

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2014

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs. L Willis, T Fiddler, K McKay, Mrs. M Whitehead and P Walton and Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell to observe.

1) To accept Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

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

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in the Croft Butts Lane and the Bush lane allotments. Councillor Mrs. L Willis, as a tenant, declared an interest in the Bush lane allotments.

3) To approve the minutes of the Open spaces meeting held on Monday 21/07/14

It was resolved that the minutes of the above mentioned meeting, previously circulated, should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

4) To review the Pot holes in Goe lane.

It was reported that this was an unadopted walkway, but it was hoped that it would be considered to be included as a Public Right of Way, in the review to be conducted by LCC in 2015. The responsibility for maintaining the walkway was the collective responsibility of the owners.

It was resolved that no action should be taken by the Parish Council.

5) To inspect the Bush lane allotments.

It was resolved that the following comments should be sent to the Allotment Holders Association.

1. The committee was pleased to see that there was an overall improvement of the tidiness of the allotments and in particular the cutting of the grass verges on the lane side of the most allotments.
2. There was concern expressed at the overgrown hedges, brambles and weeds in following areas:-
 - a) On the lane side of Plot 2A.
 - b) By the top entrance to Plot 9.
 - c) The lane area on the east and north side of the Electricity sub-station.
3. In addition it was noted that the top end of Plot 8 was generally untidy.
4. In addition, some allotments were still accumulating "rubbish" (e.g. old doors, umbrella type clothes drier, and other types of materials).

In addition it was agreed that the following updates should be issued

- a) The hedgerow on the south side of the allotment lane will be cut in the near future.
- b) The committee is still pursuing a solution to the drainage problem on some of the plots but finding an outlet, for the flow of water, is a problem.

6) To consider what action to take regarding the drainage on the Bush lane allotments.

The Chairman reported that he would be holding another meeting with the Contractor.

7) To consider a request for a reduction in the rent of plot 1T on the Croft Butts lane allotments.

The comments regarding the Association's arrangement for the transfer of property and buildings was noted.

With regard to plot 1T, the Clerk reported that he was not aware that the additional £5 was being charge for the rent of a greenhouse. He confirmed that there is no record of this in the lease agreement and the additional £5 charged was in respect of the size of the plot.

It was resolved that the additional £5 rent for plot 1T should continue to be charged.

8) To approve the date of the next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on 20/10/14 starting at 6:30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....20/10/14.....