

Freckleton Parish Council



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The dark winter nights are with us again, let us hope that this winter is not as bad as the last one.

Mindful of the danger that iced up pavements can cause, the Parish Council have arranged with LCC for footpaths to be gritted. (See later in this newsletter.)

If we do have snow and you clear it away from the vicinity of your property please do make sure that the cleared snow does not cause an obstacle to pedestrians and vehicles.

A public meeting will be held on the 15th November to discuss the Dog Order. Full details are included in the insert to this newsletter.

Although it is only November may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Colin Robb, Chairman

Forthcoming events

December '10

- 06/12/10 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm
- 07/12/10 – Tree Lighting & carol service – Cenotaph – 7:00pm
- 13/12/10 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm
- 20/12/10 – Finance committee – starting 7:00pm
- 20/12/10 – Rawstorne trust fund – starting 7:30pm

January '11

- 03/01/11 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm
- 10/01/11 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm
- 17/01/11 – Communications group – starting at 7:00pm

February '11

- 07/02/11 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm
- 14/02/11 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

Winter gritting

FOOTWAYS TREATED IN 2009/2010

Road Name	Footpath Section
Lytham Road	Kirkham Road to Clitheroes Lane
Preston Old Road	Village Centre
Kirkham Road	Village Centre

ADDITIONAL FOOTWAYS TO BE TREATED FROM 2010/2011

Road Name	Footpath Section
Preston Old Road	Extended section to Naze Lane East
Naze Lane East	Preston Old Road to Croft Butts Lane
Croft Butts Lane	Full length
Naze Lane	Croft Butts Lane to Clitheroes Lane
Clitheroes Lane	Full Length
Bush lane	Clitheroes Lane to Ribble Avenue
Ribble Avenue	Bush lane to Douglas Drive (North side)
Douglas drive	Full Length (North side)
Derwent Drive	Lytham Road to Douglas Drive (East side)
Lytham Road	Extended to Derwent Drive

The provision of on-street salt bins has also been reviewed, and an additional bin will now be provided on Summit Drive (at the junction with Preston Old Road) making a total of four bins within the Freckleton area. During October Salt bins have been positioned and/or re-filled with a mixture of grit/salt.

Tree lighting and carol service

The tree lighting service will be held on the 7th December. This year we have put in place a formal contingency plan should the weather force us to move to the Village hall for the service.

Construction work on the Bush lane allotments

United Utilities have indicated that they intend to start work, early in the New Year, on the installation of an overflow tank, adjacent to the pumping station, at the bottom of the Bush lane allotment lane.

The work is expected to take 12 months to complete and there will be some disruption of heavy vehicles going to and from the site.

Once the arrangements have been finalised, United Utilities will be holding a public meeting to explain what they intend to do. The date, time and location of this meeting will be published on the Council's web-site and the Community notice board.

Junior Football Pitch.

The Council has set out the top end of the Bush lane sports field for use by a Warton Typhoon Junior football team, made up of youths from Freckleton. The matches will be held on a Sunday afternoon

The list of Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

Freckleton East Ward

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

Councillor Mrs M.E. Foster	01772 631184
Councillor T.J. Fiddler	01772 634889
Councillor L. Rigby	01772 634111
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Councillor P Quinn

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Contact point

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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 is:-

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

The following notice was included as an insert to the November 2010 newsletter

Dog Control Order 2009

Bush lane Sports field

The Parish Council will be holding a Public meeting in the Village Hall on **Monday 15th November 2010, starting at 7:15pm**, to seek the views of the residents of Freckleton on the above mentioned Dog Control order.

The Council want your views on:-

- 1. Should dogs be allowed on the sports field, where children and adults play sport (the Council want to avoid a repeat of the recent case of the little girl in Manchester that contracted toxocariasis)**
- 2. Should dogs be allowed on all areas of the Sports field, provided it is on a short lead and the owner picks up after it.**
- 3. Should the Council spend Rate payers' money to employ an Enforcement officer to ensure this Order is enforced and to control dog fouling in other parts of the Village.**

Please come along to this meeting because the Council are keen to ensure that the wishes of the Parishioners are met in relation to this sports field.

The history of the Bush lane sports field

In 1910 - The sports field, together with the land where the agricultural allotments are situated, was left in trust to the Parish Council with the condition that it was used for the benefit of the people residing in or near Freckleton, for the use of Recreational facilities or allotment or public pleasure. The Parish Council were given full power to determine how the land should be used.

Over the years the Allotments and Sporting facilities have been developed on this piece of land.

In the 1970s, the Parish Council was granted permission, by the Secretary of State, to introduce a bye-law that banned dogs, horses and the playing of golf, on the Sports field.

In 1996, this bye-law was rescinded when Fylde Borough Council introduced a Borough wide bye-law that set out areas where dogs would be allowed on leads. The Bush Lane sports field was one of these areas.

In 2007, the Football club approached the Parish Council because they were experiencing large volumes of dog dirt on the playing and training areas. The Parish council considered the introduction of the Dog Control Order, under recently introduced legislation entitled "The Clean neighbourhood and Environments Act 2005".

In 2007/08 The Council advertised the proposals, held a public meeting and went through a lengthy consultation period, including setting up a working group, with the dog owners, to try to resolve the dog fouling problem. This committee recommended setting up a Community watch scheme, where villagers were asked to report incidents of dog fouling. The scheme was partially successful, but the fouling on the Football and Cricket pitches continued.

In October 2008, the Parish council decided that the introduction of the Dog Control Order was the only way to stop the fouling. The intention was to have a complete ban on the Sports field and to set up a separate area (in the section where the fair is held) for dogs to be exercised off the lead. At the last working party meeting the dog owners asked for an area around the field to be set aside for people to walk their dogs on the lead.

In March 2009 - The Order was introduced, which included the exercise area to the south of the car park and a ban on dogs on the Sports field, except for an area around the perimeter of the field. The FBC Bye-law was rescinded.

It is this area around the field, where dogs are allowed on the lead, which is causing problems, as it is difficult for members of the public to understand where they should be with their dogs.