

## Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 In the Village Hall

**Present:** Councillor, T Threlfall (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, Mrs N Griffiths, Mrs L Willis, Mrs F C-Wilson, St J Greenhough, Mrs N Walmsley, Mrs P Mulholland, J Graham and Mrs C Thomas.

### 1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

K McKay – Other Meeting.

It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

### 2) Open Forum

#### Police

There was no Police present, PCSO Anna was unable to attend but had sent an update to the clerk. The clerk briefed the council members with the content of the email.

Councillor Threlfall reported that there was now 3 PCSO's assigned to the village and reported that the village was getting much improved policing.

#### Public participation

A number of Councillors reported several issues to C Cllr P Rigby. These included worn out road markings across the village, Parking issues on Clifton Place and complaints about HGV vehicles going to and from the HGV training center on Kirkham Rd. C Cllr Rigby asked the clerk to email him a list of issues and he will see what he can help with.

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

All Councillors as landlords of the Bush Lane Sports field declared an interest in item 8. To consider installing an accessible path for wheelchair users around the perimeter of the Bush Lane Sports field and, item 10. To consider the requests from the Dog owners.

### 4) To read and approve the minutes of: -

**The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022**

**The Planning meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022.**

**The minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on 26th September 2022**

It was resolved that the above-mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved

### 5) To review the Clerk's report

The contents were noted

### 6) Finance

#### a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

It was resolved to approve the accounts paid by the Clerk. See Appendix A

#### b) Monthly budget statements

The monthly budget statements were noted. See Appendix B.

#### c) To consider a revised quote of £2,881.94 for the installation of 3 CCTV cameras & upgrade of the storage drive.

It was resolved to accept the revised quote of £2,881.94 for the installation of 3 CCTV cameras & upgrade of the storage drive.

#### d) To review the External Auditors report.

The content of the report was noted.

Councillor Fiddler extended his thanks to the Clerk for his excellent management and control of the council's fiscal affairs.

**e) To consider a request from LCC to cut the hedgerow on Preston New Road north & south of the by-pass and on Lytham Road, for a fee of £600.**

It was resolved to accept the payment of £600 to cut the hedgerows on Preston New Road and Lytham road.

It was agreed to ask the contractor to give a quote for the hedgerow cutting on an annual basis. If the quote is acceptable and approved by the council the job will be put on a formal contract.

**7) To consider a request from LCC to identify any warm and welcoming publicly accessible spaces.**

This is an initiative from LCC to target loneliness and help people who may have cost issues when having to heat their homes all day during the colder months. It will be funded by LCC and run by volunteers. The initiative is in its early stages and at this point LCC are asking for possible venues. The Rawstrone Centre, The Village Library, The Methodist Chapel and the Village Hall were all suggested as possibly suitable venues.

**8) To consider installing an accessible path for wheelchair users around the perimeter of the Bush Lane Sports field.**

The Clerk reported that he has sought legal advice and there is no legal requirement to provide a path for the disabled only that the Council should consider whether they should provide a path.

A member of the public requested a path so that people with wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pram could access the Sports field.

It was suggested that lottery funding may be available. The dog owners agreed to investigate. It was agreed to investigate the cost of installing a path around the perimeter of the Sports field.

**9) To review Flooding in the Village.**

Councillor Threlfall gave an update on several flood concern areas in the village as recently all of the usually flooded areas have been clear.

C Cllr P Rigby reported that Lodge Close have had camara's down and roots had been found again. He also reported that damage had been found on Green Lane West where a post has been knocked through a drain pipe.

**10) To consider the requests from the Dog owners**

The Dog owners requested that this item be removed from the agenda because they had made an official complaint to FBC.

The Clerk suggested that it should remain as he had received legal advice on the issues that have been raised.

Concern was raised as to why the Dog owners were pursuing legal action when the Council was under the impression that they wanted to work with them to find a solution to their problems.

The dog owners insisted that the Council had not followed the procedures laid down in the Code of Practise for dealing with Complaints and that was why they have raised a complaint with FBC.

It was reported that FBC have no responsibility to ensure the Parish Council is following the correct procedures.

The Council's response to the 5 points raised by the dog owners are as follows:

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1. The Open Spaces committee be instructed to remove their signs

It was agreed that all the signs would be taken down within the next 7 days.

Also, it was agreed that there would be a joint meeting with the Open Spaces committee and the Dog Walkers to agree the wording for new signs.

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- 2. Request that the continued to use of the Sports field remains in place for their recreation as residents

It was agreed that the Dog walkers would have use of the Sports field, except in the areas were organized sports activities were taking place.

In return the dog walkers would reintroduce the keeping of the field clear of dog poo.

- 3. Request to remove the signs redirecting dog owners off the main field and the one stating the field is for organized sports.

It was agreed that the signs would be removed.

- 4. The Council to confirm that there are no plans in place to pursue a PSPO with FBC.

The Council confirmed that there is plans to pursue a PSPO.

- 5. Concerns raised about the area identified as “a dog Exercise area”.

It Council agreed that it will not provide a specific area for dog exercising.

The Chairman raised his concerns about the danger to children of catching toxocariasis if they come into contact with dog poo.

It was suggested that the dog walkers should attend the Rawstone Centre meetings. The dog walker’s representatives agreed to ask their member if they would like to become full members of the Rawstone Centre management committee.

**11) To agree the date of the next meeting**

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

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

Date.....07/11/22.....

**Appendix A**

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>						
<b>Schedule of payments Sept '22</b>						
			<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>						
01/09/2022	Salary & Expenses September 2022		BACS	£2,388.28		£2,388.28
09/09/2022	Freeola - website re	1	dd	£13.86	£2.31	£11.55
15/09/2022	Bt - Internet	1	D/D	£41.34	£6.89	£34.45
24/09/2022	PKF- External audit	1	BACS	£480.00	£80.00	£400.00
02/09/2022	FBC - Precept grant		D/P	-£53,357.00		-£53,357.00
<b>Open Spaces</b>						
24/09/2022	J Rhodes - Grass c	1	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/09/2022	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,835.03		£1,835.03
01/09/2022	D Taylor - Borders		BACS	£1,020.00		£1,020.00
01/09/2022	A Hasleden - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
15/09/2022	EDF - electricity ch	2	D/D	£42.00	£2.00	£40.00
05/09/2022	Margaret Mason - Flowers for Grave		BACS	£30.00		£30.00
01/09/2022	D Taylor - Remove branches , repair to Buildings		BACS	£180.00		£180.00
02/09/2022	FBC - Playground maintenance		D/P	£2,066.60		£2,066.60
02/09/2022	FBC - bus shelter cleaning grant		D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00
07/09/2022	S J Snape- Repairs to properties		BACS	£610.00		£610.00
07/09/2022	Garry Hunter - Repairs to properties		BACS	£610.00		£610.00
14/09/2022	SMS - new gates fo	1	BACS	1710	£285.00	£1,425.00
09/09/2022	EDF _ Electricity re	2	D/P	-£6.57	-£0.31	-£6.26
12/09/2022	EDF _ Electricity re	2	D/P	-£25.58	-£1.22	-£24.36
08/09/2022	Bowling Club - Donation towards Noticeboard erection		D/P	-£220.00		-£220.00
24/09/2022	Divine signs - Quee	1	BACS	£62.52	£10.42	£52.10
24/09/2022	Rawstone centre - Annual subscriptions		BACS	£60.00		£60.00
<b>Allotments</b>						
13/09/2022	Water plus - water charges		D/D	£309.99		£309.99
16-20/9/22	Crofts Butts - rent		D/D	-£60.00		-£60.00
05/09/2022	Woodys - repair to	1	BACS	£128.90	£21.48	£107.42
22/09/2022	Waterplus - Bush lane Water charges		D/D	£131.63		£131.63
<b>Community Development Account</b>						
24/09/2022	Glasdon - Plaque fo	1	BACS	£121.99	£20.33	£101.66
02/09/2022	Donation for Bench		Cheque	-£700.00		-£700.00
31/08/2022	Nationwide - Interest		D/P	-£11.38		-£11.38
<b>VAT</b>						
<b>Total</b>				<b>-£40,418.41</b>	<b>£756.07</b>	<b>-£41,174.48</b>

## Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account Sept '22					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Sept '22	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	<b>£29,164</b>	£2,388	£14,460	£14,704	50%
Insurance	<b>£5,000</b>			£5,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	<b>£950</b>	£46	£823	£127	87%
Audit fee	<b>£550</b>	£400	£520	£30	95%
Chair Allow	<b>£100</b>		£100		100%
Training	<b>£50</b>			£50	
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	<b>£750</b>			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	<b>£200</b>		£69	£131	35%
Grants	<b>£500</b>		£500		100%
Section137	<b>£750</b>		£650	£100	87%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,646	£12,157	£9,093	57%
Bedding out & Watering	£19,250	£1,835	£11,479	£7,771	60%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£2,550	£2,550	50%
Borders	£6,000	£1,200	£5,414	£586	90%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£772	£4,250	£1,250	77%
Organisations	£8,800	£3,582	£13,131	-£4,331	149%
Electric & rates	<b>£2,800</b>	<b>£9</b>	<b>£1,831</b>	<b>£969</b>	65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£106,714</b>	<b>£12,303</b>	<b>£67,936</b>	<b>£38,778</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Other Accounts Sept '22</b>					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£60	£495	-£435	
Bush lane Allotments		£755	£381	£374	
Allotment - refurbishment	£35,000		£840	£34,160	
Community Development	£44,730	£4,198	£12,504	£36,423	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£19,933			£19,933	
Open Spaces	£18,953		£5,075	£13,878	
VAT		£7,442	£10,255	-£2,812	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£118,616</b>	<b>£12,455</b>	<b>£29,550</b>	<b>£101,521</b>	