



Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the 29th edition of the Parish Council's newsletter. I write this after the Local Council and Parish Elections. I am delighted to be taking over the Chairmanship from Councillor Colin Robb, such a lot has been achieved during Colin's leadership, as can be seen from his Annual report and I thank him sincerely.

This year, we are proud to announce that Freckleton is a finalist in Britain in Bloom, this is down to the hard work of Councillor Tommy Threlfall, Freckleton in Bloom Volunteers and John Garlick and Andy Davies. We hope all residents will support the hard work done by them, and when the judging comes will ensure that the village is looking its best.

During the coming months we will be celebrating Club Day and I hope everyone will enjoy the weekend and hope the weather will be kind to us. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the Club ~Day Committee for all the work they do to make this a special weekend.

Councillor Marlene Dowling resigned last month, as a Parish Councillor for Freckleton after 43 years, and I thank her for her dedication to the village. To Ken Armistead and Julie Winstanley, for their assistance at all Council meetings, and to my fellow Councillors for all the work and commitment, they undertake, on all the committees we have.

Finally a reminder that the Parish Council are happy to listen to and discuss your views and issues, at our Council meetings, and at our PACT meetings held with the Police each month.

With my sincerest regards
Councillor Maraline E. Foster Chairman

Annual report 2011

Over the last 12 months your Parish Council has:

- Obtained funding from The Fylde LSP Parish/Town Fund to install CCTV monitoring 24/7 in the memorial Park. This is linked to the LCC constabulary CCTV network.
- Provided land for the Freckleton Cricket Club to establish all weather cricket nets.
- Listened to the villagers and dog owners with respect to the dog banning order on Bush lane playing fields such that the walk way around the sports field has now been clarified.
- Established a junior football pitch which has been approved by the FA. We have also obtained funding of £3000 from The Fylde LSP Parish/Town Fund, to improve the drainage of the football pitch.
- Have actively supported Frank Towers, Chairman of the Rawstone Sports Committee, in his bid to raise funds to establish a Sports hall in accordance with the Freckleton Parish Plan 2005. (See www.frecklestoneproject.org.uk)
- LCC have finally updated the crossing lights at the Kirkham/Lytham Road/School Lane Junction. This was an action resulting from the Freckleton Parish Plan, and follows pressure from the C.E School, as part of their school Travel Plan.

United Utilities are due to start work on their drainage scheme at The Bush lane allotments in May. In the meantime, preparatory work is going on. Rest assured that the Parish Council will be monitoring this work, and taking appropriate action to minimize disturbance to local residents along Green lane, Naze Lane East and Preston Old Road.

With the Localism Bill being introduced by the Coalition Government, the Parish Council will be facing new challenges over the next twelve months.

Finally my thanks are due to:-

- Ken and Julie for all their hard work, and Cllr Mrs. S. Delany and Cllr Mrs. M. Whitehead for their help and support over the last 12 months.
- Of course we must not forget Cllr. Tommy Threfall and the Freckleton in Bloom committee, John Garlick and Andy, who achieved a prize beyond their highest hopes last year. I hope the village will rally around the Freckleton in Bloom Committee members and give them all the help they need this year.
- PC Andy Scarisbrick also deserves a word of thanks for his conscientious work in the Parish.
- Bill, my lip speaker, without who I could not have coped and finally the Parish Council as a whole for putting up with me.

Chairman of Finance's report 2011

1. Precept account (including Open Spaces).

- The Councils expenditure for 2010/11 was within the budget of £96,797.

2. 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. Despite the capital expenditure listed below this account has only been reduced by £3,292.

3. Playground fund

- The monies received from the bank of America shares has reduced considerably. As a result there was a shortfall in this account of £1,975. In future this expenditure will be met from the Precept account.

4. Capital expenditure for 2010/11

The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2010/11

- Donation to Rural Splash (for the running of Kirkham Baths) - £2k
- A donation to the Village Hall Memorial trust, to help build up a maintenance reserve account. - £1k
- The purchase of a Roller, Spikes and chains, for the maintenance of the football pitch - £700.
- New goalposts for a junior football pitch on the Bush lane sports field - £817
- Cavity wall and roof insulation for the Guide and Scout buildings - £2,323
- Heaters for the Guide and band buildings - £3k
- The purchase of a new permanent CCTV camera in the Memorial park – £8k (a donation of £5k was received from the Local Strategic Partnership - Parish Fund).
- New lights for Christmas tree and Cenotaph area- £325
- The use of a lipspeaker, whilst Councillor Robb was chairing the meetings - £1303. Councillor Robb's contribution for this service was £1,000.

5. Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2011/12

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| • Two new tennis nets, including trolleys | £1.5k |
| • Assistance with the new supports around the bowling green | £2k |
| • Improved drainage on the Junior Football pitch | £5k |



FRECKLETON CRICKET CLUB IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FRECKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

NATWEST CRICKET FORCE WEEKEND 9th/10th APRIL 2011 AT FRECKLETON CRICKET CLUB



The weekend of April the 9th not only brought sunshine but the honour of your village Cricket Club being a part of the annual NATWEST Bank Cricket Force Weekend: in providing ourselves with much needed assistance in the renovation and maintenance of our facilities and grounds.



The NATWEST employees did themselves proud tackling the maintenance of the sightscreens and we're sure the bacon butties went down a treat. Other areas to tackle were Scorebox maintenance and painting, dismantling old practice nets, pitch preparation and general club and ground tidying.



Freckleton Cricket Club wish to thank the NATWEST employees for taking time out at their weekend to support us, all the club members and the general public of the village for their hard work and support. Finally we wish to thank the Parish Council for their continued guidance, support and assistance in the distribution of this Newsletter.



Without you the Club couldn't maintain its ethos of being - "A Club for the Community".



A cry for help from the Freckleton In Bloom-ers

For those of you who don't already know Freckleton won the North West in Bloom Gold Award for 2010, being judged the best town in the north west of England. Quite an achievement! As a result Freckleton is now nominated to enter the 2011 National RHS Britain in Bloom competition.

To help increase our chances of success we need the resident's help, your help, to make the village look as beautiful as we can. We need help with weeding and dead heading of the flower beds, assistance in the "big clean up" evenings prior to judging, which mainly involves the clearance of litter. The exact date for these will be posted around the village in June.

Judging for this year's North West competition will be in July and judging for the national competition will be in August.

We would ask those of you who live along the judging route to assist us by ensuring your own gardens are in tip top condition as this will impact on the judges scoring. The details of that route are set out below.

If you would like to offer extra assistance to the Freckleton In Bloom volunteers in the run up to the competitions please contact Tom Threlfall on 01772 633964 or Christine Gates on 01772 499645.

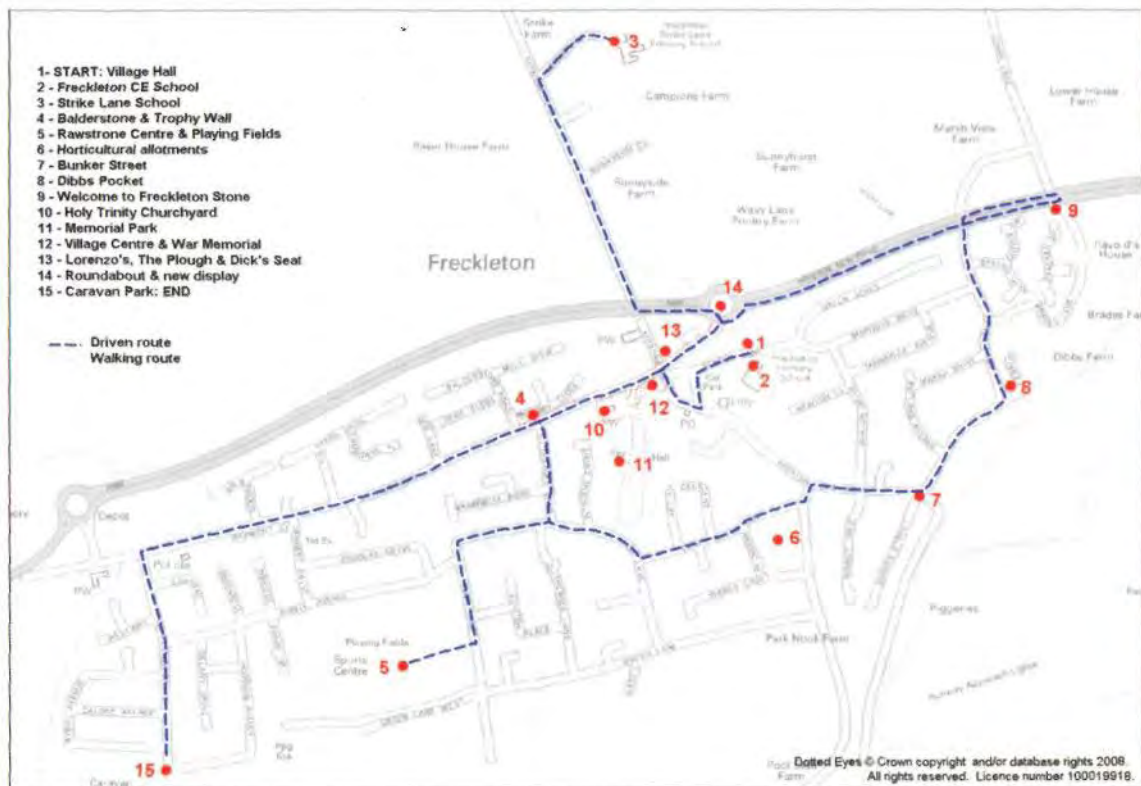
Freckleton in Bloom – Judging Route 2011 (subject to time)

Councillor Threlfall and the Freckleton in Bloom volunteers will meet the judges at the village hall for a 15 minute presentation of the 2011 In Bloom initiatives. Two Freckleton in Bloom members will then accompany the judges on a tour around the village.

On leaving the hall they will view the C of E school wildlife garden before travelling to Strike Lane school. They will then travel back through the village to the Rawstrone Centre to look at the recycling and sports facilities, of which Freckleton prides itself. On route they will pause to view/walk around Balderstone and the Trophy Wall. Following the Rawstrone Centre there will be a stop to view the horticultural allotments on Croft Butts Lane where there will be a walkabout to see the standards of the allotments and to talk to allotment holders. They will then travel by car to view Bunker Street, Dibbs Pocket and Lower Lane before turning right onto the bypass so that they can view the full route back into the village including the 'Welcome to Freckleton' stone.

After parking in the village centre they will continue on foot to the recycling areas, Memorial gardens, bowling green and on through the park. Returning back from the park, they will view the village centre and war memorial (winner of Lancashire's Best War Memorial in 2010) and there will be the opportunity for photographs. Time permitting there will be a walk (or a drive) up to the roundabout to view examples of sustainable planting, decorations and features including the new feature bed.

Finally they will travel back along Lytham Road to Lamaleach Caravan Park where the tour will end.



The list of Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

Freckleton East Ward

Councillor Mrs. S Delany 01772 632349
Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead01772 686436
Councillor T. Threlfall01772 633964
Councillor St. J Greenhough.....01772 634638

Plus two vacancies

Freckleton West Ward

Councillor Mrs M.E. Foster 01772 631184
Councillor T.J. Fiddler01772 634889
Councillor L. Rigby 01772 634111
Councillor C. Robb Text Direct 1800201772635814
Councillor Mrs E Willis01772 632777

Plus one vacancy

Contact point

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

Please note new number. Tel: 01253 731258

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

Email: clerk@freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Communication

Advance notice of all Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's web-site and the Council notice board, situated on the footpath in front of the Coach & Horses car park. 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.

Forthcoming events

June '11

06/06/11 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm
13/06/11 - Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm
20/06/11 - Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm
27/06/11 - Fabrics committee - starting 7:00pm

July '11

04/07/11 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm
12/07/11 - Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm
18/07/11 - Communications Group- starting 7:00pm
25/07/11 - Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm