

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 9th April 2018

Present: Councillor, Mrs S Delany (Chair)

Councillors, T Threlfall, St J Greenhough, K McKay, Mrs P Holt, Mrs N Griffith T Fiddler, Mrs L Willis, Mrs M Whitehead and Mrs. J Cartmell.

Apologies: P Walton and L Rigby. (Other business)

To review the minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 4th April 2016.

The minutes were noted.

Chairman's Annual Report 2018

Congratulations to Freckleton in Bloom and Golden Leaf for achieving a Gold award in the North West in Bloom competition.

A lot of planning and hard work goes into winning these awards and I thank the local businesses for their support. In addition, I would point out that this is an initiative that I would encourage all that live in the Village to participate in.

We are grateful and thank County Councillor Paul Rigby LCC for ensuring the Library was opened promptly when LCC decided that it had changed its policy on the closing of Libraries. To date it is a very popular venue for Villagers to meet and use. Long may it do so.

Again, it is disappointing to report that there has been a considerable reduction in the Policing of the Village. We have a good working relationship with them and we are making the best of what they can offer. The Police have recently started 5 PCSOs in the Fylde area. This is a step in the right direction

In October 2017 Fylde Borough Council introduced new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) to replace the existing Bye-laws and Dog Control Orders. The full details of these new Orders can be found on the FBC's web-site.

The Parish Council is considering upgrading the CCTV system in the Memorial park. Further information will be available when a decision has been made.

The Parish Council is liaising with the Churches to organise an event to mark the 100th Anniversary of WW1. Details will be available nearer the time.

The Parish Council is proud of its Sports and Community groups of which the Bowling, Football and Cricket clubs sets good examples. The Football section, under the management of Paul Martland, is progressing well and we are grateful to all who are involved in making a success of our Sports facilities.

Both the Horticultural and Agricultural allotments, with their own Management committees, are to be proud of and set a good example of how community groups can work together.

We have supported the Village hall in keeping it a place to be proud of and my thanks go to the Management committee.

Freckleton Club day committee are to be thanked for all the great work they do for the Village. They work very hard throughout the year. I commend the Parish Council's support for them.

Throughout the year Freckleton has continued to be in good health and all areas are well maintained by a reliable band of workmen.

The Village has a wonderful Brass band who maintain their status as a premier league band. Everyone who is involved with the running of the band should be congratulated and I would like to thank them for supporting the Parish Council with the events that we have held in the past year.

Last but not least, Freckleton Parish Council are truly committed to the care and maintenance of Freckleton's well-being. I would like to thank The Parish Councillors, the Chairman and Vice chairman of all the various committees, the Fylde Borough Councillors, Trevor Fiddler, Tommy Threlfall and Louis Rigby, for their work and support for the Village. Also, a thank you to our Assistant Clerk.

Finally, I give a resounding thankyou to our Clerk Kenneth Armistead and my Vice Chairman Marjorie Whitehead. Without them and their unfailing support, I would have found this year extremely difficult. Thank you and thank you all.

Councillor Mrs Shirley Delany, Chairman

A vote of thanks was given to the Chairman from all Councillors for her work over the past 12 months.

Chairman of Finance's report 2018

- Thank you to Mr. Ken Armistead, our Clerk, for all the help and guidance this past year which has been much appreciated.
- **Precept account (including Open Spaces).**
 - The Councils expenditure for 2017/18 was within the budget of £102,795
- **Community Development Account**
 - The interest on the savings, in this account, has been reduced considerably due to the reduction in interest rates. A new bank account has been set up with Nationwide that attracts a better interest rate.
- **Capital expenditure**
- The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2017/18

Additional equipment for the new play area in the Memorial park	- £3,543
New Seat in the Memorial park	- £1,062
A grass verge on Lower lane, adjacent to Quakers wood	- £1,369
Repairs to the Rawstone centre roof	- £3,760
- **Income**

Interest on the Council's new Savings account	- £229
Hire of equipment and land	£690
FBC Council tax reduction grant	- £3,163
LCC grass cutting contract	- £2,415
- **Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2018/19 (The amount of expenditure to be agreed)**
 - New CCTV system in the Memorial park
 - Part resurface the Bush lane Allotment lane
 - To progress Phase 3 of the development of the Memorial park

COUNCIL FINANCIAL RECORDS ARE KEPT STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND ARE AUDITED REGULARLY BY COUNCILLORS AND ANNUALLY BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR.

ACCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL.

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Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2017

	2016-17	2015-16
<u>Income</u>		
Precept	£99,600	£99,600
Open Spaces		
Allotments	£1,846	£1,945
Community Dev.	£47,920	£12,771
Rawstorne Centre	£444	£16,140
Total income	£149,810	£130,456
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Precept	£91,151	£98,820
Including:		
Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972		£400
Open Spaces		£61,757
Allotments	£7,125	£1,828
Community Dev.	£29,406	£16,098
Rawstorne Centre	£0	£24,528
Total Expenditure	£127,682	£141,274
Excess of Income over Expenditure	£22,128	-£10,818
 Balance sheet as at 31st March 2017		
 Fund Balance at 1st April 2016	 £106,356	 £117,173
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure	£22,128	-£10,818
 Total assets	 £128,484	 £106,356
 Represented by:		
 Total Bank Balances	 £126,985	 £106,738
 Prepayments	 £1,499	 £1,159
Unpresented cheques	£0	-£1,541
Fund balance at 31st March 2017	£128,484	£106,356

Public Participation

It was raised that FIB had erected 2 signs on Lytham Rd. It was reported that several complaints had been raised. After some discussion an alternative proposal was agreed. Cllr T Fiddler agreed to contact FBC planning department to discuss the proposal and hopefully gain agreement and conformation that the proposal was acceptable with FBC.

Signed.....Mrs. M Whitehead, Chairman.....

Date.....21/05/2018.....