

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
In the Village Hall.**

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

**1) To accept Apologies for Absence.**

T Threlfall – Holiday. P Rigby – Other meeting.

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**

See item 8 below.

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

All councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 8. To consider the flooding on the Bush Lane allotments and, item 9 To consider installing Solar panelled Street Light on the Northern end of the Tom's Croft car park.

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

**a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**b) The Planning meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

**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 receive an update on the Morgan & Morecambe Bay Windfarm project.**

Concerns were raised by members of the public about the lack of information available on the Morgan & Morecambe Bay Windfarm project. It was agreed that a link to the Windfarm project would be put on the windfarm project Facebook page. The Council will arrange more sessions for petition signing. When the session dates and times are confirmed, the information will be put on project Facebook page and the village notice boards.

**8) To consider the flooding on the Bush Lane allotments**

It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the email sent from a member of the public regarding the flooding on the allotment that is affecting his property. Currently the water table is very high and is causing a lot of flood issues across the county. It was agreed that the council would instruct their contractor to look at the options of adding drainage to the allotments when the weather improves.

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**9) To consider installing Solar panelled Street Light on the Northern end of the Tom’s Croft car park**

This issue has been looked at previously but it didn’t get resolved. It was agreed that the clerk would seek to get options and prices for suitable lighting for the area.

**10) To consider a response to the LCC’s public consultation on Devolution**

Freckleton Parish Council are against LCC’s consultation on Devolution therefore they have no comment on it.

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

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

Date.....05/02/24.....

**Appendix A**

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>					
<b>Schedule of payments December '23</b>					
		<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>					
01/12/2023	Salary & Expenses December 2022	BACS	£2,426.03		£2,426.03
08/12/2023	ICO - renewal fee	D/D	£35.00		£35.00
08/12/2023	Freeola - web-site rental	D/D	£13.86	£2.31	£11.55
15/12/2023	BT Internet	DD	£54.18	£9.03	£45.15
05/12/2023	Mackro - Selection boxes	BACs	£195.30		£195.30
13/12/2023	InTrak - PA system for Tree Lighting	BACS	£384.00	£64.00	£320.00
<b>Open Spaces</b>					
01/12/2023	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/12/2023	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/12/2023	D Wilson - Borders	BACS	£711.00		£711.00
01/12/2023	A Hasleden - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/12/2023	D Wilson - Prune Holly Bushes	BACS	£540.00		£540.00
01/12/2023	D Wilson - Compost for FIB	BACS	£40.00		£40.00
14/12/2023	Smith Hire - Power Washer for Bowlers	BACS	£67.96	£11.33	£56.63
12/12/2023	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom	D/D	£36.08	£1.72	£34.36
12/12/2023	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light	D/D	£14.81	£0.71	£14.10
18/12/2023	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph	D/D	14.81	£0.71	£14.10
05/12/2023	Woodys - Materials	BACS	£14.38	£2.40	£11.98
15/12/2023	LS Systems - Hanging baskets	BACS	£431.77	£71.96	£359.81
<b>Allotments</b>					
13/12/23	Waterplus - water charges	D/D	£138.97		£138.97
22/12/2023	Waterplus - water charges	D/D	£42.71		£42.71
<b>Community Development Account</b>					
30/11/2023	NatWest - Interest	D/P	-£111.60		-£111.60
<b>Total</b>					
			<b>£8,791.74</b>	<b>£493.32</b>	<b>£8,298.42</b>

**APPENDIX B**

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>					
<b>Precept Account December '23</b>					
<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Dec'23</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>used</b>
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,426	£21,866	£7,298	75%
Insurance	£5,500		£5,751	-£251	105%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£57	£1,387	-£437	146%
Audit fee	£550		£545	£5	99%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750	£550	£800	-£50	107%
Election	£300		£100	£200	
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants	£500			£500	
Section137	£750		£480	£270	64%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,646	£18,183	£3,067	86%
Bedding out & Watering	£18,850	£1,702	£17,663	£1,187	94%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£3,545	£1,555	70%
Hedge cutting	£800		£700	£100	88%
Borders	£6,468	£1,251	£7,887	-£1,419	122%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£12	£6,208	-£708	113%
Organisations	£8,200	£97	£9,771	-£1,571	119%
Electric & rates	<b>£3,000</b>	<b>£63</b>	<b>£2,820</b>	<b>£180</b>	94%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£107,932</b>	<b>£8,228</b>	<b>£97,807</b>	<b>£10,125</b>	91%
<b>Other Accounts Dec'23</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>Opening Bal</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£695	£682	£13	
Bush lane Allotments		£520	£2,194	-£1,674	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160		£840	£33,320	
Community Development	£7,507	£2,980	£11,976	-£1,489	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£18,133		£1,800	£16,333	
Open Spaces	£16,876	£3,951	£5,075	£15,752	
VAT		£8,529	£9,259	-£730	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£76,676</b>	<b>£16,675</b>	<b>£31,827</b>	<b>£61,525</b>	