

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 19th September 2016

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. N Griffiths, St J Greenhough, K McKay, P. Walton, Mrs. L Willis, K McKay and three 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.

Mrs. J Cartmell, (declared a pecuniary interest in item 6) and 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 Cenotaph, declared an interest in item 5.
Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell declared a pecuniary interest in item 6.

4) To review the salt/grit box by the store room

It was resolved that the lid on the box should be replaced.
It was further resolved that this item should be referred to the Fabrics committee.

5) To review the site for the Anvil

It was resolved to recommend to Council that the anvil be sited in the south east corner of the Cenotaph close to the old smithy building.

6) To review the Open Spaces contracts

It was resolved to make the following changes to the contracts:-

a) Grass cutting –

Golden Leaf should be asked if they wish to continue with the Contract for a further three years on the same terms.

The Contractor should give 6 months' notice in writing if they wish to terminate the Contract prior to the end of the period.

The Council will provide sit on machinery, and a vehicle to undertake the bulk grass cutting.

The Contractor will use his own machinery to maintain the small areas, for edging the grass verges, strimming and transporting the equipment.

Every three weeks – Where bulbs are planted no grass should be cut until the bulbs have had a chance to regenerate. (E.g. end of May each year).

Monthly – Hand mow a strip along the edge of Croft Butts allotments exterior perimeter.

Winter (November to third week in March) –

Football fields – Cut the grass if needed in addition to slit and chain when weather permits.

Additional work – annually

Power wash – The AWS area if needed and the pathway to the Stone in the Memorial gardens, the areas around the Clock and the areas outside of the Cenotaph.

Paint – The painting of the benches to be transferred to the Fabrics committee.

b) Open Spaces work –

Golden Leaf should be asked if they wish to continue with the Contract for a further three years on the same terms.

The Contractor should give 6 months' notice in writing if they wish to terminate the Contract prior to the end of the period

The Contractor will provide all his own equipment and machinery

The Contractor will use the Council's or his own vehicles and trailer for transporting equipment and plants, chippings etc.

Schedule for Planting out:

Preparation of Troughs and tubs – remove all plants (previously undertaken by FIB).

Schedule for maintaining Borders

Trim all the current year's growth from shrubs and hedges as and when necessary.

Remove all rubbish bagged up by FIB committee.

Cut back the shrubbery on the roundabout and keep them trimmed back to the same height each year.

Add chippings to all Council owned borders as and when necessary.

Flower beds – Appendix A

Remove the 2 beds along the sides of hedge in the park

Freckleton in Bloom will review and provide new lists of the number of baskets, Tubs and troughs.

c) **Watering**

Austin Haselden should be asked if he wishes to continue with the Contract for a further one year on the same terms.

The watering equipment will be reviewed and replaced/repared where necessary and the electric equipment will be made waterproof.

The Contractor should give 3 months' notice in writing if he wishes to terminate the Contract prior to the end of the period

The watering will start when the plants arrive (late May or early June)

Freckleton in Bloom will review and provide new lists of the number of baskets, Tubs and troughs.

d) **Keeping Village tidy**

Golden Leaf should be asked if they wish to continue with the Contract for a further three years on the same terms.

The Contractor should give 6 months' notice in writing if they wish to terminate the Contract prior to the end of the period

The Contractor will provide all their own equipment and vehicle (when the pickup is being used for other work) necessary to undertake the work.

Concern was raised about the cleanliness of the ginnel between Bush lane and Kirby Drive and the footpaths on Lytham road from the Church to the Spar on both sides of the road.

The Clerk confirmed that these areas were the responsibility of FBC and he would report the areas to them.

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

Date03/10/16.....