

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 20th October 2014

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. M Whitehead, L Rigby

Mrs. J Cartmell and M Cartmell from Golden leaf

H Hall and Christine Graham from Freckleton in Bloom (FIB).

- 1) **To receive declarations from anyone (public or Councillors) if they propose to record the meeting (film or audio) under the Openness of the Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.**

There were no declarations received

- 2) **To accept Apologies for absence.**

Councillors T Fiddler, K McKay and P Walton (other commitments)

It was resolved that the reasons for absence should be accepted.

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

There were no declaration of interest.

- 4) **To approve the minutes of the Open spaces meeting held on Monday 15/09/14**

It was resolved that the minutes of the above mentioned meeting, previously circulated, should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

- 5) **To review the Planting and maintenance procedures for 2014.**

There followed a general discussion of the preparation of beds and troughs; planting and setting up the hanging baskets and the maintenance and watering of the beds, baskets and tubs during the summer months.

Overall, it was felt that everything went well. It was agreed that FIB would notify Golden Leaf of the date when the plants would be required for next year.

The tops of the stands for the hanging baskets need repairing. Golden Leaf was requested to undertake the repairs.

The red brick areas, on the bye-pass adjacent to the roundabout, need cleaning. The Clerk agreed to ask LCC to undertake the work.

- 6) **To finalise arrangements for next year's displays.**

The recommendations for the number of plants required, produced by FIB, were reviewed. It was agreed that 9520 would be ordered.

- 7) **To approve the costs of an automatic watering system for the Cenotaph.**

It was resolved to recommend to Council that a new automated watering system, for the Cenotaph, should be purchased at a cost of £209 plus installation costs.

- 8) **To approve the date of the next meeting.**

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on 16/03/15 starting at 6:30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....03/11/14.....