



## Freckleton Parish Council

### Newsletter Issue No. 45 –October 2015

Chairman's Letter,

Hello,

Once again it is my pleasure to write a few words as your Parish Council Chairman. It is mid-October, the sun is shining, it's warm and we continue to enjoy this Indian summer. Autumn has followed a rather dismal and disappointing summer but for now the good weather lifts our spirits and will make us more accepting of whatever the winter brings.

The May elections came and went. I am pleased to report that your Parish Council is settling down nicely as the new councillors mature into their responsibilities. Before I relate to some of the more positive successes I must make reference to the main concern of so many and that is the lack of a visible police presence in the village. It is now rare to see uniform police patrolling our streets. The Vice Chairman and I have met with senior Police to try and remedy this unacceptable scenario but I fear that currently our protestations are falling on deaf ears.

To return to the more positive, may I take this opportunity to thank the "Freckleton in Bloom" Committee for another wonderful colourful display throughout summer. They are all volunteers whose only reward is to make Freckleton a clean, colourful and most pleasant village to live in.

Renovation of the children's Memorial Park remains the Council's priority. Our Thanks to all those enthusiastic "Friends of the Park" who work tirelessly to help deliver the project.

Once again the parish witnessed a successful Club Day weekend, although for the very first time in its history the procession was barred from crossing the by-pass and as a result did not Process down Kirkham Rd.

My Congratulations to Freckleton Cricket Club, who have had their best year ever. They finished joint 2nd in the prestigious Palace Shield premier division. This achievement is all the more satisfying because the team comprises virtually all Freckleton players and is not dependent on "outside imports".

Finally, a further reminder that members of the public are able, and are encouraged, to attend the monthly Parish Council meetings. This is an opportunity to ask questions of the Council, or to highlight your concerns. Such public participation is important for it makes the Council more aware of issues within the village and ensure we are addressing things that are important to you.

My sincerest regards,

Trevor Fiddler

### **Important events for November and December**

1. The Remembrance Sunday service will take place at the Cenotaph at 12.15 on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. You can download the order of service from the council web site.
2. Christmas Tree lighting will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.00pm, followed by light refreshments in the village hall and goody bags for the children The order of service will be published on the councils web site towards the end of November.

### **Other matters**

1. Residents are reminded that the dog order is still in place. Recently a dog owner was issued with a warning notice. The dog order will be replaced in the 2017 by a new wider ranging order following recent government legalization.

2. Lack of policing in the village has been a topic of discussion at recent Parish Council meetings. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of September local Parish Councils held a meeting with Inspector Mark Thackeray-Scott, from Blackpool. He has since issued a statement outlining current and future policing objectives. Unfortunately the statement is too long to repeat here but it is referenced on the Parish Council web site on the police page.
3. Freckleton Band are to be congratulated on their promotion to Championship League. They really do Freckleton proud wherever they perform.
4. Freckleton in Bloom and Golden leaf deserve a big thank you for making the village look so nice during the summer months. Judging of the In bloom event has been completed, but we will not know the results until after this newsletter has gone to print.
5. Recent council activity has concentrated on improving the appearance of the council owned property, such as the band room, scout hut, Brownie hut Bowling club and Rawstorne Sports centre, as well as changing the signs in Tom Crofts car park to indicate that it is parish Council owned.
6. Parking on the zig zag lines outside the co-op. Council has taken action with the police and LCC highways to stop illegal parking in this area.
7. As this is the last newsletter for this year the Parish Council join together in wishing you and yours a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

### **Forthcoming events**

#### **November '15**

02/11/15 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

08 11 15 – Memorial service

09/11/15 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

(16/11/15 – Finance Committee – starting 6:30pm

(16/11/15 – Rawstorne Trust fund – starting 7:30pm

#### **December '15**

07/12/15 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

08 12 15 – Christmas tree Lighting

14/12/15 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

#### **January '16**

04/01/16 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

11/01/16 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

#### **February '16**

01/02/16 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

08/02/16 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

15/02/16 – Fabrics Committee - starting 6:30pm

#### **March '16**

07/03/16 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

14/03/16 - Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

21/03/16 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

#### **April '16**

(04/04/16 - Annual Assembly – Meeting of the electorate - starting 6:30pm

(04/04/16 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

(11/04/16 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

(11/04/16 - Communications group – starting directly after planning meeting

18/04/16 - Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

#### **May '16**

(09/05/16- Annual Parish Council meeting - starting 6:30pm

(09/05/16 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm after the Annual Parish Council meeting

23/05/16 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

16/05/16 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

23/05/16 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

### **Communication**

Advance notice of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the council notice board. This is on the footpath opposite The Cenotaph and by The Coach and Horses Car Park. The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are held in a folder in The Library and are open to view by all. You can also visit the website

[Http://www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Public Participation - There is an opportunity for public participation at full council meetings. The aim is to enable any member of the public to raise issues of local concern or observation and this should be addressed through The Chairman. Unless time permits, questions and statements will be limited to 3 minutes each (the length of time permitted is at the discretion of The Chairman).

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