

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2007

### Present:

Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. M. Dowling

1) **To discuss the security of the Memorial gardens and the site for a new Youth Shelter.**

Councillor Threlfall informed the meeting that he had held discussions with the Police and they had suggested that the Youth shelter should be sited on the grass verge, between the children's playground and Naze lane.

**Resolved: That the shelter should be installed in this area.**

Proposed by Councillor Threlfall, seconded by Linda Burn and unanimously accepted.

Councillor Threlfall suggested that the L shaped seat, in the Memorial garden, should be re-sited in the new Youth shelter.

**Resolved: That the seat be re-sited.**

Proposed by Councillor Linda Burn, seconded by St J Greenhough and unanimously accepted.

The Clerk suggested that a new rubbish bin should be installed adjacent to the shelter.

The Clerk informed the meeting that they had previously agreed that security in the Memorial garden would be improved by installing gates at the service entrance, to the south side and at the main entrance. In addition, he suggested that a new fence be installed between the bowling green and the side entrance to the gardens. This would allow access to the bowling green, but restrict access to the Memorial gardens. The new gates should be locked each evening.

Councillor Linda Burn suggested this be considered only if the youths continue to congregated in the Memorial gardens, after the Youth shelter has been installed. This recommendation was accepted.

Councillor Threlfall suggested that Memorial gardens should be renovated, once the security aspect had been sorted. He suggested that the damaged trees and shrubs be replaced. This was agreed.

2) **To review the Open Spaces questionnaire, from FBC.**

It was agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman should complete the questionnaire.

3) **To review the Play area risk assessment, from FBC.**

The Clerk reported that he had received the latest report from FBC and all the items listed were of a low to medium risk. FBC are now responsible for undertaking the repairs. It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with FBC to ensure the repairs are completed.

4) **To consider the request to weed and feed the cricket outfield.**

The Clerk reported that he requested Tom Garlick to undertake this work, but he had been unable to complete at a time convenient to both parties. His machinery was too heavy for this to be undertaken whilst the outfield was wet. It was agreed that the Clerk should request a contractor, with spray equipment attached to a quad bike, to undertake this work.

**5) To Review the Estimate for the repair to the AWS.**

The Clerk reported that it had taken six months for one contractor to come up with an estimate of £10.25K. He had been unable to find any other contractor willing to do the work. It was agreed that the work should not be carried out until the security at the AWS had improved and the area was being properly supervised. The following recommendations were agreed:-

- a) The top third of the fence around the AWS to be painted with anti-vandal paint. Notices would be erected indicating that the fence had been painted.
- b) An estimate to be obtained to install 45 degree outward facing fencing on top of the existing fence.
- c) The Council to meet with the Rawstone Centre committee and representatives from each section, to discuss the running of the centre and its facilities.

**6) The hedge on the Croft Butts lane allotments, adjacent to 30, Croft Butts lane.**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Rigby had met with Mr. Hannan and indicated that the problem with the garage was due to incorrect footings. However, he had suggested that the privet hedge could be removed to give Mr. Hannan easier access to his garage. It was agreed that the hedge should not be removed as it was a permanent structure, but the Council would continue to keep it trimmed.

**7) Trees at the West end of the Cricket field.**

Councillor Threlfall reported that he had asked a tree surgeon for a quote to trim back these trees, as they were starting to look unwieldy. It was agreed that they should be replaced over a period. The Clerk agreed to obtain estimates.

**8) Annual Bulb planting**

Councillor Threlfall reported that the annual bulb planting exercise would take place on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and villagers should be asked to meet at the Cenotaph at 9:00am. It was agreed that notices should be put on the Notice boards and on the web-site.

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

**Signed..... L Rigby, Vice-Chairman.....**

**Date.....1<sup>st</sup> October 2007.....**