

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st February 2011 To discuss the requirements for the Britain in Bloom competition.

Present: Mr. T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors St J Greenhough, C Robb, Mrs. M Whitehead, L Rigby, Mrs. M Foster, Mrs. L Willis, T Fiddler, L Burn, Mrs. and Mrs. S Delany Mrs. M Dowling,
And members of the Freckleton in Bloom committee.

1) To accept Apologies for absence

Councillors Mrs. M Dowling (sick) and P Quinn (holiday).
It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted

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

There were no interests to declare.

3) To have discussions with the Freckleton in Bloom committee members regarding the requirements for this year's Britain in Bloom Competition.

Harry Hall updated the meeting on what the judges would be looking for when marking for the Britain in Bloom competition. They included:-

a) Horticultural achievements (50%)

This section included Impact, Horticultural practice, Residential and Community gardening, Business areas and premises and Green spaces.

b) Environmental Responsibility (25%)

This section included Conservation and biodiversity, Resource management, Local heritage, local environment quality and pride of place.

c) Community Participation (25%)

This section included year round achievements in Development and continuity, Communication and education, community involvement, year round involvement and funding and support.

It was stressed that Council and the FIB committee should work closely together to ensure all areas were covered and as much as possible the Community, Schools and Organisations within the village should be involved.

It was suggested that a number of leaflet drops should be arranged to try to make the residents aware of the competition and to try to obtain some volunteers.

It was agreed that regular meetings would be held to progress the issues.

It was recognized that there would be additional financing required to fund the extra work. The Clerk confirmed that this year's Open Spaces budget had been increased in anticipation of this. The FIB committee confirmed that they would be willing to financially support the extra work.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a banner, indicating that the Village is a finalist in this year's competition and asked where best to display it.

It was agreed that the banner should be mounted and displayed on the western side of the grass verge around the roundabout.

The FIB committee reported that they proposed removing the boat, currently situated in the grass verge near the roundabout, but had not yet decided what would replace it.

The Clerk enquired if the Noticeboard, at the entrance to Balderstone road, should be removed because it was beyond repair.

It was resolved that the Noticeboard should be removed and not replaced.

The FIB committee confirmed that they intended using this area to extend the floral bed.

Signed.....C Robb, Chairman.....

Date.....7th March 2011.....