

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 In the Village Hall.

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor– T Threlfall - 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 there was any progress on the protection of Hallam cottage. Cllr Mrs N Griffiths reported that there had been a none-demolition order put on the cottage.

CC P Rigby reported that he was continually chasing up highway regarding pot holes. They have said they are trying there best to keep up with reported holes but its difficult due to the amount being reported. From the new financial year (1st April) government have asked for a count of outstanding pot holes in the area and the may give extra money to repair them.

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

No declarations were received.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024

b) The Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2024

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.

c) To approve the fixed assets, register.

It was resolved to approve the fixed assets, register.

d) To ratify the Councils internal audit procedures have been carried out for 23/24.

It was resolved to approve the Councils internal audit procedures have been carried out for 23/24.

e) To consider using Spencer Sutcliffe securities for club day at £16.50 per hour.

It was resolved to approve using Spencer Sutcliffe securities for club day at £16.50 per hour.

f) To consider a request to donate towards replacing a fence on a property on Ashley Crescent.

It was resolved that no action be taken.

7) To ratify the Bio-diversity Plan reviewed by the Open Spaces committee.

It was resolved to accept the Bio-diversity Plan reviewed by the Open Spaces committee. It was further resolved to post the plan on the website.

8) To receive an update on the Morgan & Morecambe windfarm Project.

There is an update meeting taking place tomorrow night at Fylde. 3 members from FPC will be attending.

Cllr Mrs N Griffiths reported that she had received an email from Morgan & Morecambe stating they will have an update in April.

9) To consider whether to apply for a free framed portrait of the King.

It was agreed that the Clerk would apply for the portrait and it would be put up in the village hall.

10) To consider lighting a beacon for the 80th Anniversary of the D-day landings on 06/06/24.

It was resolved to take no action

11) To consider submitting nominations for the New Year 2025 honours list.

It was resolved to take no action.

12) To agree the date of the next meeting

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

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

Date.....08/03/24.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council						
Schedule of payments February '24						
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/02/2024	Salary & Expenses February 2024		BACS	£2,391.38		£2,391.38
08/02/2024	Freeola - internet d	1	D/D	£7.92	£1.32	£6.60
15/02/2024	BT Internet	1	D/D	£54.18	£9.03	£45.15
Open Spaces						
01/02/2024	J Rhodes - Grass	1	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/02/2024	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/02/2024	D Wilson - Extras		B ACS	£630.00		£630.00
01/02/2024	A Hasleden - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
12/02/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£44.46	£2.12	£42.34
16/02/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£14.81	£0.71	£14.10
16/02/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£55.40	£2.64	£52.76
01/02/2024	Newgate - Deposit f	1	BACS	£901.22	£150.20	£751.02
09/02/2024	Cumbria Clock Co	1	BACS	£234.00	£39.00	£195.00
13/02/2024	Prison - FIB winter	1	BACS	£371.50	£61.92	£309.58
20/02/2024	Defibshop - new ca	1	BACS	£546.00	£91.00	£455.00
19/02/2024	FIB - Winter plants		D/P	-£309.58		-£309.58
23/02/2024	Townsend's - MOT p	1	BACS	54.85	£9.14	£45.71
Allotments						
25/02/2024	Waterplus - water charges		D/D	£56.92		£56.92
23/02/2024	Smith Hire - genera	1	BACs	£48.82	£8.14	£40.68
02/02/2024	Hedges Direct - Ha	1	BACS	£88.91	£14.82	£74.09
25/02/2024	Waterplus - water charge		D/D	£42.93		£42.93
Community Development Account						
05/02/2024	Georgie Blackburn fund - Grants towards RC roof		Cheque	-£6,580.00		-£6,580.00
VAT						
Total				£2,396.20	£719.19	£1,677.01

APPENDIX B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account February '24					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Feb '24	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,391	£26,661	£2,503	91%
Insurance	£5,500		£5,751	-£251	105%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£52	£1,601	-£651	169%
Audit fee	£550		£545	£5	99%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training					#DIV/0!
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750		£800	-£50	107%
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	£21,803	-£553	103%
Bedding out & Watering	£18,850	£2,153	£21,209	-£2,359	113%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£4,395	£705	86%
Hedge cutting	£800		£700	£100	88%
Borders	£6,468	£630	£8,922	-£2,454	138%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£650	£7,018	-£1,518	128%
Organisations	£8,200	£53	£10,095	-£1,895	123%
Electric & rates	£3,000	£42	£3,017	-£17	101%
Total	£107,932	£8,042	£113,198	-£5,266	105%
Other Accounts Feb '24					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£695	£932	-£237	
Bush lane Allotments		£520	£2,285	-£1,765	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160		£840	£33,320	
Community Development	£7,507	£9,662	£11,976	£5,193	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£18,133		£1,800	£16,333	
Open Spaces	£16,876	£3,951	£5,075	£15,752	
VAT		£10,844	£10,369	£476	
Total	£76,676	£25,673	£33,276	£69,073	