

Freckleton Parish Council



Fylde

Newsletter

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Compiled on a very very cold February morning, I write as the precocious snowdrops and crocuses herald the fast approaching daffodil season and the advent of Spring. Hallelujah. I take this opportunity to thank our Freckleton in Bloom committee who once again have planted many thousands of new bulbs throughout our village. Many of us believe that Freckleton has never looked so good.

However, I must draw attention to the perennial problem of dog fouling on our pavements and playing fields. The Council is receiving an ever-increasing number of complaints, in spite of the Police having all the powers they need and the provision of numerous “doggy” bins. Dog fouling is a community problem and requires all the community to work together to eradicate it. We all have a responsibility to help the Police prosecute the very tiny minority of irresponsible dog owner, who habitually act in this anti social way. Please let us know if you witness any dog fouling. I give the assurance that prosecutions will follow.

For the first time in many years, we have had no Youth club, following the condemnation of the old cricket pavilion, because of health and safety problems. I am pleased to announce that the Parish Council and the Village hall committee have agreed that, in the short term, the Village hall, in School lane, can be used for this purpose. Details of when the Youth Club will be opened are shown on poster around the Village and on the Council’s web site. In the long term, it remains a priority of the Council to seek funds to build a new, custom designed, Youth club in the centre of the village.

Finally, my sincerest regards to you all and I hope you enjoy the fast approaching Easter holiday.

Councillor Trevor Fiddler, Chairman

Forthcoming Events

6th March 2006 - Full Council meeting
3rd April 2006 - Annual Assembly and Full Council meeting
8th May 2006 - Full Council meeting

Please note that the forthcoming meetings will be held in the Village hall.

Parish Plan.

Since the last Newsletter, Councillor Colin Robb and Simon, one of the volunteers, have attended a seminar in October presented by Community Futures, regarding the setting up of the Freckleton Village Development Trust. The seminar also included information about sources of external funding.

Arising from this, a discussion with Community Futures was held with, the full Council present on the 11th January. The next step is to discuss and agree with the various Parish organisations the type of trust we will set up and its membership.

In November at an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council the action list from the Parish Plan was prioritised, see Parish Council meeting report dated 21st November 2005, available in the library or on the Parish Council website.

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The most immediate action arising from this meeting will be the establishment of the Community Notice board sometime early in the financial year 2006/2007. Further details about this will be available in the next Newsletter.

As an urgent priority, actions are ongoing to locate a home for the youth club/younger years. Initially, this will be in the Village hall until such times as a permanent new building can be built.

New Youth Club.

The Youth club will meet in the village hall on the following Tuesdays, starting at 6;30pm:-

March	7th and 28th
April	4th and 25th
May	2nd and 23rd
June	6th and 27th
July	4th and 25th

All youth between the ages of 11 and 18 are welcome to attend.

Equitable Taxation

In recent months, there has been a lot of press coverage over Fylde Borough Council's budget deficit and their proposals on Equitable taxation.

Equitable taxation will involve the Parish Councils taking over responsibility for the financial control of the facilities that Fylde Borough Council currently finances in the Parishes.

These are exciting times for the Parish, as these proposals would lead to expenditure being devolved back to us. The Parish Council are of the view that we can spend your money more efficiently than Fylde Borough Council do and in areas where we know it is required.

The initial proposals will involve the "Open Spaces" budget (maintaining public parks, grass verges and public buildings). The Parish Council already receives an annual grant set by FBC and we undertake this workload on their behalf. If these proposals go ahead, we will be able to set our own budget for this workload.

This will mean that, in future, the people of Freckleton will only pay for the Open Spaces facilities provided by the Parish Council and will not have to contribute for the facilities that are available in the rest of the Borough.

If these proposals go ahead, it is envisaged that, in future, other facilities may be devolved to the Parish Council and we are confident that we will be able to provide them more efficiently than FBC currently do. We will keep you informed, via this Newsletter and the web site, as this issue progresses.

Contributions to this Newsletter

If any of the Organisations within the village wish to include articles in this Newsletter for future events or information that may be of interest to the people of Freckleton, please contact the Clerk to the Council. (See over for contact details).

The Newsletter is published every three months (towards the end of March, June, etc). Contributions should be received no later than the beginning of the month of publication.

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Communication

Advance notice of all Parish Council meetings are published on the two Council notice boards, within the village. One is situated on Lytham road, at the junction of Balderstone Road and the other is situated at the entrance to the car park on Preston Old road, opposite the Library.

The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are held in a folder in the Library and are open to view by anyone.

The Parish Council website

The new website is at www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk

Please visit this web site to keep up to date with the Council's business. All minutes of meetings, Agendas, Newsletters and contact points are available.