

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 15th July 2013

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chair)

Councillors P Walton, Mrs. L Willis Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. G Cowell and Mrs. K Pye

1) Apologies

Councillors K McKay and T Fiddler (other commitments)

It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

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

All members, as Trustees, declared an interest in the Bush lane allotments and, as Landlords, in the Rawstone Centre.

3) To approve the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on 10th June 2013.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2013, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

4) To consider a request from the Frecklestone Project for a suitable site for the proposed new multi-purpose building

The representatives from the Frecklestone project stated that they had no drawings for the new building but would like answers to the following three questions in order to be able to complete the application for Charitable status:-

1) Is there any height restriction for the new building?

It was agreed that they should contact BAE to resolve this issue.

2) Permission to build on the land adjacent to the Rawstone Centre

After a lengthy debate on the options available, it was proposed that the car park area, on the eastern side of the Rawstone centre, upto the start of the AWS, area should be recommended for the new building. Additional car parking would be obtained by using a small part of the dog exercise area.

It was resolved that this area should be submitted to the full Council for consideration.

3) Approval for the land referred to in 2) above be surveyed to ensure it is suitable for building. The project team agreed that they would pay for the survey.

It was resolved that the survey could take place, subject to the full Council's approval.

5) To inspect the Bush lane allotments.

Overall, the allotments were in good order. The following points were noted:-

1) The drains, adjacent to plots 1a and 2b need to be linked to a mains outlet.

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs. Willis should ask Councillor Rigby to identify where the drain was installed adjacent to the Allotment lane hedge.

2) Plot 2b has recently been allocated to a new tenant, it needs to be worked, and the grass cut down.

3) It was noted that a few of the plots and half plots were not being fully utilized. The Clerk agreed to write to the Allotment Holders association to seek its views on whether they should be split in half to reduce the waiting list.

4) The areas adjacent the lay-by and on the site of the overflow tank were overgrown and need to be tidied up.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Land Agent and request that UU tidy up these areas immediately or to allow the Council to arrange for the work to be done and ask UU to pay for it.

5) The electricity, to the newly installed electric meters, has not been linked up.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Land Agent.

6) To consider a request for a memorial seat to be installed on Lytham road, near Lamaleach drive.

The Clerk reported that the site that had been chosen already had a seat on it, but there were two alternative sites for this seat:-

1) To use the seat, newly installed adjacent to the dog exercise area, on Bush lane.

2) To use the site around the Cenotaph, where a seat has recently been removed.

It was resolved that the Clerk should offer the two alternative sites for the memorial seat.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....Councillor St. J Greenhough, Chairman.....

Date.....16/09/13.....