

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor, Mrs P Mulholland (Chair)
Councillors, K McKay, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs L Willis, T Threlfall, T Fiddler, Mr A Smith,
Mrs J Atherton, Mrs D Dickinson & Mrs N Griffiths.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Mrs F C-Wilson. – Sick. Mrs N Whalley – Holiday.
It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update.

There was no Police present and no update has been received.

b) Public participation

A member of the public asked if the village still got money from America relating to the air disaster. The clerk confirmed they do and it was spent on maintaining the memorial gardens. He also suggested the unveiling of the blue plaque (see item 8) be done when the delegation of Americans come over for the 80th anniversary in August 2024.

CC P Rigby apologised for giving the wrong information at the last meeting regarding giving a grant to FPC towards the installation of a SPID. This will have to be delayed until the New Year.

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

No councillors declared an interest in any of the items to be discussed.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023

b) The Planning meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023

c) The Public meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2023

It was resolved that the above-mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved, subject to the word “manage” in section 4 of the Public meeting be changed to “set-up”.

5) To review the Clerk’s report

The content was 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.

7) To consider the recommendations from the public meeting

A Facebook page has now been set up and is being managed by an Administrator. Only comments that have been approved by the Clerk will be posted on the page. This is to ensure only relevant questions, suggestions and comments are posted on the page, also this will stop any personal attacks on anyone involved. It was resolved that councillors T Fiddler, T Threlfall

and K McKay be appointed to a committee to represent FPC on a joint committee that represents all of the parish and town councils implicated.

8) To consider a request to install a Blue Plaque in memory of the Air disaster.

It was resolved to approve the request to install a Blue Plaque in memory of the air disaster. The wording for the plaque will be agreed at a subsequent meeting.

9) To receive an update on the Plan for Biodiversity.

Concerns were raised over the detail of the plan. It was agreed to refer the plan to the Open Spaces committee. A meeting will be set up between the local eco group and the open spaces committee.

10) To consider a request from FBC to comment on its proposal to introduce a Cumulative Impact Assessment for an area of Lytham Town Centre

The parish council gave no comment.

11) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 8th January 2024

Signed.....P Mulholland, Chairman.....

Date...08/01/24.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council					
Schedule of payments November '23					
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
01/11/2023	Salary & Expenses November 2022	BACS	£2,428.28		£2,428.28
13/11/2023	Intrack - PA system for remembrance ssunday	BACs	£300.00	£50.00	£250.00
15/11/2023	Freeola - internet domain charge	D/D	£7.92	£1.32	£6.60
07/11/2023	Came & co - Council's insurance	BACS	£5,751.36		£5,751.36
16/11/2023	BT Internet		£54.18		£54.18
07/11/2023	Staples - Cartridges, paper etc	BACs	£216.95	£36.16	£180.79
Open Spaces					
01/11/2023	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/11/2023	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/11/2023	D Wilson - Borders	BACS	£1,323.00		£1,323.00
01/11/2023	A Hasleden - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/11/2023	J Rhodes - Hedge cut Hawthorns & Goe Lane	BACS	£216.00	£36.00	£180.00
07/11/2023	Woodys - Repair to fencing	BACS	£246.00	£41.00	£205.00
01/11/2023	Newgate - Winter Plants	D/D	£187.50	£31.25	£156.25
10/11/2023	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom	D/D	£29.18	£1.39	£27.79
10/11/2023	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light	D/D	£13.72	£0.65	£13.07
17/11/2023	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph	D/D	13.72	£0.65	£13.07
06/11/2023	FIB - Payment for Compost	BACS	-£40.00		-£40.00
07/11/2023	Flagmaker - union Flag	BACS	£75.56	£12.59	£62.97
13/11/2023	T Threlfall - Reinstall Defib - RC	BACS	£110.00		£110.00
15/11/2023	Black box - Check CCTV system	BACS	£57.00	£9.50	£47.50
15/11/2023	Defib shop - new pads for RC	BACS	£259.20	£43.20	£216.00
Allotments					
12/11/2023	Waterplus - Croft Butts Water charges	D/D	50.83		50.83
22/11/2023	Waterplus - Bush Lane Water charges	D/D	£42.93		£42.93
13/11/2023	BGR - Planings	BACS	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00
Community Development Account					
01/11/2023	LCC - Public realm payment	D/P	-£3,951.00		-£3,951.00
VAT					
Total			£11,494.81	£652.88	£10,841.93

APPENDIX B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account November '23					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Nov '23	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,428	£19,440	£9,724	67%
Insurance	£5,500	£5,751	£5,751	-£251	105%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£242	£1,331	-£381	140%
Audit fee	£550		£545	£5	99%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training					#DIV/0!
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750	£250	£250	£500	33%
Election	£300		£100	£200	
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants	£500			£500	
Section137	£750		£480	£270	64%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,646	£16,537	£4,713	78%
Bedding out & Watering	£18,850	£1,459	£15,961	£2,889	85%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£3,120	£1,980	61%
Hedge cutting	£800		£700	£100	88%
Borders	£6,468	£1,503	£6,636	-£168	103%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£425	£6,196	-£696	113%
Organisations	£8,200	£216	£9,625	-£1,425	117%
Electric & rates	£3,000	£54	£2,758	£242	92%
Total	£107,932	£14,399	£89,529	£18,403	90%
Other Accounts Nov '23					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£695	£543	£152	
Bush lane Allotments		£520	£2,152	-£1,632	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160		£840	£33,320	
Community Development	£7,507	£2,747	£13,776	-£3,522	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£18,133			£18,133	
Open Spaces	£16,876	£3,951	£5,075	£15,752	
VAT		£8,529	£8,766	-£237	
Total	£76,676	£16,442	£31,152	£61,967	