

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2016

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs. N Griffiths, St J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, K McKay and two representatives 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 Open of the Local Government Bodies regulations 2014

There was no declarations.

2) To accept Apologies for absence.

Councillors, Mrs. M Whitehead, (holiday) and T Fiddler (other business)

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 the Cenotaph, declared an interest in item 4 & 5.

4) To review the new drains recently installed on the Bush lane allotments.

The work on the drains was inspected.

It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the contractor with the following concerns:-

1. Have drains been laid on the dog exercise area, at the Bush lane end of the lane as per the specification.
2. Have drains been laid up to plot 7 at the bottom end of the allotment lane, as per the specification.
3. How can we locate the "stop ends" so that each individual plots can add drains that will link into the system.
4. Are the 2 man holes capable of retaining silt, as per the specification?
5. Will the top area, where the drains have been laid, be finished off with road planings?

5) To agree the site for the FIB history notice board

It was resolved that the notice board should be located in the southeast corner of the Cenotaph gardens, adjacent to the bank building.

6) To consider the requests from FIB

The following issues were considered:-

1. 2 brackets at the Village hall and 1 at toilet block need putting up if there are to be hanging baskets in those areas – The Clerk will refer to Golden leaf to action.
2. Croft Butts lane by the salt box has been left in a state and could do with a tidy up – FIB will progress nearer judging.
3. Could the path leading to Children's Memorial stone be power washed sometime, it's getting slippery in wet weather – The Clerk will refer to Golden leaf to action.
4. The CM stone could do with power washing too, it's a bit green – It was agreed that it should not be power washed due to the soft stone. FIB agreed to hand wash.
5. Can bus shelters be cleaned nearer judging time – The Clerk will refer to Golden leaf to action.
6. Grass verges on Lower Ln (by Springhill roundabout) are in a state as cars constantly park on them, can we do anything. - It was agreed that no action could be taken.
7. The 'Lytham Rd' sign by the War Memorial could do with replacing but if not, a clean may help – The Chairman reported that he has requested FBC to replace/repair signs in the Village. If FIB provided an up to date list of all signs that need repairing he will progress.
8. Block paving around edge of roundabout and the two 'triangles' need clearing – The Chairman agreed to progress with FBC.
9. Bushes at the back of the Heritage Wall need cutting back – FIB agreed to action.

- 10. Central reservation needs cutting back – *Email was sent to Paul Rigby who advised to email again in March as council will have better idea of budget priorities* – FIB agreed to action.
- 11. Road signs need cleaning – we'll probably have to do this ourselves – FIB agreed to action.
- 12. Who would be responsible for putting up the hanging baskets this year given that GL will no longer be watering– The Clerk will refer to Golden leaf to action.
- 13. Could you just confirm for us that GL will still empty all the troughs and tubs and refill them with compost– The Clerk will refer to Golden leaf to action.

7) To consider setting up Community litter picking projects.

A representative from Green lane explained that she was litter picking in her community to try to keep the grass verge tidy.

It was agreed that she should try to set up a Neighbourhood scheme and to encourage other groups a notice should be put on the notice board.

Equipment (e.g. bags, pickers etc.) would be provided by the Council and the Council would arrange for the rubbish to be removed.

Once the group has been formed it will be necessary to carry out a risk assessment and to wear high visibility jackets when litter picking.

8) To consider the new lights for the Christmas tree

It was resolved that 8 sets of soft white lights should be purchased.

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

Date.....09/05/106.....