

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 19th May 2025

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)
Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. C Thomas
K McKay and Nichola Rhodes from FIB.

1) Apologies:

Mrs. P Mulholland, Dianne Dickinson, Mrs. J Atherton and T Fiddler – Other Business
It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

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

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in item 3 – Bush Lane allotments and item 4 – Trees on the park.

3) To review the Fencing on the Bush Lane allotments.

The Chairman reported that the Youths had vandalized the fencing on the first allotment on Bush lane.

It was resolved that the fence should be replaced/repared. The Clerk agreed to obtain a quote.

4) To review the Trees in the Memorial park

The following trees were reviewed:-

a) The trees adjacent to the Guide and Scout huts.

The Clerk reported that there were two trees that were blocking the view of the Guide and Scout huts from the camera on the pathway that looks back towards the park entrance. They had impeded his view of youths vandalizing the huts in recent incidents. It was agreed that Black Box should be asked where best to place an additional camera to cover these areas.

b) Trees on the Boundary between the Bowling Green and the Play area.

The Clerk reported that a resident had complained that the branches of a tree was over hanging into his garden and sitting on the garage roof. He had cut the branches back prior to the visit. It was resolved that the branches should be removed.

It was resolved that a quote should be obtained for cutting back the tree that is overhanging the neighbour's garden.

It was resolved that a split branch on a tree near the fence should be removed.

c) Tree on the southern boundary where youths on climbing on to a garage roof.

It was resolved that a quote should be obtained for removing this tree.

d) Trees on the eastern boundary that are blocking light into the gardens of Astley Crescent.

It was resolved that a quote should be obtained for reducing the height of these trees to the same level as the hedgerow.

e) The Hedge by the Youth Shelter.

It was reported that the Police had requested that the hedge should be reduced in size so that youths taking drugs can be seen more easily.

It was resolved that this hedge should be reduced in size in autumn.

Signed...Mrs. C Thomas, Chairman.....

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