

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2014

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chair)
Councillors, Mrs. L Willis, and Mrs. M Whitehead
Russ Gates and two other members of FIB.

1) To accept Apologies for absence.

Councillors T Fiddler (unwell) and K McKay (away on business)

It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

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

All councillors declared an interest in the Croft Butts lane allotments.

3) To inspect the Croft Butts lane allotments

The allotments were in excellent condition.

It was reported that the allotment holders had cut the main grass verge as the contractor had not cut it this year.

In addition, it was reported that the perimeter hedge needs reducing when next being cut.

It was resolved to send a letter of appreciation to the Allotment holders Association for all the hard work that has been put in to make the allotments look so tidy and colourful.

4) To review the procedures for maintaining the wreaths on the Cenotaph.

The Clerk reported that the Contractors had suggested that wreaths should be fasten down to avoid them being blown about.

It was resolved that the Wreaths should be removed by Easter each year.

It was further resolved to use "shot" cord, around the Cenotaph, to hold down the wreaths.

Councilor St J Greenhough agreed to supply the cord.

5) To consider who is responsible for ensuring the tubs, around the Cenotaph, are kept tidy.

Freckleton in Bloom representatives agreed that they were responsible for the tubs.

6) To review the sponsorship of the flower bed on the plough car park

It was agreed that all FIB sponsorships should be arranged through the Freckleton in Bloom committee.

7) To receive an update on the weed & feed of the sport field and the Contractors workloads.

The Clerk reported that the Bush lane sports field will be sprayed with weed killer on 30/06/14 and the field will be fed with fertilizer at the beginning of June '14 and again the end of July '14

The Clerk and the Chairman of the Open Spaces committee had produced a list of outstanding work in the Open Spaces within the village and passed it on to Golden Leaf for corrective action to be taken. In addition, a list from FIB has been passed on to the Contractors.

8) To receive an update on the planting programme for 2014.

It was reported that all the planting was on schedule.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....Cllr. L Rigby, Chairman.....

Date.....07/07/14.....