

Freckleton Parish Council



Newsletter

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Hopefully, we can look forward to Spring after a harsh winter.

It was sad that the Carol concert & Tree lighting service had to be transferred to the Village hall, at the last minute, but it was very gratifying to see so many of you there. Thanks are due to the people who made this possible, Cllr & Mrs St.John Greenhough who donated children's' goody bags and all the refreshments for the second year running. Also, thanks to the Over 60's Committee for their help, and to Tom Garlick for placing the Christmas tree in situ. He does this every year free of charge for the benefit of the Village.

In a few weeks time we shall be seeing the colourful results of Freckleton In Blooms bulb planting last Autumn. I would ask you to keep in mind that they are looking for volunteers.

This year, we will persist in raising your concerns over road issues, speeding, parking etc, with L.C.C and would be happy to see you at the Parish Council meetings if you have anything you wish to raise.

Councillor Mrs. Marjorie Whitehead, Chairman

Forthcoming Events

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| 1 st March 2010 | - Full Council meeting. |
| 8 th March 2010 | - Planning Committee meeting |
| 15 th March 2010 | - Open Spaces meeting |
| 5 th April 2010 | - Annual assembly, starting at 6:30pm |
| 5 th April 2010 | - Full Council meeting starting at 7:00pm |
| 12 th April 2010 | - Planning Committee meeting |
| 18 th April 2010 | - Open Spaces meeting |
| 10 th May 2010 | - Annual Parish Council meeting starting at 6:30pm |
| 10 th May 2010 | - Full Council meeting starting at 7:00pm |
| 17 th May 2010 | - Planning Committee meeting |
| 24 th May 2010 | - Open Spaces meeting |

Police report at meeting held on 1st February 2010

It has been reported that youths have been using the public toilets on the Memorial park to “hang out” in at the weekends. It is believed they are locking themselves in the toilets so that they can drink/smoke without being seen etc. Residents are encouraged to report any nuisance activity to the Police at the time and the youths will be identified and dealt with appropriately. The police can be contacted on 01253 293933

Residents may have noticed increased Police presence over the last week in the Naze Lane area of Freckleton. This is an ongoing traffic operation and therefore there is no cause for concern for residents.

Dog Fouling in the Village

It has been suggested that the Parish Council introduces a “Name and Shame” procedure to bring to the residents’ attention the dog owners who allow their dog to foul the pavements and other public areas and do not pick up afterwards. The Council would welcome your views on this suggestion. Please contact the Clerk or one of the Councillors with your comments.

Volunteer Drivers

The Over’s 60 club are looking for volunteer drivers. If you can help please ring Bernard Whittle on 01772 632566

Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 Enforcement Officer

The Parish Council are looking to employ a part time Enforcement Officer to ensure that the recently introduced Dog Control Order, for the Bush lane playing fields, is observed.

The candidate should live/work close to the Bush lane Playing fields and be able to check the area at irregular times of the day. He/She should be tactful and be fair and firm when dealing with the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice. The remuneration will be an annual fixed sum retainer with no fixed working pattern. He/she will be expected to monitor the playing fields regularly, preferably as part of their daily activities. Full training will be given before commencement of the post.

Anyone interested in applying for this position please contact the Clerk (contact details are shown overleaf) for further information.

Parish Council’s Complaints procedure.

The Parish Council would like to draw the Parishioners’ attention to the Council’s code of Practice for dealing with Complaints.

Part one of the Code of Practice requests that any complaint is first referred to the Clerk to see if it can be resolved by less formal measures. This would also ensure that all the facts are verified before a more formal complaint is made.

The Council’s welcomes constructive criticism, but would ask anyone seeking to progress a complaint, about the conduct of the Council members, to first discuss it with the Clerk, or the

Chairman if that is preferred, to ensure the facts and procedures are fully understood. The Council's adopted Code of Practice for handling complaints and the Model Code of Conduct can be found on its web-site or from the Clerk (see over for details)

The list of Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

Freckleton East Ward

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| Councillor Mrs. S Delany | 01772 632349 |
| Councillor Mrs. M.M. Dowling | 01772 633488 |
| Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead | 01772 686436 |
| Councillor T. Threlfall | 01772 633964 |
| Councillor St. J Greenhough | 01772 634638 |
| Councillor Linda Burn | 01772 634889 |

Freckleton West Ward

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| Councillor Mrs M.E. Foster | 01772 631184 |
| Councillor T.J. Fiddler | 01772 634889 |
| Councillor L. Rigby | 01772 634111 |
| Councillor C. Robb | BT Talk type 1800201772635814 |
| Councillor Mrs E Willis | 01772 632777 |

Co-opted Members

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| Councillor P Quinn | 01772 632668 |
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Contact point

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

Tel: 01253 731258

Email: clerk@freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk.

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

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.