

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th April 2011, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor C Robb (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs S Delaney, Mrs M Foster, Mrs M Dowling, Linda Burn, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, T Threlfall, L Rigby
Lancashire County Councillor P Rigby

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor P Quinn – other commitments

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

2) Open Forum

The meeting was adjourned to receive the representations from the Police and the public

a) Police Update – Attended by PC Scarisbrick

Figures: for 01/03/11 to 31/03/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	25	3
Freckleton East	34	2
Lower Lane/The Mede	29	7

Figures show a total of crimes for the month of March 2011. This compares to a total of 13 Crimes recorded for the same month last year.

The Crimes include a robbery, five theft handling, two criminal damage, one drug offence, one Assault and one Fraud.

It was reported that the robbery that took place at the Naze lane stores a few weeks ago is still under investigation.

During the month trading standards have carried out further test purchasing operations which all the shops in the village have passed.

Officers have conducted speed checks out on Lytham Road with a number of drivers being warned in relation to their speed.

b) Public participation

Representative of United Utilities attended the meeting to explain further the work to be carried out and to discuss the reasons why a public meeting has not been held, as promised. It was explained that the exhibition and leaflet drop that has been carried out is standard practice, but confirmed that they will arrange for a public meeting to be held before the main work commences on 3rd May. This will enable residents to ask questions and raise any concerns they may have.

After concerns were raised again regarding children crossing the road to and from the school near to the Library, Councillor P Rigby agreed to progress the requirement of a crossing in this area, with Tim Ashton at LCC, particularly with the onset of the United Utilities work due to commence.

The meeting was reconvened.

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

All Councillors, as trustees, declared an interest in the Bush lane sports field, the Rawstrone Centre and the allotments.

4) To read and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 7th March

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

5) To receive the Clerk's report.

The comments in the Clerk's report, previously circulated, were noted.

The Clerk informed members that the hedge next to the seat at the Bus stop on Preston New Road has now been cut. The bench can now be located adjacent to bus stop.

BAE Systems are due to commence work of resurfacing the runway on 24th May and should be finished by 7th June. They will be working through the night and there may be some noise disturbance.

The Cricket section is having a workforce cricket weekend and has enquired if they can place a leaflet in the May newsletter.

6) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved – see appendix A

b) Monthly budget statements

The monthly statement was noted – see appendix B

c) To consider making donations to Various organisations

It was resolved to make the donations – see appendix C

d) To consider paying the annual subscriptions for the Lancashire Playing Fields association (£17).

It was resolved to pay the annual subscription for the Playing Fields association

e) To consider paying the annual subscriptions for the Lancashire Association of Local Councils (£596.50).

It was resolved to pay the annual subscription for the LALC.

f) To re-consider the amount of increase in the Croft Butt allotment rents

It was resolved that the increase in rent should be 50%, not 100% as previously agreed.

This will bring the annual rent to £30.

g) To approve the purchase of the Quaker's wood land and the improvements to the site

It was resolved that the Parish Council will purchase the land for a fee of £1 plus legal fees, and to obtain quotes for improvements to the site.

h) To approve the Chairman signing the "Fylde Parish Fund – conditions of grant" for £3k donation for the re-draining of the junior football pitch.

It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the Fylde Parish Fund conditions of grant form in order to secure the £3K donation for the football pitch.

i) To approve the expenditure of £2k, from the Community development fund, for the balance of funding of the re-draining of the Junior Football pitch.

It was resolved to approve the expenditure of £2k for the balance of the funding

j) To review the new Contracts for the Open Spaces workload.

The Clerk explained the changes made to the Open spaces workload, and pointed out that this will be £2,700 less than the previous contract.

It was solved that the new Contracts should be accepted.

7) To consider the request from the Guides/Brownies to amend the new draft Lease agreement to remove the responsibility for electric wiring and sockets etc.

It was agreed that this requires re-visiting and should be referred to the Fabrics committee for further discussion

8) To consider what action to take regarding the public right of way on Cherry Lane

Councillor Rigby informed members that the Parish Council cannot apply to move or remove a footpath; only the landowner would be able to do this.

Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council should take no further action.

9) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors

Councillor Threlfall informed members that when LCC cut the grass in front of the library they have also cut all the bulbs. It was resolved that the Clerk should write a letter of complaint to LCC regarding this.

In addition, the emptying of litter bins in the Memorial Park is the responsibility of FBC, and this is being carried out twice a week.

10) To consider a response to the LCC's Parish & Town Charter questionnaire

It was resolved to respond to the questionnaire and enquire why the grass cutting at the Library is not included in the LCC contract.

11) **To consider a response to the LCC's Parish & Town Councils delegated Services Pilot Projects – Public rights of Way.**

It was resolved to note the document

12) **To agree the date of next meeting.**

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 9th May 2011 in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed.....Mrs. M Foster, Chairman.....

Date.....9th May 2011.....

**Schedule of Payments
March 2011**

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5306	£1,070.68		£1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	53058	£438.97		£438.97
J Winstanley - salary	5307	£244.05		£244.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5314	£116.86		£116.86
Staples - new printer	5312p	£179.79	£29.97	£149.83
Staples - cartridges	5312p	£64.94	£10.82	£54.12
Freeola- internet rental	D/D	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
HP - promotional refund for new printer	D/P	-£50.00		-£50.00
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - Rawstorne electricity	D/D	£145.18	£24.20	£120.98
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5302p	£1,195.30	£0.00	£1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	5302p	£508.75	£0.00	£508.75
J Garlick - litter picking	5303	£535.50	£0.00	£535.50
Scottish power - electric charges	D/D	£62.00	£2.95	£59.05
J Garlick - additional work	5304	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00
A Davies - additional work	5305	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00
Rawstorne Centre - Electricity donation	Cheque	-£330.45	£0.00	-£330.45
G Beesley - Gas Inspection - Rawstorne centre	5311	£96.00	£16.00	£80.00
Braithwaites - service Machines	5313	£409.54	£68.26	£341.28
Almar Pumps - repair to pump	5316	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
Townsend - petrol & Diesel	5317	£118.60	£2.95	£115.65
Kor-Agri ltd - Materials for Bowling club	5318	£261.00	£36.00	£225.00
Bowling club - donation for materials	cheques	-£350.00	£0.00	-£350.00
Allotments				
Bush lane - Transfer from Community Development	transfer	-£1,691.00		-£1,691.00

Community Development Account

JW Signs - 10 signs for Dog order	5309	£399.60	£66.60	£333.00
B Sperinck - lipspeaking - Feb '11	5310	£107.00	£0.00	£107.00
Woodys - repair to benches and sign	5315	£491.65	£81.94	£409.71
AWS -rent	cheques	-£246.00	-£41.00	-£205.00
AWS -rent	cheque	-£36.00	-£6.00	-£30.00
Natwest - interest	D/P	-£9.14	£0.00	-£9.14
Transfer to Bush lane allotments	Transfer	£1,691.00	£0.00	£1,691.00

Playground Fund**VAT**

Total **£5,694.62** **£294.49** **£5,400.13**

**Precept Account
2010/2011****Appendix B**

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	March '11	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£20,000	£1,754	£21,044	-£1,044	105%
Insurance	£9,500	£0	£10,331	-£831	109%
Stationery	£450	£54	£574	-£124	127%
Postage	£1,600	£126	£1,642	-£42	103%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£600	£0	100%
Audit fee	£650	£0	£645	£5	99%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£200	£0	£0	£200	0%
Civic functions	£500	£0	£0	£500	0%
Election		£0	£0	£0	
Reserve		£0	£0	£0	
equipment	£300	£100	£256	£44	85%
Grants	£1,500	£0	£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420	£0	£480	-£60	114%
Open Spaces Account			£0	£0	
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,635	£19,879	£692	97%
Borders & Plants	£12,750	£509	£16,353	-£3,603	128%
Watering	£2,865	£0	£3,225	-£360	113%
Cleansing	£6,641	£536	£6,426	£215	97%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£190	£4,484	£516	90%
Organisations	£9,150	£0	£7,823	£1,327	85%
Electric & rates	£4,000	-£150	£662	£3,338	17%
Total	£96,797	£4,753	£95,026	£1,771	98%

Other Accounts March 2011

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£922	£820	£102
Bush lane Allotments		£2,478	£2,478	£0
Community Development		£20,705	£23,988	-£3,283
Playground Fund		£31	£2,006	-£1,975
VAT		£5,646	£7,177	-£1,530
Total		£29,783	£36,469	-£6,687

Appendix C

Grants for approval - April 2011

Precept

Parochial Church Council £500

Precept – Section 137

Air Ambulance £200

The Fylde Hospice £200

Open Spaces

Freckleton Bowling Club (£2.2k approved) £1,700
 (balance to be used to pay Invoices net of VAT)

Community Development

Rural Splash £2,000

Total

£4,600