

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2026**Present:** Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. P Mulholland K McKay, A Smith.

Councillor Mrs N Griffiths (as a public participant)

1 Apologies:

Mrs. J Atherton – It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

Mrs D Dickinson - It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

Mr T Fiddler – It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

Mrs C Thomas - It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

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

All Councillor's, as Landlords, declared an interest in all items.

3 To review the Cenotaph.

The gardens were looking as well as can be expected as we are currently in a second heatwave with no rain for weeks and nothing due in the forward forecast. Areas that need some attention: -

- a) General weeding of the beds.
- b) Shape up ornamental bushes.
- c) Divide up plants growing within plants.
- d) To consider replacing the top wooden box when funds are available.
- e) Cllr T Threlfall to arrange for contractors to dig a trench and Cllr Threlfall will arrange for a wire armed cable to be installed for the electricity supply for the Crib.
- f) Dead head flowers.
- g) To arrange of the repainting of the names on the memorial.
- h) To cut off any sprouting trees from established trees.
- i) Top area of the Cenotaph needs a good weeding and remove all self-seeding plants.

4 To review the Memorial Garden.

- a) It was resolved that the memorial bench be placed to the left-hand side of the Parish notice board.
- b) FIB trough needs a repaint.
- c) All hedging to be tidying up, removing any brambles and trees growing through them.
- d) The hedges to the right on the way up to the bowling green need weeding and self-seeding plants removed.
- e) Hedge and tree at the Scout hut needs tidying up.
- f) The path to the memorial needs weeding and hedges tidying up.
- g) The path to the memorial requires repainting.
- h) Contractor bunkers need the material pushing to the back of them to tidy the area up.
- i) Cllr P Mulholland and Cllr N Whalley will clean up the Remembrance Poem stone.

5 To review the Tom Croft carpark.

- a) Cllr T Threlfall with discuss with LCC regarding the broken concrete structure against the carpark with a view to getting this repaired.
- b) To consider repainting the arrows on the car park.
- c) It was resolved to replace the Tom's Croft carpark sign, stating the correct name and amending the Clerk's contact details.
- d) General tidy up of beds.

Signed Cllr Mr N Whalley

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