

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Wednesday 11th July 2007

Present:

Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. E Willis, Linda Burn, Mrs. M Whitehead, St J Greenhough P Quinn and C Robb.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. M. Dowling and T Fiddler

- 1) The use of electricity at the Rawstone centre.
The meters were checked to see which one supplied the AWS lights and which supplied the centre. It was noted that the meter supplying the AWS lights also supplied the cooling system in the cellar. It was thought that this was not the correct way for it to have been wired.
Tony Parkinson was asked to attend and he informed the meeting that the Brewery installed the cooling system about 2 years ago. It was thought that the cooling system was causing the excessive use of electricity.
It was agreed that the Rawstone centre should ask the brewery to re-wire the cooling system direct to the main fuse box and check out why it was using an excessive amount of electricity.
- 2) To examine the Bush lane allotments.
It was agreed that, overall, the allotments were in a tidy state and the Clerk should write to the Allotment holders association to thank them for the effort that has been made.
It was agreed that a letter should be issued to holder of Allotment 6B, regarding the general untidiness of the allotment.
- 3) To examine the Croft Butts lane allotments.
There was concern expressed over the lack of cultivation on two of the allotments. The Clerk indicated that he had already written to the holder of 4T, asking for the allotment to be used. It was agreed that the agreement should be terminated for this allotment and it be allocated to the next one on the list. The Clerk stated he had been informed that the holder of allotment 11b has had health problems in the family and this was the reason it had not been cultivated this year. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the holder to find out if wished to continue with the allotment.
There was concern at the amount of rubbish that had been left on the main pathway. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the allotment's representative to request that the rubbish be removed.
The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint that the water system was inadequate to meet the needs of all the allotment holders. It was agreed that the water system should be reviewed.
- 4) To examine the area around the Memorial gardens
There was concern expressed that the area around the seats was being vandalised and litter was left by youths, who regularly meet in this area. It has previously been brought to the Council's attention that Youths were playing football in this area.
It was suggested that a Youth shelter should be installed, in the centre of the park, as an alternative meeting place for the Youths. In addition, the Council should consider putting gates on the main and side entrances to this area and that they should be locked in the evenings. The Clerk suggested that the Council should also consider obtaining a portable CCTV camera. This would assist in monitoring the activities in this area and on the Bush lane playing fields, particularly if a dog banning order was introduced. It could also assist in monitoring the portaloos used at the Club day weekend.
It was noted that the Memorial park was well looked after and in particular the shrubs and borders had been well maintained. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the

Garlick brothers to thank them for all the hard work that had been put in.

5) General correspondence

The request, to install a small duck pond on allotment 2a, on Bush lane, was considered. It was agreed that this was acceptable and recommended that a duck pond liner was the most appropriate option.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed..... Mrs. M Dowling, Chairman.....

Date.....03/09/07.....