Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017

Present: Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell, (Chair)
Councillors, Mrs. M Whitehead, , Mrs. N Griffiths, , Mrs. P Holt, St J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, , P. Walton and K McKay

1) **Apologies:**
Councillors T Threlfall, T Fiddler, L Rigby and Mrs. S Delany (other business)
It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.

2) **To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**
All Councillor, as landlords, declared an interest in item 3 - Croft Butts lane allotments.
Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell declared a pecuniary interest in item 5, - Quotation for work in the Memorial park.

3) **To review the Croft Butts lane allotments**
The allotments were found to be neat and tidy and a credit to all the allotment holders. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to congratulate them all on the way the allotments have been kept.

4) **To review the use of the football pitches during the summer months**
The Clerk reported that the new Football club was proposing playing in a summer league during May and June '17. He pointed out that in previous years the summer months were used to allow the pitches to recover and to undertake essential maintenance work.
It was agreed in principle that the pitches should not played on during the summer months and to hold a meeting, on site, with the Football section to review the pitches and discuss the use in summer. The Clerk agreed to arrange this meeting for Thursday 27/04/17.

5) **To review the quotation for the work in the Memorial park.**
Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell left the room.

It was pointed out that some of this work should be undertaken as part of the annual contract. Also, that the trees that are removed should be stumped to avoid future growth and make the mowing of the area easier.
It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should meet with the Contractor to express the Committees concerns.

Signed……Mrs. S Delany, Chairman……..………………...

Date……02/05/17……….…………………….