Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2013

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead, K McKay, Mrs. L Willis and Mrs. K Pye (arrived late)

1) Apologies

Councillor T Fiddler and P Walton (other business) It was resolved that the reasons for absence should be accepted

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

There was no declaration of interest.

3) To review the recycling storage unit.

It was resolved to recommend to Council that three bays (for grass, plants and shrubs) be created to store the waste so that the materials can be recycled on site. The Clerk agreed to obtain a quote.

4) To review the two borders on the Northern side of the Tom Croft's car park.

It was resolved to recommend to Council that the two borders, on the north side of the car park, are levelled, tidied up and chippings laid to prevent weeds growing. In addition, it was recommended that the same action is taken with the border, on the east side of the entrance to the car park. The Cartmells agreed to produce a quote.

5) To review the Open Spaces area on Greenacres.

It was resolved to recommend to Council that the flags, old benches and the stands for the litterbins are removed; the new seat is re-sited at the front of the area and the remainder of the area is grassed over. The Cartmells agreed to produce a quote.

6) To consider whether to remove the bushes on the northern side of Lytham road

It was resolved to recommend to Council that the bushes, behind the two seats, should be removed. The Cartmells agreed to produce a quote.

7) To recommend a new feature adjacent to the slip road near the roundabout.

It was reported that a car is continually driving over the grass verge to exit the slip road and has created an indentation in it.

It was resolved to recommend to Council that a planter is sited in this area to stop the car driving over the grass verge.

Karen Pye agreed to obtain a quote.

8) To recommend repainting the posts of the hanging baskets.

It was resolved that a six hanging basket stands need repainting. The Cartmells and Brian Willis agreed to undertake the work.

9) To consider the bushes/plants for the recently cleared Open Spaces area on Balderstone road. It was resolved to recommend to Council that that 20 bushes should be purchased to replace the ones removed from the Open spaces area on Balderstone road. Karen Pye agreed to obtain a quote.

10) To review the inspection report for the Memorial gardens play area. It was resolved that the inspection report, previously circulated, should be approved.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

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