

## Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 In the Village Hall

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

Councillors, T Fiddler, Mrs L Willis, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs N Whalley St J Greenhough, K McKay

The Chairman, Cllr T Threlfall gave a short speech in honour of Councillor Mr K Mulholland who recently passed away. He was the husband of Freckleton Parish Councillor Mrs P Mulholland. This was followed by a minute's silence.

### 1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

J Graham – Holiday. Mrs F C-Wilson – Sick. Mrs P Mulholland - Bereavement.

It was resolved to accept the reason for absence.

Mrs N Griffiths – No apologies received.

### 2) Open Forum

#### Police

PCSO Rebecca Didsbury attended the meeting and gave a brief update on issues that had occurred in the village. She reported that the library drop-in sessions were going well and the attendance was very good. She also clarified the helicopter that had been seen/heard hovering over and around the village recently, it was a pursuit of a car that was being driven dangerously.

There were several issues that the councillor's asked Rebecca to look into which she agreed to make enquiries. Cllr Threlfall asked Rebecca if she could give out the village PCSO's contact details. She passed them to the assistant clerk. He will email the details out to all councillors.

#### Public participation

There was no public present.

County Councillor P Rigby reported that LCC were having a budget meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February where it was believed that they will be an increase of 3.99%. This will be confirmed at the meeting.

There will be a new reporting system called 'safer street spot' which will replace the current system 'report it'.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Rigby for all his and his team's support and hard work in tackling the flooding issues in the village. There is a marked improvement.

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

All Councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 6c - To consider a quotation for the repair of the Bowling pavilion. Item 11 - To review the procedure for the running of the Bar at the Rawstone Centre and item 13 - To review the regulations for Dog walkers using the Bush Lane Sports field.

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

**The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Finance Committee Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

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

The contents were noted

The Clerk reported the Village Hall have now informed the Council that there will not be a charge for the use of the Committee room.

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**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 quotation for the repair of the Bowling pavilion,**

After discussion, it was resolved that the repairs should be done through the insurance. The Clerk will contact the insurance company.

It was suggested by the council that something should be put in place to switch the water off at the mains in the event of a severe frost warning. The assistant clerk said he would request it be put on the next open spaces meeting agenda.

**7) To review the Risk Assessment Procedures.**

It was resolved to accept the risk assessment procedures.

**8) To receive an update on the celebrations for the King's Coronation.**

Cllr Mrs N Whalley gave an extensive update on the celebrations for the King's Coronation. It was noted that, everything is progressing nicely. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Mrs Whalley and all members of the committee involved.

**9) To consider setting up a Parish Council Facebook page.**

After a discussion, it was unanimously resolved to take no action.

**10) To receive an update on the cost and wording of the proposed Blue Plaques**

The quotes were discussed and there were concerns around the huge difference in cost between the 2. The chairman suggested contact is made with the 'in bloomers' as they have some of these plaques to see if we can find out where they get them from and the cost. He suggested the clerk contact Mark Wild at FBC for more information.

**11) To review the procedure for the running of the Bar at the Rawstone Centre**

It was agreed to park this item until Cllr Mrs P Mulholland was in attendance.

**12) To receive an update on the Solar panelled Street Light for the Tom's Croft car park**

Cllr Mr St J Greenhough reported that he hadn't got as far as he would have liked with the trial due to personal issues. He is hoping to report more information at the next meeting.

**13) To review the regulations for Dog walkers using the Bush Lane Sports field.**

It was resolved that the following procedures should be agreed for the dog walkers using the Bush Lane Sports field:-

1. All signs have been removed from the Sports field. The Open Spaces committee will meet with the Dog owners to agree new ones.
2. The Dog walkers will have use of the Sports field, except in the areas where organized sports activities are taking place.
3. In return the dog walkers would reintroduce attempting to keep the field clear by picking up dog poo when they are exercising their dogs. (it is accepted that the Sports sections will still have to continue to check and clear any dog poo when they are holding organized sports)
4. The Council has agreed that it will not provide a specific area for dog exercising.
5. The dog walkers should attend the Rawstone Centre Management committee meetings.

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

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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

Date.....13/03/2023.....

**Appendix A**

		Schedule of payments		Jan '23			
				Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
<b>Precept Account</b>							
03/01/2023	Salary & Expenses January 2023		BACS	£2,374.85			£2,374.85
15/01/2023	BT Internet		D/D	£93.89	£15.65		£78.24
<b>Open Spaces</b>							
05/01/2023	J Rhodes - Grass cutting		BACS	£1,974.98			£1,974.98
03/01/2023	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50			£1,342.50
05/01/2023	D Taylor - Borders		BACS	£825.00			£825.00
03/01/2023	A Hasleden - litter picking		BACS	£425.00			£425.00
09/01/2023	British Gas - electricity charges		D/D	£71.35	£3.40		£67.95
12/01/2023	Bank of america - Interest		Cheque	-£375.19			-£375.19
03/01/2023	Woodys - grit salt		BACS	£259.20	£43.20		£216.00
05/01/2023	Sign of the Times - plaque for FIB		BACS	£279.30	£46.55		£232.75
05/01/2023	D Taylor - Gritting & cleaning Cenotaph		BACS	£375.00			£375.00
17/01/2023	Morrisons - Selection boxes		BACS	£118.00			£118.00
17/01/2023	Chubbs - Call out to security system		BACS	£224.32	£37.39		£186.93
17/01/2023	Divine signs - warning sign for pickup		BACS	£82.80	£13.80		£69.00
17/01/2023	Portable toilet Co - deposit for club day toilets		BACS	255.6	£42.60		£213.00
16/01/2023	FIB - donation towards the plaque		D/P	-£232.75			-£232.75
25/01/2023	Lorenzos - NWIB celebration		BACS	£320.00			£320.00
30/01/2023	Kwik Skip - Skip hire for Rawstorne Centre		BACS	£185.00	£30.83		£154.17
30/01/2023	Margret Mason - Flowers		BACS	£35.00			£35.00
<b>Allotments</b>							
12/01/2023	Waterplus - water charges		D/D	£44.11			£44.11
22/01/2023	Waterplus - water charges		D/D	£35.67			£35.67
<b>Community Development Account</b>							
31/12/2022	Nationwide - interest		D/P	-£54.13			-£54.13
31/12/22	Natwest - Interest		D/P	-£6.17			-£6.17
05/01/2023	SP Hobin - rent on Open Spaces Area		D/P	-5			-5
<b>Total</b>				<b>£8,648.33</b>	<b>£233.42</b>		<b>£8,414.91</b>

## Appendix B

Precept Account Jan '23					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Jan '23	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	<b>£29,164</b>	£2,375	£24,115	£5,049	83%
Insurance	<b>£5,000</b>		£5,354	-£354	107%
Stationery & web-site rental	<b>£950</b>	£78	£1,267	-£317	133%
Audit fee	<b>£550</b>		£520	£30	95%
Chair Allow	<b>£100</b>		£100		100%
Training	<b>£50</b>			£50	
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	<b>£750</b>		£555	£195	74%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	<b>£200</b>		£69	£131	35%
Grants	<b>£500</b>		£500		100%
Section137	<b>£750</b>		£750		100%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,975	£19,070	£2,180	90%
Bedding out & Watering	£19,250	£1,412	£16,683	£2,567	87%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£4,250	£850	83%
Borders	£6,000	£825	£9,534	-£3,534	159%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£778	£6,984	-£1,484	127%
Organisations	£8,800	£465	£15,731	-£6,931	179%
Electric & rates	<b>£2,800</b>	<b>£68</b>	<b>£2,061</b>	<b>£739</b>	74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£106,714</b>	<b>£8,400</b>	<b>£107,544</b>	<b>-£830</b>	<b>101%</b>
<b>Other Accounts Jan '23</b>					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£665	£675	-£10	
Bush lane Allotments		£755	£524	£231	
Allotment - refurbishment	£35,000		£840	£34,160	
Community Development	£44,730	£5,424	£13,586	£36,568	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£19,933		£1,800	£18,133	
Open Spaces	£18,953	£2,998	£5,075	£16,876	
VAT		£11,146	£12,953	-£1,807	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£118,616</b>	<b>£20,988</b>	<b>£35,453</b>	<b>£104,151</b>	