

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 22nd April 2024

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)
Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. C Thomas, Mrs. P Mulholland, K McKay,
Dianne Dickinson, and Mrs. J Atherton

1) Apologies:

None

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

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in items 3 – Tom Croft Car Park, item 5 – The Cenotaph gardens and item 6 – The Memorial Park.

3) To review the Lighting in the Tom Croft car park.

Councillor Threlfall suggested that a trench should be dug from the existing light at the southern end of the car park along the grass verge at the rear of the Library and down the side of the school, in the hedgerow, to the entrance of the park on the Northern side. Three lamp posts should be installed, one at the entrance to the school, one in the middle of the car park and one at the entrance to the car park at the northern end. The hedgerow will have to be cut back to allow access for the machinery to dig the trench. Quotes will be obtained for this work to be carried out.

4) To review the location for the Air Disaster plaques.

It was agreed that they should be sited on posts on the pavement on the South side adjacent to the entrance to Trinity Close. Paul Rigby will be consulted.

5) To review the Cenotaph gardens.

It was agreed that the Trees that have been cut back need completing. Dean Wilson to contact the Tree surgeon. It was noted that the bushes have been well maintained. It was agreed that the Cenotaph stone and the Clock need cleaning.

6) To review the Memorial gardens

It was noted that the Hawthorn trees have birds nesting and should not be cut back until September. The pathway to the entrance to the park needs repairing. The Memorial stone needs cleaning and the pathway to it needs power washing. Councillor Jill Atherton agreed to have the plaque cleaned. The lampposts need painting.

It was reported that standing water, at the Naze lane end of the park, needs investigating. It was agreed that it would be dug out when the ground is dry.

7) The Graveyard

Councillor Threlfall reported that he was present when the whole of the graveyard was consecrated by the Bishop of Blackburn Alan Chester and the reverend Michael Gisborne. The Clerk reported that the Parochial Church Council are in the process of closing the graveyard and when complete the maintenance of it will be undertaken by FBC.

Signed.....Mrs. N Griffiths, Chairman.....

Date.....13/05.2024.....