

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 In the Village Hall

Present: Councillor, T Threlfall. (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

K McKay – (Ill).

It was resolved to accept the reason for absence.

2) Open Forum

Police

Three Police Officers attended the meeting. There were no incidents to report. The Police will be holding a Surgery in the Library on 25/01/23, at 10:30am.

Public participation

A member of the Dog walkers group requested that the October '22 Full Council minutes be amended to reflect their interpretation of the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that the minutes had been approved by the Council as an accurate record of the decisions made at this meeting and therefore they should not be changed.

It was agreed that the dog walking procedures should be reviewed at the next meeting.

A number of road repairs throughout the Village were reported to County Councillor P Rigby. He agreed to progress them.

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

All Councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 6c – upgrade of the Rawstone Centre toilets and Item 10 – To install solar paneled lights in the Tom's Croft car park.

4) To read and approve the minutes of: -

The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022

The Planning meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022

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 the Village hall committee had notified him that in future the Council would have to pay rent for using the Committee room. The Council had recently spent a considerable amount of money on re-surfacing the car park after it was informed that the land belonged to the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Village hall committee to express its concerns at being asked to pay rent and that this action would have an adverse impact on any future requests for financial support.

It was agreed that a thank you letter should be sent to Bob Disley for his prompt action when a number of buildings had burst pipes after the recent thaw.

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 quote for re-furbishing the toilets at the Rawstone Centre,**
 It was resolved to approve the quote of £15,840 from Bob Disley.

7) To consider what celebration to make regarding the King’s coronation.

It was agreed that they should be held in the centre of the Village. Councillor Mrs. Whalley agreed organise a plan and report back to Council.

8) To consider a request to install Blue Plaques at Historical sites in the Village.

Peter Shakeshaft has suggested a number of sites that should be considered for a Blue plaques. It was suggested that the property on Kirkham road, (to mark the location of the first Police in Freckleton) and the Quakers wood should be the first to have plaques installed. The Clerk agreed to obtain some prices and suitable wording for the plaques.

9) To receive an update on the LCC’s Public realm Agreements

The Clerk reported that a new agreement will come in to force from the 1st April 2023. It has been confirmed that Parish Council’s will not be expected to spray or clean up the Highways as this is more suited to the District Councils.

There will be a cost of living increase on the current contact price and hedge cutting will be included in the new contract.

10) To consider installing a Solar panelled street light on the Northern end of the Tom’s croft car park.

Councillor Greenhough reported that he had purchased a light and would test it out for is reliability and durability. He will report back to the next Council meeting.

11) To consider a request from Roots to Branches community interest company

It was agreed that there was no suitable land for this request.

12) To consider a request to prevent cars driving on to the Bush lane Sports field

It was agreed to note the request.

13) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 13th February 2023.

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

Date.....07/02/23.....

Appendix A

		Schedule of payments		Nov '22		
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/11/2022	Salary & Expenses November 2022		BACS	£2,412.89		£2,412.89
15/11/2022	Intrack - PA system for remembrance ssunday		BACs	£264.00	£44.00	£220.00
08/11/2022	Freeola - internet domain charge		D/D	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00
01/11/2022	British legion - poppy wreaths		BACS	£100.00		£100.00
02/11/2022	Came & co - Council's insurance		BACS	£5,354.23		£5,354.23
02/11/2022	Staples - Cartridges		BACs	£90.04	£15.01	£75.03
Open Spaces						
03/11/2022	J Rhodes - Grass cutting		BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/11/2022	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/11/2022	D Taylor - Borders		BACS	£1,200.00		£1,200.00
01/11/2022	A Hasleden - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
08/11/2022	EDF - electricity charges		D/D	£115.55	£5.50	£110.05
28/11/2022	T Threlfall - Fuel for collecting Xmas tree		BACS	£50.05		£50.05
02/11/2022	Woodys - Repair to fencing		BACS	£394.51	£65.75	£328.76
18/11/2022	EDF - Refund		D/D	-£10.90	-£0.52	-£10.38
02/11/2022	Cumbria Clock Co - Annual maintenance of Clock		BACS	£222.00	£37.00	£185.00
18/11/2022	EDF - electricity charges		D/D	43.44	£2.07	£41.37
Allotments						
12/11/2022	Waterplus - Croft Butts Water charges		D/D	£44.11		£44.11
22/11/2022	Waterplus - Bush Lane Water charges		D/D	£35.67		£35.67
Community Development Account						
08/11/2022	Black box - Install additional cameras		BACS	£3,458.32	£576.38	£2,881.94
31/10/2022	Nationwide - interest		D/P	-£19.93		-£19.93
VAT						
Total				£17,503.66	£1,075.55	£16,428.11

		Schedule of payments		Dec '22		
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/12/2022	Salary & Expenses December 2022		BACS	£2,442.85		£2,442.85
08/12/2022	ICO - renewal fee		D/D	£35.00		£35.00
09/12/2022	Freeola - web-site r	1	D/D	£13.86	£2.31	£11.55
16/12/2022	BT Internet	1	DD	£42.56	£7.09	£35.47
05/12/2022	Sabre Tech - Web-site maintenance		BACS	£95.00		£95.00
08/12/2022	InTrak - PA syste	1	BACS	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00
22/12/2022	BT Internet	1	BACS	£41.34	£6.89	£34.45
16/12/2022	Staples - Stationer	1	BACS	£89.11	£14.85	£74.26
Open Spaces						
08/12/2022	J Rhodes - Grass c	1	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/12/2022	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
02/12/2022	D Taylor - Borders		BACS	£885.00		£885.00
01/12/2022	A Hasleden - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/12/2022	EDF - refund	2	D/D	-£121.02	-£1.50	-£119.52
02/12/2022	Woodys - Materials	1	BACS	£56.26	£9.38	£46.88
21/12/2022	T Garlick - Work or	1	BACS	£528.00	£88.00	£440.00
08/12/2022	J Rhodes - hedge c	1	BACS	1596	£266.00	£1,330.00
01/12/2022	T Threlfall - Repair t	1	BACS	£81.00	£13.50	£67.50
02/12/2022	D Taylor - Extra work - Cenotaph & Greenacres		BACS	£315.00		£315.00
30/11/2022	Br. Gas - Electricity	1	D/D	£804.91	£134.15	£670.76
02/12/2022	Br. Gas - Electricity	1	D/D	-£804.91	-£134.15	-£670.76
08/12/2022	Dean Wilson - Spraying & cable for xmas lights		BACS	£47.60		£47.60
20/12/2022	N W tree Services	1	BACS	£234.25	£39.04	£195.21
20/12/2022	D Taylor - Repair to Locks @ Rawstone Centre		BACS	£160.98		£160.98
27/12/2022	Disleys - repairs to burst pipes in Buildings		BACS	£580.00		£580.00
Allotments						
13/12/22	Waterplus - water charges		D/D	£46.10		£46.10
22/12/2022	Waterplus - water charges		D/D	£35.51		£35.51
Community Development Account						
30/11/2022	NatWest - Interest		D/P	-£8.44		-£8.44
30/11/2022	Nationwide - interest		D/P	-£33.07		-£33.07
Total				£11,265.37	£834.73	£10,430.64

Appendix B

Precept Account Dec '22					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Dec '22	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,443	£21,740	£7,424	75%
Insurance	£5,000		£5,354	-£354	107%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£251	£1,189	-£239	125%
Audit fee	£550		£520	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training	£50			£50	
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750	£335	£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	£17,095	£4,155	80%
Bedding out & Watering	£19,250	£1,343	£15,272	£3,978	79%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£3,825	£1,275	75%
Borders	£6,000	£1,395	£8,709	-£2,709	145%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£903	£6,206	-£706	113%
Organisations	£8,800	£1,770	£15,266	-£6,466	173%
Electric & rates	£2,800	-£120	£1,993	£807	71%
Total	£106,714	£10,391	£99,144	£7,570	93%
Other Accounts Dec '22					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£665	£631	£34	
Bush lane Allotments		£755	£488	£267	
Allotment - refurbishment	£35,000		£840	£34,160	
Community Development	£44,730	£5,359	£13,586	£36,503	
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	£12,719	-£1,574	
Total	£118,616	£20,923	£35,140	£104,399	