bush lane, to the east of the AWS area, upto the pathway that leads to the Allotments. I.e. The area where the fair is held on Club day.
- b) Allotment No 2A, on Bush lane, with the possibility of extending the area to be in line with the eastern end of the AWS area. This would provide an easier option if the land has to be fenced off. The allotment is currently let to Mr. A Newsham, but is not being used.

The Clerk agreed to check with Jamie Dixon, FBC, to see if it was a requirement of the Act to have the land fenced off.

### 3) **Plaque to commemorate the Air disaster**

- a) The Chairman reported that he had watched the recent programme on the Air disaster, shown on BBC and was concerned that no plaque has been erected to mark the area where the crash took place. It was agreed, in principle, that the Council should consider erected a plaque, as close to the site as possible, to mark the Air disaster.

### 4) **To review the Contract for the Open Spaces workload for the 12 months commencing 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007.**

The Clerk gave a short resume of the Contractors that had submitted quotes for the workloads. The Contractors were Glyn Danson, Richard and John Garlick, Allan's Landscapes and Fylde Borough Council. The Clerk then circulated the quotations for the

five contracts. There then followed a general discussion.

**Resolved: That all five contracts should be awarded to the Garlick Brothers**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L Willis and  
unanimously accepted.

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

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

**Date.....07/03/07.....**