

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2009

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors St J Greenhough, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. M Dowling, Mrs. M Foster, Linda Burn, P Quinn, Mrs. L Willis, and Councillor L Rigby, only to observe.

1) To accept Apologies for absence

Councillors T Fiddler (another meeting) and C Robb (holiday)

It was resolved that the reasons for absence be accepted.

2) Public participation

A member of the Council reported that the triangular piece of land, adjacent to the Pearl restaurant, on Lytham road, was untidy. He indicated that the Freckleton in Bloom committee would like to provide a piece of flora furniture for this area. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owners of the Pearl to see if the suggestion was acceptable to them.

A member of the Council reported that Mr. Whittaker, Plot 12t, Croft Butts allotments, sent his thanks for the Council prompt action in tidying up his allotment.

A member of the Council requested that a plastic bollard, left by contractors, be removed from opposite the Methodist church, on Kirkham road.

A member of the Council reported that there has been a request for an additional set of goal posts from children playing on the Bush lane playing fields. In addition, the Clerk reported that he had received a request, from Warton Typhoons under 12 team, to provide a junior football pitch on the same playing fields. It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries and report back.

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

There were no declarations of interests.

4) To read and approve the minutes of The Open Spaces meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2009

It was resolved that the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2009, previously circulated, be approved.

5) To consider the response from the FBC's legal department regarding what action may be taken on the recently erected rear entrance gates onto the Bush lane playing fields.

It was reported that the fence, owned by the Council, had been cut through when the new gates had been installed. A member of the Council suggested that it might be a health & safety issue, as it was increasing the risk of someone being hit by a cricket ball and all the residents of Sagar drive, backing on to the field, should be informed of this risk.

It was resolved, by a majority decision, that a letter should be sent informing the residents that the fence is the property of the Council and the gates should be removed.

6) To consider the site for a bench in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Kingsley

The Clerk reported that the relatives had agreed to purchase a seat and that Mr. & Mrs. Kingsley had previously lived in Tarnbrick ave.

It was resolved that the seat should be installed on the Open spaces area on Green Acres.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....Councillor T Threlfall.....

Date.....19/10/09.....