

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022 In the Village Hall

Present: Councillor, Mrs C Thomas. (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, Mrs N Griffiths, Mrs L Willis, K McKay, Mrs F C-Wilson, Mrs N Walmsley and J Graham.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

T Threlfall, St J Greenhough and Mrs P Mulholland – Holiday.

It was resolved to accept the reason 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.

Public participation

A member of the public asked for support from the Parish Council with his plan to put a blue plaque on the outside front wall of his house. He would like to display some local history information and he thought it would be good if it had the council's endorsement. All Councillors thought it was a good idea. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting.

County Councillor P Rigby gave an update on the ongoing local highway improvement's but, he didn't have any update from UU on the current drainage situation although he said there looked to be a lot of work being carried out with gully cleaning.

A resident spoke to C Cllr Rigby about a telegraph pole that was being put outside his front garden. Cllr Rigby explained that LCC don't have any influence or say where open reach decides to put any of their equipment.

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

All Councillors as landlords of the Rawstrone Centre declared an interest in item 9. To receive an update on the proposal to install a pathway around the Bush Lane sports field and, item 11. To consider a notification from the Club Day committee that the half marathon will start at 10:30am next year

4) To read and approve the minutes of: -

The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022

The Communications meeting held on Monday 10th October 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 the quotation of £4,640.91 from FBC for the maintenance of the playground equipment in 2023/24.

It was resolved to approve the quotation of £4,640.91 from FBC for the maintenance of the playground equipment in 2023/24.

7) To hold discussions with the Assistant Police Commissioner for Lancashire Andy Pratt.

Mr Pratt gave an update on the initiatives being undertaken by the Lancashire Police and indicated that additional Officers would be available by mid-2023.

8) To review the procedures for Remembrance Sunday & the Tree Lighting services.

The Clerk reported that the invites had gone out for the Remembrance Sunday service and the barriers would be in place.

In addition, the tree had been ordered and the invites to the Carol & tree lighting service would go out towards the end of November. It was agreed that the Council would advertise that there would be refreshments and Father Christmas in the Village Hall after the Service. Cllr. Mrs. Whalley agreed to purchase the refreshments and selection boxes.

9) To receive an update on the proposal to install a pathway around the Bush Lane sports field for the disabled.

The Clerk reported that concerns had been raised about health & safety issues if a pathway was installed close to the playing surfaces. In addition, the cost of installing a pathway would be in the region of £54K. It was pointed out that there already is areas for disabled to exercise their dogs in the Memorial park, Bush lane allotment lane and on the Rawstone Centre car park, when the Sport field is not being used for organised sport.

It was pointed out that the main drain for the football pitches & the Cricket ground runs down the side of the Ribble Ave properties and could not be covered over.

It was resolve not to install a pathway around the Bush Lane sports field.

10) To consider a request from the Methodist Church to be involved in the Annual Community Christmas Celebration

Councilors Mrs C Thomas and Mrs P Mulholland agreed to be involved in the annual community Christmas celebration on behalf of the parish council.

11) To consider a notification from the Club Day committee that the half marathon will start at 10:30am next year

It was agreed to accept the Club Day committee's notification that the half marathon will start at 10:30am next year. It was also agreed that the car park must be kept clear on race day and extra barriers will be needed.

12) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on 12th December 2022.

Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....

Date.....09/01/23.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council					
Schedule of payments Oct '22					
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
01/10/2022	Salary & Expenses October 2022	BACS	£2,424.35		£2,424.35
17/10/2022	BT Internet	DD	£41.34	£6.89	£34.45
Open Spaces					
04/10/2022	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
03/10/2022	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,521.50		£1,521.50
05/10/2022	D Taylor - Borders	BACS	£600.00		£600.00
03/10/2022	A Hasleden - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
10/10/2022	B of A - Childrens playground donation	cheque	-£422.58		-£422.58
03/10/2022	Batterby - materials for Cricket	BACS	£805.71	£118.45	£687.26
05/10/2022	D Taylor - Extra work- Tidy up Hedge cutting, clear bram	BACS	£600.00		£600.00
06/10/2022	LCC - local delivery Scheme	D/P	-£500.00		-£500.00
03/10/2022	Stryker - Battery & pads for defibrulator	BACS	£137.44	£22.91	£114.53
03/10/2022	Margaret mason - Flowers for Queen	BACS	£125.00		£125.00
03/10/2022	LANPAC - membership fee	BACS	£60.00	£10.00	£50.00
04/10/2022	FIB - Donation towards watering	cheque	-£414.00		-£414.00
04/10/2022	J Rhodes - Emtying bunkers & removing Nets	BACS	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00
11/10/2022	Npower - Unmetered electricity in Car park	BACS	147.14	£7.01	£140.13
Allotments					
13/10/2022	Waterplus - Water charges	D/D	£46.10		£46.10
Oct '22	Croft Butts rent	BACs	-£45.00		-£45.00
20/10/2022	Rent - Croft butts lane	cheques	-£395.00		-£395.00
25/10/2022	Waterplus - Water charges	D/D	£35.51		£35.51
Community Development Account					
19/10/2022	Lanc Police Com - grant towards CCTV	BACS	-£1,100.00		-£1,100.00
30/09/2022	Natwest - Interest - August/September '21	D/P	-£2.54		-£2.54
30/09/2022	Nationwide - Interest	D/P	-£19.01		-£19.01
27/10/2022	LCC - Grass cutting contract	D/P	-£2,998.00		-£2,998.00
VAT					
05/10/2022	HM Customs - VAT Refund	d/p	-£3,703.29		-£3,703.29
Total					
			-£295.35	£554.42	-£849.77

Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account Oct '22					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Oct '22	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,424	£16,885	£12,279	58%
Insurance	£5,000			£5,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£34	£857	£93	90%
Audit fee	£550		£520	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training	£50			£50	
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200		£69	£131	35%
Grants	£500		£500		100%
Section137	£750		£650	£100	87%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,646	£13,803	£7,447	65%
Bedding out & Watering	£19,250	£1,108	£12,587	£6,663	65%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£2,975	£2,125	58%
Borders	£6,000	£700	£6,114	-£114	102%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£540	£4,789	£711	87%
Organisations	£8,800	£315	£13,446	-£4,646	153%
Electric & rates	£2,800	£140	£1,972	£828	70%
Total	£106,714	£7,331	£75,267	£31,447	71%
Other Accounts Oct '22					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£665	£541	£124	
Bush lane Allotments		£755	£417	£338	
Allotment - refurbishment	£35,000		£840	£34,160	
Community Development	£44,730	£5,298	£12,504	£37,523	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£19,933			£19,933	
Open Spaces	£18,953		£5,075	£13,878	
VAT		£11,146	£10,816	£330	
Total	£118,616	£17,863	£30,193	£106,286	