

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 27th July 2015

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors K McKay, Mrs. N Griffiths Mrs. M Whitehead and two representative from Freckleton in Bloom. Mrs. J Cartmell represented Golden Leaf

The Chairman thanked Councillor St J Greenhough for all the hard work he had put in as the previous Chairman.

1) To receive declarations from anyone (public or Councillors) if they propose to record the meeting (film or audio) under the Openness of the Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

There were no declarations.

2) To accept Apologies for absence.

Councillors St J Greenhough and T Fiddler (other commitments)

It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.

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

All Councillors, as Landlords of the Bush lane allotments declared an interest item 5.

4) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2015

It was resolved to approve the minutes, previously circulated, of the Open Spaces meeting, held on 15th June 2015,

5) To Review the Bush lane allotments.

The allotments were inspected and found to be a clean and tidy.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Allotment holders association and ask them to thank the tenants for the way the allotments have been kept tidy.

6) To consider a request from FIB to plant permanent shrubs in the Balderstone Beds

It was resolved to leave the bed as it is with a flower display.

7) To consider joining the Countryside Sign posting project.

It was resolved to join the project.

Councillors ST J Greenhough and K McKay were nominated as volunteers.

8) To consider what action to take regarding the complaint letter about the state of Quakers wood.

It was resolved that the Contractors should tidy up this area and re-visit the site on a regular basis.

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had inspected a replacement pick-up and it would be purchased if they received a favourable report from the Golden Leaf contractor.

An informal discussion took place with the representatives from the FIB committee. The following were noted:-

1. The Chairman stressed that the previous problem between FIB, The Council and the Contractors should be put behind us and we should all strive to work together for the good of the Village.
2. The plants for summer 2016 will be ordered in September 2015.
3. Thanks go to Golden Leaf for all the work carried out before judging.
4. The judging went well.
5. In future, Golden leaf will be notified of the judging route two weeks before judging takes place in order that they can tidy up the areas.
6. A review of the all Village will be undertaken by Councillor Threlfall, representatives from FIB and Golden Leaf.
7. FIB are considering putting up a noticeboard with historical points of the Village highlighted. The suggested sighting would be on the southern side of the Cenotaph railing.

8. The verge on the southern side of the roundabout should be grassed over for easy maintenance.
9. A letter of thanks should be sent to the road sweeper.

Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....

Date.....21/09/15.....