

Freckleton Parish Council



Fylde

Newsletter

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Welcome to this the 8th edition of the Parish Council's newsletter. I write this introductory remarks having just taken over the Chairmanship from Councillor Louis Rigby. By the time you read this preface Club day will have come and gone. I take this opportunity to thank the Club Day Committee for the energy, passion and dedication to ensure the most traditional of English village festivals continues long into the future. I also wish to thank all of you who participated in the weekend's activities. Even in this "modern world" it is still obvious that our young children look forward to and enjoy being part of this colourful pageantry. For many of us it still remains a most special event. As Mayor of Fylde I have witnessed all the village Club days throughout the Borough and I take great pride in knowing that Freckleton does it better than the rest.

June is the time of year when we begin to see the fruits of the Freckleton in Bloom initiative. Many thousands of pounds are spent on flowerbeds and hanging baskets to create a village awash with summer colour. Sadly, I have to report that within 24 hours of the initial planting, several flowerbeds and baskets were trashed. We cannot allow such a tiny minority, a few mindless louts who wish to deface our beautiful village. It is not simply a Police problem for we all have a responsibility to try to prevent vandalism in all its aspects.

Finally, can I remind all of you of the opportunity to participate in the administration of your village. The agenda, at every Parish Council meeting, allows for public participation. An opportunity for you to express your own personal views and an opportunity to support or to criticise the Council face to face. I hope to see many of you at future meetings.

My sincerest regards,

Councillor Trevor Fiddler, Chairman

Forthcoming Events

4th July 2005 - Full Council meeting

5th September 2005 - Full Council meeting

3rd October 2005 - Full Council meeting

Please note that the meetings are currently being held in the Rawstorne Centre.

Parish Plan.

The Freckleton Parish Plan is now complete. However this is only the beginning, over the next twelve months the actions outlined in the Plan will start to materialise.

The first two actions to be put in place are the delivery of the Freckleton Parish

Council newsletter and a police newsletter to every household in the Parish along with the Parish Plan.

In September, the Freckleton Parish Plan Steering Group will be re-named the "Freckleton Village Design Trust", page 23 of the Parish Plan outlines the terms of reference of the Trust. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the planning and management of the Trust. If you would like to volunteer please complete and return the slip enclosed with the Parish Plan. While people with professional, organisational, financial and engineering skills will be particularly welcome, anybody with enthusiasm and drive prepared to devote some time to the activities of the Trust will be very welcome.

The Children's Committee have already taken the bull by the horns and are, in advance of the formation of the Trust, actively fund raising for equipment for the proposed Multi-purpose Centre. If the children are prepared to do this then they really do deserve our support, not just in kind but in deeds.

Please do let us have your views, good or bad.

Freckleton in Bloom

Once again, our thanks go to the Freckleton in Bloom committee for the fine display of bedding plants and hanging baskets that are on display around the village. The Council appreciates all the hard work that goes into the preparation and planting to make the village so colourful.

Harry Robinson

The Parish Council would like to pass on their congratulations to Harry for being awarded the MBE in the recent Queen's birthday honours list. Harry currently serves on a number of committees within the village and his work is much appreciated by all. He was a member of the Parish Council for many years prior to his retirement in 1999. His involvement in other voluntary work is too numerous to mention individually, but he has served the Community well in all aspects of life.

Grass verges - Balderstone road.

The Council has concluded that the two grass verges at the top end of Balderstone road have been designated as play areas and as such, children are permitted to play in these areas. To try to resolve the problem of damage caused by wayward balls, it has been agreed that shrubs and trees should be restored along the boundary with Lodge Close, as and when finances are available. The Open Spaces committee will now prepare costings for this project and plan when this work can be carried out.

Memorial park

The Council has recently installed railings around the play equipment in the Memorial park. This is to make it safer for young children to use the play equipment, without wandering and to ensure dogs and other animals are kept out. The Council would like to remind everyone that the equipment is only for use by children up to the age of 12 years old.

It has been brought to the Council's attention that golf balls are being hit in the park. This is both dangerous to others (one person has already been hit on the head) and can cause damage to the neighbouring properties. A national byelaw prohibits golf balls being hit in public places. The Council asks that individuals use the nearby golf range.

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Co-opted Members

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Communication

Advance notice of all Parish Council meetings are published on the two Council notice boards, within the village. One is situated on Lytham road, at the junction of Balderstone Road and the other is situated at the entrance to the car park on Preston Old road, opposite the Library. The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are held in a folder in the Library and are open to view by anyone.

The Parish Council website

The new 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.**