

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023 In the Village Hall

Present: Councillor, T Threlfall. (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, Mrs L Willis, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs N Whalley, K McKay,
Mrs F C-Wilson, Mrs P Mulholland and Mrs N Griffiths.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors, J Graham and St J Greenhough – Other business
It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

2) Open Forum

Police

There were no Police in attendance at the meeting. The Clerk read out the report for March from the Police.

Public participation

There were no public in attendance at the meeting.

County Councillor P Rigby gave an update on his donation from LCC to Freckleton & Ingol Cricket club for equipment.

He also reported that he wasn't having much luck with the Highways department getting pot holes sorted in Freckleton.

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

All Councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 10 to review the procedures for running the bar at the Rawstone Centre.

4) To read and approve the minutes of: -

The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2023

The Planning Committee Meeting Monday 3rd March 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 that he had received a request for additional signs to be installed on the Bush Lane sports field. It was agreed that the signs would not be purchased due to the costs.

It was agreed that the fair could use the Bush Lane field on Friday, Saturday and Monday 16-17 & 19/06/23.

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 making donations to Various Organisations

It was resolved to approve making the following donations:-

Air Ambulance	£200
The Fylde Hospice	£200
British Legion (wreaths)	£100
Freckleton Bowling Club	£1,700

As the Prison now looks after the maintenance of the graveyard it was agreed to withhold the donation to the Holy Trinity Church (Parochial Church Council). The Clerk will make enquiries as to the purpose of the grant.

7) To review the Questionnaire from FBC regarding Gypsy and Traveler sites

The content of the Questionnaire from FBC regarding Gypsy and Traveler sites were noted. Freckleton Parish Council have no comments to make.

8) To review the FBC's Shared Prosperity Funding

Councillor Threlfall thanked Charles Richards, FBC for accepting his invitation to attend the meeting. Charles reported that FBC had received government funding for Public Realm initiatives. The funds were being used on various projects throughout the Borough and Freckleton Parish Council would be allocated a substantial amount in the financial year 2024/25. The Council should be looking at possible project that relate to public realm expenditure.

9) To receive an update on the King's Coronation Celebrations.

Everything is running smoothly and going to plan. Cllr Mrs N Whalley will send out the details before the event.

10) To review the procedures for running the Bar at the Rawstone Centre

Discussions took place with representatives from the bar committee and the treasurer regarding electricity payments. It was agreed to monitor the usage and appropriate payments will be made.

11) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 15th May 2023.

Signed.....T Fiddler, Vice Chairman.....

Date.....18/05/23.....

Appendix A

		Schedule of payments	March '23			
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/03/2023	Salary & Expenses March 2023	BACS		£2,363.40		£2,363.40
10/03/2023	Freeola- internet rental	D/D		£13.86	£2.31	£11.55
15/03/2023	BT Internet	D/D		£45.54	£7.59	£37.95
						£2,422.80
Open Spaces						
03/03/2023	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS		£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/03/2023	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS		£1,342.50		£1,342.50
03/03/2023	D Taylor - Borders	BACS		£1,200.00		£1,200.00
01/03/2023	A Hasleden - litter picking	BACS		£425.00		£425.00
21/03/2023	Divine Signs - Dog Posters	BACS		£176.40	£29.40	£147.00
17/03/2023	Br Gas - Electricity	D/D		£13.72	£0.65	£13.07
02/03/2023	Townsend's - MOT & Service for pickup	BACS		£575.64	£86.80	£488.84
03/03/2023	Woodys - Materials for painting benches	BACS		£94.39	£15.73	£78.66
15/03/2023	LBKVC - Entry fee	BACS		£25.00		£25.00
21/03/2023	NW Power Washers - Repair to Power washer	BACS		£438.32	£73.05	£365.27
10/03/2023	Printed4you - Club day materials	BACS		£912.00	£152.00	£760.00
09/03/2023	Club day Committee - donation towards materials	D/P		-£760.00		-£760.00
						£6,417.95
Allotments						
22/03/2023	Waterplus - water charges	D/D		£14.64		£14.64
March '23	Rents by BACS			-£700.00		-£700.00
Community Development Account						
08/03/2023	B Pye - Trim Trees on Balderstone	BACS		£640.00		£640.00
14/03/2023	Woodroom - Flooring for Bowling Pavilion	BACS		£1,200.00	£200.00	£1,000.00
01/03/2023	A Hasleden - Skirt for John Deere	BACS		£200.00		£200.00
21/03/2023	M Battersby - Repair to Bowling Pavilion	BACS		£975.00		£975.00
28/02/2023	NatWest - interest	D/P		-£13.06		-£13.06
28/02/2023	Nationwide - interest	D/P		-£64.45		-£64.45
29/03/2023	Kwik Skip - Bowling club rubbish	BACS		£300.00	£50.00	£250.00
28/03/2023	Donation from Bowling Club	D/P		-£800.00		-£800.00
						£2,437.49
VAT						
23/03/2023	HM Customs - VAT Refund			-£2,465.31		-£2,465.31
Total						
				£8,127.57	£946.70	£7,180.87

Appendix B

Precept Account March '23					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	March '23	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,363	£28,892	£272	99%
Insurance	£5,000		£5,354	-£354	107%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£50	£1,361	-£411	143%
Audit fee	£550		£520	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training	£50			£50	
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750		£555	£195	74%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200		£69	£131	35%
Grants	£500		£500		100%
Section137	£750		£750		100%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,646	£22,361	-£1,111	105%
Bedding out & Watering	£19,250	£1,831	£19,957	-£707	104%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£5,100		100%
Borders	£6,000	£1,200	£11,734	-£5,734	196%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£591	£7,575	-£2,075	138%
Organisations	£8,800	£25	£15,956	-£7,156	181%
Electric & rates	£2,800	£13	£2,104	£696	75%
Total	£106,714	£8,144	£122,889	-£16,175	115%
Other Accounts March '23					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£665	£721	-£56	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,455	£703	£752	
Allotment - refurbishment	£35,000		£840	£34,160	
Community Development	£44,730	£6,368	£16,651	£34,446	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£19,933		£1,800	£18,133	
Open Spaces	£18,953	£2,998	£5,075	£16,876	
VAT		£13,611	£14,305	-£694	
Total	£118,616	£25,097	£40,096	£103,617	