

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008

**Present:** Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. E Willis and C Robb. Three representatives from the dog owners, a representative from the Football section.

**Apologies:** Councillors Linda Burn, Mrs. M. Dowling, T Fiddler, P Quinn. St J Greenhough, Mrs. M Whitehead and Julie Eastwood

- 1) To examine the area around the Memorial gardens and the Borders at the Naze lane entrance.  
It was noted that:-
  - a) A new fence had been erected at the rear of the Coach and Horses and this encroached, some four feet, beyond the boundary (as per the Land Registry records). In addition, a solid fence, previously erected to stop access to the rear of the Council's buildings, had been removed and a gap existed.  
It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the landlord requesting that the fence be moved back to the boundary line and the gap blocked off by a solid fence.
  - b) Some of the yew trees, along the side of the footpath to the Memorial stone, need replacing.
  - c) The wooden animals, in the park, require painting and the benches and tables need varnishing
  - d) The wooden fence, adjacent to the Naze lane shops, needs repairing.
  - e) A hedge should be planted to the rear of the border, at the Naze lane entrance, to stop people walking across the border to gain access to the park.The Clerk agreed to progress these items.
- 2) To examine the Croft Butts lane allotments.  
The Clerk reported that four allotments had been vacated and they have been allocated to the next on the list.  
It was note that one of them, Plot 11T, still had a quantity of materials and two sheds on it. Councillor Mrs. Willis agreed to speak to the previous tenant to arrange for the items to be removed.
- 3) To examine the boat on the roundabout.  
It was agreed that the boat should be replaced. The Chairman stated that he would consider any suggestions.
- 4) Excessive surface water at the corner of Naze lane east and Preston old road.  
Councillor Robb reported that, from time to time, surface water stood on the road at this junction. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Andrew Shore, FBC.
- 5) Update of the Dog fouling Community Watch scheme.  
The football section reported that they had seen a marked improvement in the cleanliness of the pitch. The reports from Councillor Mrs Willis indicated that only small quantities of dog faeces had been picked up in recent weeks.  
The Clerk reported that there had been no new incident reported over the last few weeks. James Amor suggested that, in order to maintain the momentum with the Community watch scheme, permanent signs should be purchased and displayed in a number of areas around the playing fields.

The Clerk reported that if ten or more signs were purchased they would cost £13.25 each. It was suggested that signs should also be displayed in the park and on Greenacre. It was agreed that ten A4 signs and two A3 signs should be purchase.  
In addition, it was suggested that a notice should be placed on the notice board and in the Rawstone Centre window to indicate how many fixed notices have been issued and prosecutions made since the start of the scheme. The Clerk agreed to progress.

- 6) To consider the information regarding the AWS quotes, received by the Clerk.  
The Clerk informed the meeting that three quotes had previously been considered. It had been previously been agreed that each firm should be contacted and references sought. The Clerk reported that only one firm had provided referees and when contacted these were people who had private tennis courts for domestic use. Polyply had provided samples of the work that would be undertaken.  
The Chairman stated that it was important the firm chosen should be able to give a guarantee of the work and that it would be preferable to use a local firm, in case there were problems.  
It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange a meeting with Polyply, at the AWS area, to discuss all aspects of the work they proposed.
  
- 7) To consider the correspondence from Annette Little regarding the increase in the rents at the Croft Butt lane allotments.  
The Clerk reported that last year some maintenance work was carried out and this resulted in the expenditure for the Croft Butt allotments being £908. The income was £347.  
It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Annette Little to explain, in more detail, the reason for the rent increase.

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

**Signed.....Mrs. S Delany, Chairman .....**

**Date.....12<sup>th</sup> May 2008.....**