

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th November 2007

Present:

Councillor Mrs. M Dowling (Chair),
Councillors, Linda Burn, Mrs. E Willis, Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Foster, Mrs M Whitehead,
T Threlfall, St J Greenhough, L Rigby, C Robb and P Quinn.

Apologies: Councillor T Fiddler.

1) Open Forum

a) Police Update – attended by PC Andy Scarisbrick and PCSO Vicki Jackson.

PC Scarisbrick informed the meeting that there had been a small increase in crime, particularly in the West ward. There had been random damage to vehicles, but no arrests have been made. There had been a number of incidents of diesel being siphoned from vehicles. The Rawstorne centre had been broken into. Four people have been arrested and they are awaiting charges. There was no more information on when the Police house would be opened. They were awaiting the installation of the computers.

The Clerk reported that two Councillors had tried to contact the Police on the new mobile phone, but they were unsuccessful and only got through to the voice mail service. PCSO Jackson reported that the phone was left unattended when the two PCSOs were not on duty, usually during the night.

b) Public participation

1. Mr. Snibson reported that he was continually picking up litter and empty beer cans from the Open Spaces area adjacent to Memory Close and Balderstone road. He asked if more of the “alcohol free area” signs could be installed. The Police agreed to investigate and to have a word with the landlords of the local pubs to ensure glasses are not taken from the premises. The Clerk agreed to ask the Contractor to include these areas in his workload. Councillor Whittle suggested that Bryan Ward, the Community Safety Officer, at FBC, should be informed of these incidents. The Clerk agreed to contact him.
2. Councillor Threlfall reported that he had attended the North West Britain in Bloom awards and he was pleased to inform the Council that Freckleton was awarded first prize in the Community effort section. In addition we were awarded runner-up in the small towns section and the Lamaleach Caravan Park won the North West caravan park award.

2) Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Declaration of Gifts and Hospitality.

There were no gifts or hospitality to declare.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

- a. The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st October 2007

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,

Proposed by Councillor L Rigby, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

The Clerk reported the following:-

- a) **Dog Banning Order** – A draft Order has been received from Ian Curtis and comments have been made. The cost for publication in three papers will be £1,105. (Lytham St Annes Express £269.10, Evening Gazette £429; Evening Post

£407.28). It was agreed that the notice should be displayed only in the Lytham St Annes Express and the Kirkham and Wesham Advertiser.

- b) **Traffic calming Measures around the C of E school.** Karen Gallagher had been contacted and she had responded indicating that LCC will not be introducing any more 20mph limits outside schools for the foreseeable future. Councillor Robb reported that the C of E School had produced a School Travel plan, which included initiatives to improve the safety of pupils whilst travelling to and from the school.
 - c) **Burial Ground** – David Jenkinson, FBC had been contacted, but despite reminder he was still awaiting response.
 - d) **Meeting with BAE** – Councillor T Threlfall attended the monthly meeting. Subsequent meeting attended by Councillors Mrs. S Daleny and Mrs. M Dowling. The reason given for the night flying was training on different types of aircraft.
 - e) **Fence adjacent to shops on Naze lane.** – Lesley Salthouse has indicated that she is disappointed with no action being taken by the Council. The Council re-affirmed that the fence belonged to the shops.
 - f) **Vandalism costs sign** – Councillor Robb suggested that another sign be put up on Goe lane, combining litter and dog fouling. The Clerk agreed to display the new sign.
 - g) **Trimming Trees on the West end of Bush lane** – The Clerk reported that an estimate of £1895 + Vat has been received to trim 50 Poplars. Councillor Linda Burn indicated that it had previously been agreed that the trees would be removed and replaced. The first phase would be to obtain a quote for removing 50% of the trees. The Clerk agreed to obtain a quote for removing the trees.
 - h) **The Village map** – Councillor Robb displayed the latest version of the village map. It was agreed that the pictures should not be tilted and Richardson close should be shortened. Councillor Robb agreed to have the map amended and report back.
- b. The Extra Parish Council meeting held at the Rawstorne Centre on Wednesday 10th October 2007.

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,

Proposed by Councillor P Quinn, seconded by Councillor Linda Burn and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

The Clerk reported the following:-

- a) **Booking Clerk** – A letter has been sent to terminate the contract, with effect from end October 2007, but he was still awaiting the booking diary and fees.
 - b) **Running of the AWS - The YMCA** have been contacted and a meeting will be arranged with David Leen.
- c. The Planning committee meeting held on Wednesday 24th October 2007

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,

Proposed by Councillor St J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L Willis and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

The Clerk reported the following:-

- a) **Small sites Exemption (HL1) document** – This document has been distributed with the minutes.
- b) **Planning Application 07/0463 - Woodys Warehouse** – It was agreed that Councillor Greenhough should progress a meeting with Ian Curtis, FBC, to review the evidence used to make the decision on this application. In addition, the Clerk agreed to write to Mark Evans to ensure the signs have been referred to the Enforcement officer.

5. Finance

- a) Ratification of accounts approved by the Chairman of Finance and paid by Clerk – see

Appendix A

Resolved: That the payments be ratified.

Proposed by Councillor Linda Burn, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

Councillor Rigby enquired if the Brewery would be paying the invoice for the electrical repairs that had to be undertaken at the Rawstorne centre. The Clerk agreed to send the invoice to the Treasurer of the Rawstorne centre and request that they recover the costs from the Brewery.

- b) Monthly budget statements– see Appendix B.
The Monthly budget statements were noted.
- c) To consider the electrical repairs to the Bowling club.
It was agreed that Councillor Rigby should meet with the Bowling section to establish who is responsible for the repairs.
- d) Repairs to the windows in the Scout and Guide huts – Councillor Rigby reported that he met with the Scouts and they had agreed to block off the windows. In addition, he had noted that there was a window that needed repairing in the Guide hut. The Clerk agreed to progress this work.
- e) Pool Table – Councillor Greenhough reported that there was a pool table available for any section that could use it. The Clerk agreed to write to the Younger years, Scouts and Guides to see if they could use it.

6. Correspondence

FBC	Polling Station's review – returning Officers Report	No change for Freckleton	For Information – FBC notified on 04/10/07 that Freckleton PC has no comments to make on the report.
Lancs. Police Authority	PAC meetings - Questionnaire	Comments	No action
Mr. & Mrs. Ousby - Email	Nauseating unpleasant odours	Comments	Council aware of the smell. It occurs when wind in the east.
LCC	Notes on Mini-seminars held at Parish & town Council's conference 15/09/07	For information	No action
Mrs. Benson – telephone call	Upkeep of Public footpath at rear of 6, Lamaleach drive	Comments	Councillor Greenhough indicated that there was a right of way in this area and that the matter should be referred to Terry Phelan, LCC. The Clerk agreed to progress.
Geoff Browne, Devon - Email	Enquiry regarding a Freckleton College & Teacher training Course around 1945	Comments	Councillor Rigby was aware of the college and agreed to speak to Mr. Browne.
Standards Board	Adoption of the New code of Conduct	Confirmation required	Email sent 01/11/07
Freckleton Teenagers	Siting of a caravan	To consider	No site suitable.
LCC	Rural Lancs. Development	Comments	It was agreed that the leaflet should be posted on the notice board

	Grants		
FBC	GreenSTAT initiative	Comments	No action
West Lancashire Local development Framework	Consultation on housing	Comments	No action

7. Planning

The following application was considered:-

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision
07/1086	Linton, Kirkham road	Change of use to Children's home for six children aged between 5 to 12 years.	See below

It was agreed that more information is required on the use of this dwelling before final comments can be made, but at this point the Council would Object on the grounds that:-

- a) This will be a commercial enterprise on a residential site.
- b) The property is located on a busy road and there will be concern for small children using this road unattended. In addition, there will be parking for 40 cars. The number of cars entering and leaving the property will be a danger on a very busy main road.
- c) Currently the stables are used for agricultural use, but they have been identified as part of the Children's' home development.

Councillor Whittle suggested that the Bryan Ward, the Community Safety Officer, at FBC, should be asked to comment on this application. The Clerk agreed to contact him.

8. Amenity Cleansing – Footpaths not being cleaned regularly

Councillor Greenhough reported that the pavements and streets, within the village were being swept at irregular intervals. Councillor Threlfall stated that he had recently met with Dave Jenkinson, FBC, in the village and he gave an assurance that changes will be made and the sweeping would be undertaken every 2 weeks. It was agreed that the situation should be monitored.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd December 2007, starting at 7:00pm, in the Village hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed..... Mrs M Dowling, Chairman.....

Date.....3rd December 2007.....

Schedule of payments for

Oct-07

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4489p	416.67
FBC - half yearly grant	D/p	-4875.00
KM Armistead _ expenses	4497p	66.90
British legion - donation for wreaths	4492	80.00
Open Spaces Account		
FBC - half yearly grant	D/p	-17263.20
FBC - Playground maintenance	D/P	829.00
A Watkinson - repair to lights in Cenotaph	4481	65.40
Chubbs - New battery for system at Storeroom	4482	41.13
T & E Garlick - weed & Feed football pitch	4483	188.00
Ribble Fuels - Red Diesel	4485	129.15
E4b - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	200.29
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	26.00
S Delaney - wages	4490	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4491	341.55
KM Armistead - salary	4489p	435.51
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4487p	1105.83
Grangeland Services -Borders	4487p	387.50
J Garlick - litter picking	4488p	458.34
J Garlick - watering	4488p	796.25
K Armistead - Expenses	4497p	48.31
Michael Worden - Repair Guide hut roof	4494	94.00
Garrat electricals - Repair to Rawstorne	4496	709.93
J Townsend - Diesel, petrol and Punctures	4498	141.24
Scottish Power - Electric refund	Cheque	-119.49
Allotments		
Grangeland services - Cut hedge & tidy up	4484	230.00
Kwik skip - Remove rubbish - Croft Butts	4493	265.00
PO ltd - water rates - Croft butts	4495p	20.89
PO ltd - water rates - Bush lane	4495p	242.57
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-394.92
FBC - half yearly grant	D/P	-505.00
FBC - half yearly grant	D/P	-4045.00
Community Development		
Lancs. Turf Supplies - dressing & seed for Bowling green	4486	371.40
Bowling club - donation towards materials	Cheque	-328.00
Playground Fund		
Bank of America	D/P	-534.14
VAT		
HM Customs - VAT Refund	d/p	-1383.98
Total		-21697.03

Precept Account 2007/2008

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Oct' 2007	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£5,000	£417	£2,917	£2,083	58%
Insurance	£650		£630	£20	97%
Stationery	£400		£164	£236	41%
Postage	£700	£67	£483	£217	69%
LAPTC	£600		£563	£37	94%
Audit fee	£650		£610	£40	94%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£150		£72	£78	48%
Civic functions	£400	£80	£80	£320	20%
Grants					
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200		£142	£58	71%
Section137	£900		£900	£0	100%
Total	9750	£564	£6,661	£3,089	68%

2007/2008

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Oct' 2007	To date	Outstanding	used
Grass cutting	£17,440	£1,359	£11,114	£6,326	64%
Borders & Plants	£10,302	£388	£6,688	£3,614	65%
Watering	£2,659	£796	£2,585	£74	97%
Cleansing	£5,665	£458	£3,208	£2,457	57%
Maintaining Buildings	£8,350	£785	£3,242	£5,109	39%
Outside Contractors	£7,690	£989	£5,203	£2,487	68%
Civic events	£1,413	£0	£1,414	-£1	100%
Indirect costs	£22,144	£963	£13,826	£8,318	62%
Reserves					
Total	£75,664	£5,738	£47,279	£28,385	62%

Other Accounts 2007/2008

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£347	£693	-£346
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£943	-£182
Community Development	£23,812	£15,288	£8,524
Playground Fund	£1,482	£0	£1,482
VAT	£5,423	£4,211	£1,212
Total	£31,824	£21,135	£10,689