

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Tuesday 24th May 2016

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. N Griffiths, St J Greenhough, K McKay, P. Walton, Mrs. J Cartmell, Mrs. L Willis, K McKay and three representatives from Freckleton in Bloom.

Councillor L Rigby arrived late.

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.

Councillor 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 Sports field, declared an interest in item 4

Councillor L Rigby, as a member of the Cricket club, declared an interest in item 4.

4) To review the site for the grass cuttings prior to removal by FBC.

The Chairman pointed out that the grass on the football pitch was cut at a different level to the grass on the Cricket outfield. The Cricket outfield was cut twice a week and left on the ground but the football pitch once cut once a fortnight and picked up.

The Clerk pointed out that if the grass on the football pitch was to be cut without picking up it would be required to be cut more frequently and therefore would incur extra costs.

The current location for storing the grass cuttings prior to removal was inspected and found to be untidy and because of the state of the ground, it was not possible to drop the grass near the boundary fence.

Councillor Rigby stated that there may still be a gang mower in the Cricket storage area and this could be used for cutting the football pitch. He will investigate and if found Councillor Walton agreed to have it serviced.

The Chairman reported that the Ransome 3-gang mower was now 16 years old and was continually in need of repair and should be replaced.

It was resolved to install a concrete storage pen, in the same area as now, but to ensure it was further away from the cricket outfield (i.e. the rear of the pen should be adjacent to the boundary fence).

It was further resolved that the Football pitch should be cut weekly without picking up the grass, currently with John Deere mower and then with the gang mower if it is available.

It was further resolved that the Council should be asked to allocate a budget for the replacement of the Ransome 3-gang mower.

5) To discuss the requirements of FIB for the preparation of judging

The following issues were raised by the FIB team:-

1. The judges score on Environment. Help would be required to clean up litter, cigarette butts etc. – Everyone to help.
2. The Roundabout triangle needs weeding. The Clerk will write to LCC (not hopeful of a positive response) and Cllr. Threlfall will ask FBC
3. The following areas need spraying to kill off the weeds:-
Pavements around the Village – Cllr. Threlfall will ask FBC
Coach & Horses and the Plough car parks – Cllr. Mrs. Cartmell to ask Golden Leaf.
4. The rear of the Plough car park needs rubbish removing. – The Clerk to again write to Brewery.

5. The post around the cenotaph need painting. The Clerk will write to County Councillor P Rigby.
6. Some road signs need cleaning - Cllr. Threlfall will ask FBC
7. The telephone box needs cleaning – The Clerk agreed to progress.

FIB stated that there will be a tidy up campaign on the evening of Tuesday 02/08/16, starting at 6:00pm (Judging on 03/08/16). As many volunteers as possible are required. It was suggested that they should write to Village community groups (scouts, Guides, Younger years etc.) and Kirkham prison. Cllr. Threlfall will ask if Springfield Apprentices can help.

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

Date.....06/06/16.....