

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2015

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors, St J Greenhough, K McKay, Mrs. N Griffiths and a representative from Freckleton in Bloom.

The Chairman thanked Councillor St J Greenhough for all the hard work he had put in as the previous Chairman.

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 Mrs. M Whitehead and T Fiddler (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 allotments and Croft butts allotments declared an interest in items 5 & 7.

3. a To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2015

It was resolved to approve the minutes (circulated at the meeting) of the Open Spaces meeting, held on 28th April 2015,

4) To consider what action to recommend regarding replacing the Pickup.

It was reported that the pickup's suspension could not support the weight of the new water tank when full (approx. 1ton).

The pickup was inspected and it was agreed that it was no longer fit for purpose.

It was resolved to recommend to Council to replace the pickup with a vehicle that would support the existing watering system. Preferably with a single cab unit.

It was further resolved to recommend to Council that the pumping system should be replaced.

5) To consider what action to recommend regarding the drainage of the Bush lane allotments...

It was reported that Lewis Battersby had produced a quote for the installation of drainage along the main allotment lane and to tap into an existing drain that runs from the grass verge on green lane west.

It was suggested that a specification should be produced for the requirements of the new drainage system.

It was resolved to obtain two further quotes.

6) To consider pruning the trees in the Cenotaph

It was resolved that Golden Leaf should be asked to produce a quote for this work.

7) To consider what action to take regarding the over-hanging trees on the Croft Butts lane allotments.

It was resolved to obtain quotations for this work to be carried out in autumn.

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

Date.....27/07/15.....