

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 17th October 2011

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)
Councillors St J Greenhough, C Robb and Mrs. L Willis

1) To accept Apologies for absence

Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead (Away) and T Fiddler (other commitment).

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 allotments

4) To consider the points raised by the Croft Butts lane allotment holders association

The following was resolved regarding the issues raised by the Association:-

- a. The accounts for the completed years would be made available.
- b. The appropriate letter will be sent to the two tenants who are not working their allotments upto the required standard.
- c. It is acceptable for the compost to be ordered again and the settlement of the invoice will be as last year.
- d. It was a good idea to request a type of "bond" so that this can be used, if needed, to tidy up the plot when someone leaves. However, in the past this type of problem as resulted from tenants who have had a plot for a considerable time, so it was agreed that if this suggestion was adopted that ALL plot holders should be asked to make this payment.
- e. The comments regarding dogs were noted.
- f. The Clerk will arrange for the discounts cards to be distributed when received.
- g. The perimeter hedge has now been cut.

In addition, the large tree on the southern perimeter was discussed. It was thought that the roots were damaging the adjacent footpath and the tree was in need of trimming back.

It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain an estimate for the work and submit it to the next Council meeting.

5) To consider a suitable area for the storage of the winter grit.

It was resolved that the green waste area, adjacent to the band room, should be used for storing the grit salt. The Clerk agreed to obtain an estimate for the work and submit it to the next Council meeting.

6) To consider whether to remove the tree on Balderstone road, that backs onto Lodge Close

It was resolved that the tree should not be removed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....M E Foster, Chairman.....

Date.....07/11/11.....