

# Freckleton Parish Council



## Newsletter

### Issue No. 21 - June 2009

Welcome to the first annual report that is being distributed to all the household in the Village. I hope you find the contents useful and if you have any comments or queries, please contact the Clerk. (see back page for contact details.) Everyone is welcome to come along to the Council meetings and there is always a slot for public participation.

Councillor Mrs. Marjorie Whitehead, Chairman

### Annual Report 2009

#### A) Chairman's report

- A Dog control Order has been introduced from 01/03/09, on the Bush lane playing fields. The Order bans dogs from the northern side of the field, except when they are on a lead and within 2 metres of the perimeter. This is to eradicate dog fouling on the playing areas, where the cricketers, footballers and children play. A separate dog exercising area has been set up on the south side of the playing fields. (Where the fair is held). Fylde Borough Council will shortly be introducing a Dog Control Order for the Memorial park and all the highway areas (i.e. footpaths and grass verges) within the village, to ensure that dogs are kept on a lead. These new Order will replace the existing bye-law and ensure that anyone not complying with the Order can be issued with an on the spot fixed penalty fine.
- The Council has agreed to take over the Open Spaces land owned by FBC, in order that they will be maintained to the same high standards as the other areas in the village. The transfer is expected to be completed later this year.
- The Parochial Church Council has asked the Council to provide additional burial ground. The area being considered is the Memorial gardens, adjacent to the Bowling Green. A decision will be made later this year.
- The Council has agreed to support the "YMCA Rural Splash" committee with a donation of £2,000 to help get Kirkham baths open again. The committee's intention is to provide other sporting facilities at this centre as well as swimming.
- The Council has made representation, at the recent public enquiry, to object to the proposed retail park development on land owned by BAE, off Mill lane in Warton.
- The Council are considering upgrading the pathways and lights in the Cenotaph.
- The Council thanks the Freckleton in Bloom committee for all the work that has been done to make the Village look so colourful throughout the year.
- It has been agreed that the All Weather Surface area, on Bush lane, will be re-surfaced. Some of the costs will be met by a grant from the Lancashire Environmental Fund. The Council would like to see the new area being used for other sporting activities such as tennis and netball. Anyone interested in forming a new section please contact the Chairman of the Rawstorne sports centre.
- Tree lighting and carol service event has now become so popular that the Council will be reviewing the procedures before this year's service. It is thought that the procession has become too long and there were too many people in the Cenotaph gardens.

#### B) Chairman of Finance's report

- Differential taxation
  - This is the first year when the differential taxation procedure, introduced by Fylde Borough Council, has been implemented. Under this arrangement Freckleton's Open Spaces budget was paid for out of the Precept account. FBC dropped the "standard charge" levy and this meant that the residents of the village paid less Council tax than other areas in the Borough.
- Precept account (including Open Spaces).
  - Out of a budget of £90,951 the Council overspent by £1,073, due mainly to the increase in the Insurance premiums (£926) and additional costs for training (£140).
- Allotment accounts
  - There was an overspend of £500 on the Croft Butts allotments, due mainly to the clearance of allotments that had been given up and had been left untidy.

- Community development account
  - The interest on the savings, in this account, has been reduced considerably due to the reduction in interest rates as a result of the recession. The Council have reviewed the banking procedures and will investing the deposits in more than one bank.
  - The account was overspent by £1,022, due to the Planning consultancy fees to assist with the representation at the Inquiry into the proposed retail development at BAE and the legal requirements for the introduction of the new dog control order.
- Proposed Capital expenditure for 2009/10

The following capital expenditure is proposed for the next financial year.

- Replace the existing tractor £16k – It is hoped that a grant will be available from FBC.
- Resurface the All weather surface area. £10.25k- It is hoped that a grant will be available from the Lancashire Environmental fund.
- Removal of trees on the western side of Bush lane playing fields (already completed) - £2.5k
- Upgrade the paths and lights in the Cenotaph - £2k.

Upgrade the water supply on the Croft Butts allotments - £3.2k (already completed).

### Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2009

	2008-09	2007-08
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Precept	£90,952	9,750
Open Spaces		69,051
Allotments	£1,776	1,108
Community Dev.	£14,544	27,612
Playground fund	£2,173	2,036
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£109,445</b>	<b>109,557</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Precept	£91,682	10,078
<b>Including:</b>		
Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972	£980	
Open Spaces	£57,752	70,513
Allotments	£1,430	2,093
Community Dev.	£15,565	22,765
Playground fund	£1,637	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£110,314</b>	<b>105,449</b>
<b>Excess of expenditure over income</b>	<b>-£869</b>	
Excess of income over expenditure		4,108
<b><u>Balance sheet as at 31st March 2009</u></b>		
<b>Fund Balance at 1st April 2008</b>	<b>£99,398</b>	<b>95,290</b>
<b>Less Excess of Expenditure over income</b>	<b>-£869</b>	
Plus Excess of income over Expenditure		4,108
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>£98,529</b>	<b>99,398</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>	<b>£96,420</b>	<b>98,925</b>
<b>Unpresented cheques C/F</b>	<b>-£92</b>	
<b>Prepayments</b>	<b>£2,201</b>	<b>473</b>
<b>Fund balance at 31st March 2009</b>	<b>£98,529</b>	<b>99,398</b>

The list of Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

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#### **Freckleton West Ward**

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**Co-opted Members**

Councillor P Quinn 01772 632668

**Contact point**

The Clerk to the Council is Mr. K. M. Armistead

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**The office is open between 9:00am & noon, Monday to Friday**

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**Communication**

Advance notice of all Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's web-site and the two Council notice boards, within the village. One is situated on the footpath in front of the Coach & Horses car park and the other on Lytham road, at the junction of Balderstone Road.

The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's web-site and are held in a folder in the Library.

**The Parish Council website**

The website is at [www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://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.**

**Forthcoming Events**

- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 - Full Council meeting.
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 - Fabrics committee meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 - Open Spaces Committee meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009 - Full Council meeting.
- 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 - Planning Committee meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 - Open Spaces Committee meeting