

Minutes of Open Spaces meeting held on Monday 18th March 2019

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors St. J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs P Holt, K McKay, Mrs. J Cartmell and three representative from Freckleton in Bloom committee.

1) Apologies:

None

2) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in item 3 – The Cenotaph and The Memorial Park and item 4. – Croft Butts lane allotments.

3) To review the Shrubberies in the Cenotaph & the Memorial park

It was resolved that the following remedial action should be taken in the Cenotaph:-

- a) Trim back 3 holly bushes in the gardens
- b) Remove the laurel tree at the north east corner of the gardens
- c) Cut back both buddleia shrubs.
- d) Cut back the low growing plants in the eastern side of the gardens.
- e) Provide support for the Honey suckle in the eastern side of the gardens.
- f) To clean the stone bench, at the eastern end of the gardens.
- g) A new shrub is required behind the bench at the eastern side of the gardens.
- h) To paint three benches (1 inside & two outside the Cenotaph).

It was resolved to thank the Contractors for the excellent work they have done in maintaining the garden areas.

It was resolved that the following remedial action should be taken in the Memorial park:-

- 1. To power wash the path leading up to the Memorial stone.
- 2. To tidy up the borders, leading up to Memorial stone and cover with bark.
- 3. To clean the Memorial stone.
- 4. To accept the quotations, from Newgate Nurseries, for removing the old shrubs and placing with new ones in all the borders along the pathways in the Memorial park. (£1,650 for removing old plants and preparing the beds and £3,210 for supplying and installing new plants. The Freckleton in Bloom committee agreed to pay half of the costs.

4) To inspect the Croft Butts lane allotments

It was agreed that the allotments were being well maintained and all the plots looked in good order.

It was agreed that two trees, on the eastern side of the Allotment boundary, should be cut back. The Clerk agreed to obtain a quotation.

Signed.....Mrs D Delany, Vice Chairman.....

Date.....01/04/19.....