

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2009

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2) Public participation

The Council was thanked for providing the new watering system and Notice board on Croft Butts lane allotments. However, there was concern about the unevenness of the main pathway and the amount of clay left on the side of one of the allotments. The comments were noted and would be considered under item 8.

3) To read and approve the minutes of The Open Spaces meeting held on Monday 16th March 2009

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 16th March 2009, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendments;-
Councillor Mrs. Willis declared an interest in Item 1a – inspection of Bush lane allotments.
Item 2b – Access to the allotments from the cricket field – the step over ladder was removable.

4) To receive the Clerk's report (for information only).

The comments in the Clerk's report, previously circulated, were noted.

Councillor Fiddler agreed to try to identify the ownership of the hedge that backs onto Brades lane.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

6) To consider tidying up the entrance to the south side of the Memorial park

It was suggested that the entrance needs to be widened to allow the new tractor to go through and the eastern side needs a hedge planting to stop youths from walking over the rockery. This hedge will need fencing off until it is established. In addition, the rockery should be removed.

It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain quotes for this work to be carried out.

It was further resolved that the Clerk should again write to the shops requesting that they repair their fence.

7) To consider what action to take regarding replacing the "Hawthorns" sign

The Clerk reported that he had obtained quotes of approximately £600 for a new sign similar the existing sign. (i.e. Marble background and gold inlaid lettering).

It was resolved that two new signs should be obtained, with a black background and white lettering.

8) To consider what action to take over restoring the pathways on the Croft Butts allotments.

It was resolved that the clay should be removed from 12t allotment and replaced with top soil.

It was further resolved that an estimate be obtain for back-blading the main pathway.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....22/06/09.....