

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 16th September 2019

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)
 Councillors J Graham, Mrs. N Whalley Mrs. L Willis, T Fiddler and three representatives from the Freckleton in Bloom Committee (FIB)

1) Apologies:

Councillors St. J Greenhough and K McKay. (Other business).
 It was resolved that the reason for absence be accepted.

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

There were no declarations.

3) To review the Trees and Shrubs in the Cenotaph

It was resolved that the following work should be undertaken:-

- a) Cut back two holly trees to the same height as the one already cut back.
- b) Cut back the ground cover on the eastern side of the gardens
- c) Cut back, to ground level, the two buddleias.

It was agreed that the W/I could plant bulbs in the borders near the anvil.

4) To review the green waste area at the rear of the Guide hut.

It was resolved that FIB could use one of the bays for a SMALL compost area.

It was resolved that the following work should be undertaken:-

- a) Repair the wall nearest to the band room.
- b) Cut back all the foliage at the rear of the compound.

5) To consider a request to purchase land adjacent to Bracken Drive, on the Hawthorns

The owner of 18, Bracken drive requested the purchase of a small piece of the Open spaces area adjacent to his property. It was pointed out that the owner of the property on the other side of the road had purchased a similar piece of land from FBC in the 1990s.

The Open spaces area is at the end of the cul-de-sac and has a high bank to shield the noise from the main road. This area is currently being used to dump green waste by the residents who live near-by and is untidy.

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek legal advice from FBC.

6) To inspect the Open Spaces area within the Village.

The following areas were inspected:-

The walkway, leading to the Memorial stone.

In order that the Stone is made more visible when walking through the park, it was resolved that the hedgerow should be lowered to the same height as the hedge along the side of the gardens and the Silver birch trees should be removed.

The Area at the rear of the Sub-station.

It was resolved that this area should be tidied up.

The Scout leader enquired if the scouts could adopt a small Open Spaces area for the Scouts to plant out and look after. It was suggested that this area could be adopted.

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The Hawthorns.

It was agreed that the area looks much better with the removal of some of the trees.
It was agreed that the shrubs borders should be tidied up.

Greenacres.

It was agreed that the Shrubs need to be cut back and the dead ones replaced.
Also, it was agreed that the Ivy should be removed from the wall.

Signed.....St J Greenhough, Chairman

Date.....07/10/19.....