

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Thursday 5th April 2007

Present:

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. M. Dowling and T Fiddler

1) An informal discussion with applicants for an allotment on Bush lane.

The Clerk reported that three candidates, on the waiting list, had withdrawn their names.

The following were interviewed regarding their proposed use of the allotment and experience in keeping animals:-

Mr. T Neilson – to keep chickens, ducks and goats.

A Rawstone & M Rawcliffe – to keep hens, sheep and pigs

Mrs D Hepworth – to keep chicken, geese and goats.

Mr. J Hodgson – to keep chicken and ducks

The following did not attend for interview:-

Alison Ford and Mrs. P Primmer.

It was agreed that plot should be allocated to the candidate at the top of the waiting list, i.e. Mr. Neilson. It was suggested that the Clerk and the Chairman should meet with Mr. Neilson, at the allotment, to see if he is willing to tidy up the site. If the workload would be too much for him, the allotment should be offered to the next on the waiting list.

It was agreed that the two candidates that did not attend the meeting should be removed from the waiting list.

2) Correspondence.

a) The Clerk reported that he had received a request from Allan Newsham, plot 2a, for the fence, adjacent to the All Weather Surface area, to be repaired.

It was agreed that, as this was the boundary fence, the repair should be undertaken by the Council.

b) The Clerk reported that he had received an email from PCSO Ian Larmouth, via Councillor Robb, stating that the police were aware of various problems in the village, including Youths breaking glass in the children's play area. They have distributed a leaflet, to the nearby residents, requesting that they report any incidents of youths in the park.

3) Additional Tractor

The Chairman reported that he had received an offer of a secondhand tractor, from Fylde Borough Council, for towing the trailer and the water container. Unfortunately, the vehicle had insufficient horsepower to tow the equipment. He requested that the Clerk write to Dave Jenkinson to thank him for this offer and that Council should submit a request for a new tractor out the capital expenditure for 2008/09 budget.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....T Threlfall.....

Date.....10/04/07.....