

## **Freckleton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011**

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

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

**1) To accept Apologies for absence**

Councillors T Fiddler (holiday).

It was resolved that the reason for absence be accepted.

**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 and Bush 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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5) To Receive the Clerk's report.**

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

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

The Clerk reported that most of the work, previously identified, has been completed. He agreed to obtain quotes from two decorators for painting the Memorial clock.

The Clerk reported that he had received two further quotes for replacing the fence in adjacent to the Naze lane shops. He had also received an email from one of the shopkeepers requesting that a hawthorn hedge be installed instead of the wooden fence.

It was resolved that this item should be referred back to full Council for reconsideration.

Councillor Threlfall informed the meeting that judging would take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August between 8:30 and 11:00am.

**7) To review the Annual operational inspection report, for the memorial gardens playground.**

The Clerk reported that the report indicated that all the equipment in the play area was of a low risk and would be reviewed FBC as part of the maintenance contract.

In addition, FBC have agreed to repair the wooden play structure and repaint all the equipment in the same colour.

The Chairman indicated that the play area was in need of a revamp and suggested that outside funding should be sought to provide new equipment. In addition, he suggested that the Council should be asked to set aside funds to contribute to this funding.

The Clerk agreed to discuss with Lee McCarthy the type of equipment that should be purchased and the best way of funding the project.

It was resolved to obtain quotations for new equipment and ask Council to set aside an amount to contribute to the funding of this equipment.

**8) To consider additional land for Allotment use.**

It was reported that a piece of land, to the south of the runway might be available for purchase for use as horticultural allotments. In addition, it was reported that a resident of the Village had indicated that she was prepared to fund the purchase if the Council bought the land.

It was agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman should hold informal discussions with the residents to clarify her wishes.

In addition, the Clerk should check to see if the land is available for purchase.

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

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

**Date.....12/07/11.....**