

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2015

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. M Whitehead and a representative from Freckleton in Bloom,

- 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.

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

Councillors K McKay, T Fiddler and Mrs. J Cartmell (other commitments)

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

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

All Councillors, as Landlords of the Bush lane sports field, the Bush lane and Croft Butts allotments declared an interest in items 7, 8, 9 and 10.

- 4) **To consider what action to take regarding new LBKV judging criteria.**

The Clerk read out the areas that would be inspected under the new criteria for judging. He agreed to issue a copy to all members and the FIB committee.

It was resolved to inspect the areas to be judged at the May '15 Open Spaces meeting.

- 5) **To consider what action to take regarding repairing the ER bed.**

It was resolved that the FIB committee should repair the display for this year.

The Clerk reminded the FIB representative that a risk assessment should be completed and issued to him before the work commences, to comply with the terms of the Insurance cover.

- 6) **To consider what action to take regarding the repairs to the Pick-up.**

The Chairman reported that the pick-up was not capable of carry the load of the new water butts. He had spoken to Townsends and they agreed that a trailer and new water butt would be the best solution.

The chairman agreed to obtain an estimate for this equipment for the next full Council meeting.

The trailer and tank would be stored outside the buildings with a chain a lock for security.

- 7) **To consider what action to take regarding the drainage on the Bush lane allotments.**

It was reported that a drain had been identified, on Mr. Livesey's allotment that may be suitable to use for draining some of the allotments.

The Chairman agreed to ask Louis Battersby to review.

- 8) **To consider what action to take regarding the overhanging trees on the Croft Butts allotments.**

It was agreed that these should be inspected at the May '15 Open Spaces meeting.

- 9) **To consider what action to take regarding the exercising of dogs on the Cricket square and outfield.**

It was reported that the Cricket groundsman and members of Golden Leaf had witnessed a woman throwing a ball from the rear gate onto the cricket outfield and square to exercise her dog, off the lead.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Occupiers/Owners of the property to inform them that this action was in breach of the Dog Control order and any repeat would result in them being reported to the Dog warden.

- 10) **To decide where the new bay should be erected for the grass cuttings from the Bush lane playing fields.**

It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain an estimate for a new concrete bay to be installed against the boundary fence to the west of the Rawstorne centre.

Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....

Date.....15/06/15.....