

## FRECKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the annual assembly held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2003 in the village hall.

Present: Councillor B J Whittle (chairman)

8 councillors, 4 parishioners and three police officers.

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Dowling, Councillor Mrs Whitehead and Mr H Robinson.

1. The minutes of the last parish assembly held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2002 were affirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.
2. Matters arising-none.
3. Chairman's report.

The chairman welcomed all to this parish assembly which he declared to be an open meeting when parishioners are free to ask questions of their elected representatives.

He made reference to the soon to be implemented alcohol ban which would cover the whole parish of Freckleton. The original proposals, covering sections of the village, were amended to satisfy parishioners' wishes so strongly expressed at a public meeting.

Reference was made to the lively public meeting when executives of BAE Systems were present. Many expressed their annoyance at the increasing levels of noise and air pollution which resulted in a little back tracking by the BAE staff. The chairman mentioned the new policing arrangements in the village and thanked the local constabulary for their proactive approach. The local commander attended one council meeting during the year which resulted in positive benefits to the village eg. The appointment of a community officer to Freckleton.

The chairman commented on the cooption of two councillors in October 2002. He wished them well and hoped that they found the work beneficial.

He mentioned the recently formed allotment association and that interviews had taken place when all allotment holders attended. The council have agreed to: a) resurface allotment lane b) arrange for a gate to be fitted c) fix a water meter to allow accurate readings.

The chairman commented upon the excellent work undertaken by the Freckleton in Bloom committee and suggested that more villagers should support these efforts in order to maintain the high standards set in previous years.

The Bush Lane facilities are the envy of many neighbouring parishes and he hoped the users of these facilities appreciated them.

In conclusion the chairman stated that parishioners ought to be proud of their village which boasts many thriving voluntary organisations eg the brass band, music festival plus numerous sporting clubs.

Finally he thanked all the voluntary workers for the service they provide for the benefit of all parishioners

4. The unaudited accounts for the year at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003 were agreed.
5. Any other business

Concern was expressed at the water seeping from the ground at the bottom of Croft Butts Lane. The chairman assured the questioner that the problem is near to resolution.

The dog fouling problem was mentioned. Members of the public were urged to report incidents of this type to the appropriate authority.

The condition of Lower Lane was raised, the chairman offered to persue this business with the relevant officer at Lancashire County Council.

The assembly was reminded that after 30 years of dedicated service the chairman, Councillor B J Whittle, would not be standing for re-election next month. The assembly wished him well in and thanked him for his work on behalf of the village.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....  
Date..... 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2004