

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**Present:** Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors St J Greenhough, C Robb, Mrs. M Whitehead and Mrs. L Willis

Representatives from the Freckleton in Bloom committee and from the Croft Butts allotment holders association.

**1) To accept Apologies for absence**

Councillors Mrs. M Dowling, T Fiddler and P Quinn.

Mrs. J Blomeley, tenant of number 11b plot on Croft Butts lane allotments.

**2) Public participation**

There was no public participation.

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

All members present, as trustees, declared an interest in all items relating to the Croft Butts lane allotments and Councillor Threlfall declared an interest in the Freckleton in Bloom committee.

**4) To approve the minutes of the Open spaces committee meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5) To hold informal discussions with Lucy Evans regarding a Community volunteering Project.**

Lucy Evans did not attend the meeting. It was agreed that a suitable project would be the painting of the white railings around the Naze lane sheltered accommodation. The Clerk agreed to communicate this to Lucy Evans.

**6) To consider recommendations for improvements to the fence adjacent to the shops on the eastern side of the Memorial park.**

Councillor Threlfall indicated that the shops owners were prepared to contribute to the repair of the fence.

It was resolved that the fence should be replaced.

It was suggested that the shopkeepers should be advised that the Council was not accepting responsibility for the fence by having it repaired.

The Clerk agreed to obtain two quotes for replacing the fence.

**7) To consider recommendations for replacing the wooden play equipment in the children's play area on the Memorial park.**

It was resolved that the wooden play structure should be removed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for a replacement piece of equipment.

**8) To consider what action to take over the siting of a greenhouse on an allotment on Croft Butts lane.**

The Clerk and chairman indicated that they had visited the allotment and there was insufficient space, between the greenhouse and the water butt, for the grass pathway to be cut properly or for safe passage with a wheelbarrow.

The Clerk suggested to the Allotment holders association that they might help with the moving of the greenhouse.

It was also noted that it would appear that the plot had not been worked this year.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the tenant requesting that the greenhouse be moved as soon as possible.

**9) To consider what action is required for the Britain in Bloom Competition, with representatives from the Freckleton in Bloom committee**

The route for judging was discussed and agreed.

It was agreed that the following areas, along the route, should be tidied up:-

- a) The internal hedge, by the pathway on Croft Butts allotments.
- b) Dibbs Pocket border
- c) The fence around the car park to the Coach and Horses.
- d) The Borders near the toilets.
- e) The flowerbeds at the Naze lane end of the Memorial park.
- f) The white fencing around the Naze lane sheltered accommodation.
- g) The ornamental kite in front of the Naze lane sheltered accommodation. Councillor Threlfall agreed to obtain a quote from SMS.
- h) The sign on the left hand side of the roundabout.
- i) The Bollards in and around the Village centre and the cenotaph. Councillor Threlfall agreed to progress with County Councillor Rigby.

It was agreed that the following work should be undertaken:-

- a. Create new border on the left hand side of the entrance to the Memorial park.
- b. Remove the dead Palm trees, at the entrance to the Memorial park.
- c. Replace soil on the left hand side of the Memorial gardens (Councillor Threlfall to obtain a ph test) and replant Ewe trees.
- d. The Playground equipment and animals need repainting repairing.
- e. Paint the Millennium clock.

Councillor Robb requested that the article for the May '11 Newsletter be prepared as soon as possible as it would have to be printed in the next two weeks. A representative from the FIB committee agreed to prepare the article and pass it to Councillor Robb.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.**

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

**Date.....23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.....**