

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**Present:** Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead, D Chambers, P Walton, St J Greenhough, T Fiddler and Mrs. L Willis.

**1) Apologies**

Councillor K McKay (away on business)

It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted

**2) To review the Open Spaces area at the bottom end of Balderstone road.**

It was resolved that Cartmells should undertake the following work:-

To remove all the White Poplar saplings still growing after the removal of the trees and to generally tidy up the area.

To remove two trees which are unsightly.

To tidy up the hedgerow that backs onto Goa lane.

To plant new shrubs in the area that will be cleaned up.

It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a quotation for this work.

**3) To review the Cenotaph gardens.**

It was resolved that no action was required and that the Contractors should be commended for the tidiness of the gardens.

**4) To review the Open Spaces areas adjacent to and on the Roundabout.**

It was resolved that no action was required.

**5) To ratify the decision made regarding the changes in the Memorial park.**

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

a) In memory of Andy Davis - A seat should be installed on the eastern side of the footpath in the Centre of the park and a cherry tree should be planted behind the seat.

b) The following trees should be pruned – The two trees behind 32, Astley Crescent; the two hawthorn trees at the northern entrance to the park; the Poplar trees that form an avenue to the Memorial stone and trees and bushes on the southern side of the bowling green.

The Clerk agreed to obtain a quotation for all of this work.

**6) To hold discussions with the Friends of the Memorial park committee regarding proposed improvements to the park.**

Lyn Braithwaite updated the meeting with the progress that the Friends of the Park had made with fund raising and the consultations with the public regarding the requirements for the children's play area on the park.

In addition to the funds that have been raised by the Friends of the Park it was reported that funds would be available from the FBC's public realm, lottery grants and grants from Community social funding. The Parish Council has also set aside funding from the Capital expenditure programme.

It was agreed that the Friends of the park should produce a master plan of their wish list, with costing, for the Council to approve. They should then approach the various organisations for funding.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.**

Signed.....Mrs. L Willis, Chairman.....

Date.....05/11/12.....