

Freckleton Parish Council



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Newsletter

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I am sad to start my report about the death of Councillor Bill Ellicott on 22nd March. Bill was a respected member of the Council, who worked extremely hard on the Parish Plan. Councillor Colin Robb has now taken over this Steering committee and will endeavour to finalise the work Bill started. Good luck Colin.

The annual Assembly was held on Monday 5th April. This is when the events of the past 12 months are reviewed along with the Financial reports. Members of the public are invited and have an opportunity to speak. Sadly, the public were not well represented, just the “faithful few” who attend the regular meetings. Please note that the public are welcome to all the Council meetings and hopefully this would give you a better insight into the running of the Council. The agendas for the meetings are posted in advance on the two notice boards in the village and the minutes are available to read in the library.

It was my pleasure, on behalf of the Council, to make a presentation to County Councillor Bernard Whittle who last year resigned as a Parish councillor after 30 years. Bernard is still working hard as a County councillor and we do call upon him for advice from time to time. Another “log timer”, Councillor Mrs. Marlene Dowling, will soon be celebrating 40 years service to the Council. Thankyou Marlene and congratulations.

This is my final report as Chairman, a year I have found both educational and informative.

Mrs S Delany, Chairman

Forthcoming Meetings

10th May 2004 – Full Council.

11th May 2004 – Open Spaces committee.

7th June 2004 – Full Council.

5th July 2004 – Full Council.

Parish Plan.

Following the death of Bill Ellicott, the originator and Chairman of the Parish Plan, an emergency meeting of the Steering Group was held on the 19th of April. At this meeting Councillor Colin Robb, who had taken on the role of acting Chairman, was formally confirmed as Chairman.

The current situation is that we are still awaiting the result of our funding application from the Countryside Agency. This is expected to be known by the end of April or early May. Until we know the situation regarding funding we cannot proceed. The Countryside Agency has supplied a copy of the actual submission made by the late

Bill Ellicott. The emergency meeting reviewed the application, noted the activities and time scales. A series of actions, were agreed, which will be implemented once availability of funding is known.

It was agreed that there is confusion in the public's mind about the roles of the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Committee. **We need to emphasise that they are two separate and independent organisations.**

The results of the work carried out by the Parish Plan Committee, over the next 12 to 18 months will be presented to the Parish Council, as "the Freckleton Parish Plan" document (*or "The future development of the Parish of Freckleton, as visualised by the Community of Freckleton"*). The Parish Council will base its future actions and decisions on the contents of the Parish Plan.

The next meeting of the Parish Plan Committee will take place immediately after the results of our application for funding are received.

Freckleton in Bloom

The village has looked a picture this spring and the Council wish to thank the Freckleton in Bloom committee for all the hard work done to make it look so nice.

Anyone who is willing to volunteer to help out either on the Committee or to assist with the planting out, please contact either Councillor Tommy Threlfall on 633964 or Christine Gates on 499645.

Councillor Bernard Whittle.

Bernard joined the Parish Council in 1973 and retired in 2003. During this time he served on all the sub committees as well as being Chairman on more than one occasion. In appreciation of all the hard work that he has done for the Parish council and the village, a presentation was made to him by the Chairman of the Council Mrs. Shirley Delany, at the Annual Assembly in April 2004.



Dog Fouling

The Council receive more complaints about dog "litter" being left in public places than any other matter. Therefore, we would appeal to all dog owners to please clear up after your dogs and either use the dog litter bins provided or take it home. Your help in trying to keep the village a cleaner place would be appreciated.

The list of Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

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Councillor T. Threlfall	01772 633964

Freckleton West Ward

Councillor Mrs M.E. Foster	01772 631184
Councillor J.R. Maguire	01772 493060
Councillor T.J. Fiddler	01772 634889
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Co-opted Members

Councillor M/s D. Morriss	01772 633682
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