

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 26th April 2010

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

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

1) To Inspect the Croft butts lane allotments.

The following issues were raised:-

- a) Allotments 6Tb, 10b and 11b were not being worked.
- b) The fence, on the south side of the allotments, was in need of repair.
- c) The pillars, at the entrance to the allotments, should be re-instated with sufficient space for a delivery wagon to gain access.

It was resolved that the Clerk should progress these issues.

2) To accept Apologies for absence

Councillor T Fiddler (attending another meeting)

It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.

The meeting was adjourned to receive the representations from the public

3) Public participation

Two member of the public indicated that they wished to install a fence on the Open Spaces area on Balderstone road, because damage was being caused to vehicles parked adjacent to this area. It was agreed that this would be dealt with under item 6 of the Agenda.

The meeting was reconvened.

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

All members present declared an interest in item 1, as trustees of the Croft Butts allotments trust fund.

5) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th March 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

6) To consider the request to install a fence or hedge on the Open Spaces area next to 36, Balderstone road.

It was suggested that an evergreen hedge should be erected, next to the driveway. It was pointed out that the remaining grass area would be too small for the drive on mower to cut.

The residents agreed to cut the grass and keep this area free of litter.

It was suggested that an agreement should be drawn up to set out where the hedge can be planted and that the residents would be responsible for the maintenance of the hedge and the adjacent Open spaces area.

It was resolved that an evergreen hedge may be erected on the Open Spaces land, adjacent to 36, Balderstone road.

It was further resolved that an agreement should be drawn giving permission for the hedge to be planted and setting out the responsibility of the residents of 36, Balderstone road to maintain the hedge and the surrounding Open spaces area.

7) To consider the request to maintain the Quaker burial ground

It was reported that there is a charitable trust set up to look after this area.

Councillor Mrs. Dowling agreed to speak to the Chairman of the trust, Mr. H Robinson.

8) To consider applying for funding from Lancashire Environmental Fund to upgrade the Memorial gardens.

It was reported that some of the play equipment, in the Memorial park, was in need of replacing

It was resolved that the Council should apply for funding to replace the damaged equipment.

The Clerk agreed to obtain prices for new equipment.

It was suggested that the Council should consider creating a new bridle pathway. This will be progressed later.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....

Date.....17th May 2010.....