

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 20th October 2008

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

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

1) **Apologies:** Councillors T Fiddler and Mrs. M Dowling.

2) **Public participation**

The meeting was adjourned to allow the public to participate.

Ian Cooper, Croft Butts Allotment association enquired about the progress being made with the issues raised at the previous meeting. This was discussed in item 6 below.

The meeting was reconvened.

3) **To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**

Councillor Mrs. Willis declared an interest, but not prejudicial, in item 8, the review of Bush lane allotment agreement.

4) **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st July 2008**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 24th September 2008, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

5) **To consider both revenue and capital expenditure proposals for the 2009/10 budget**

It was resolved that a revenue budget of £6,3177 be proposed for the 2009/10 budget.

It was further resolved that the following items should be proposed for the capital expenditure programme in 2009/10 budget:-

a) A replacement tractor and grass cutting machine – Approximate cost £18k.

b) A new red diesel fuel tank – Approximate cost £1.2k.

The Clerk indicated that diesel could be purchased at 25p a litre less and the tank would pay for itself in 2-3 years.

c) Replace the pathways in the Cenotaph. Estimates to be obtained.

6) **To review the proposals for improvements to the Croft Butts lane allotments.**

The Clerk gave the following update:-

a. The new water supply - Estimate received for £3.3k. This expenditure will be referred to full Council for consideration.

b. New notice board. – The Council has a notice board that it is in need of renovation. The Association agreed to look at it.

c. Plan of the original site that would indicate the drainage system – No plan has been found amongst the Council's records. The records at County Hall will be checked in due course.

d. Re-establish the pathways. – This will be reviewed over the winter months.

e. The allotment side of the exterior hedge. – This will be reviewed over the winter months.

7) **To consider a solution to the increasing large depression on the Bush lane playing fields.**

It was resolved that the depression should be filled in.

8) **To review the Bush lane allotment agreement.**

The Clerk reported that some of the older agreement included a clause that allowed greenhouses to be erected, but agreements issued since 2004 did not have this clause.

It was resolved that the older agreements should stand but the newer ones, plus any new agreement would not include the clause to allow greenhouses to be erected.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....03/11/08.....