

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April 2013

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chair)
Councillors, K McKay, Mrs. L Willis and Mrs. K Pye

1) Apologies

Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead (holiday), T Fiddler and P Walton (other business)

It was resolved that the reasons for absence should be accepted

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

All members, as Trustees, declared an interest in the Bush lane allotments and the Sports field.

3) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18/03/13.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2013, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

4) To consider what action is needed to tidy-up the area around the Lay-bye, on the Allotment lane.

It was reported that United Utilities had agreed to tidy-up this area and re-seed it prior to leaving the site.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to United Utilities, via the Land Agent, to request that this work is completed.

5) To consider whether allotments 1a & 2a should be let.

The Clerk reported that the drains Contractor had found a drain, on the northern side of the lane, but there was no outlet drain for the water to clear. It was suggested that Lewis Battersby should be asked if he could insert a drain under the Green lane west, without having to dig up the road.

It was resolved that the allotments 1a and 2a should be re-let, subject to the new tenants being informed that it may flood.

6) To consider a report on the maintenance of the Bush lane Football and Cricket pitches

The Chairman reported that he had held a meeting with a professional groundsman and he had produced a list of remedial work. The Council has approved this work to be carried out this summer.

In addition, the professional groundsman has promised to issue a report on how best to maintain the various pitches.

7) To ratify the lease agreement for the small piece of land at the rear of 45, Hodgson ave,

It was resolved to ratify the lease agreement, previously circulated.

8) To consider the requests from the Croft butts lane Allotment Holders association

This item was deferred until the next meeting, at the request of the allotment Holders association.

9) To consider the request from FIB to replace the 2 tubs outside the Methodist church.

It was resolved to obtain quotations for the new tubs and ask Council to approve the expenditure.

10) To consider the type and location of a sign for the western entrance to the Village.

It was resolved to recommend to Council a similar sign to that on the eastern side of the Village and that it should be located on private land, adjacent to the corner house on Lamaleach drive/Lytham road.

It was emphasized that all requests from Freckleton in Bloom must first be approved by the committee and should be submitted to the Clerk, by the secretary, immediately after the FIB meeting.

11) To review the letters of complaint regarding the cutting of the grass on Lamaleach Drive

The Clerk reported that the Contractor had now resigned due to ill health.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....St. J Greenhough, Chairman..

Date.....10/06/13.....