

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th January 2004

Present:

Councillor Mrs S Delany, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Foster, Mrs M Whitehead, M/s D Morriss, Mrs J Maguire, Mrs M Dowling, B Ellicott, T Fiddler, L Rigby, T Threlfall and C Robb.

1. Open Forum

a. Visit from Councillor Coombes, Fylde Borough Council and Mr. K Lee, the Chief Executive.

Councillor Coombes sent his apologies as he was unable to attend.

The chairman welcomed Mr Lee and thanked him for the support that Fylde Borough Council has given to the Parish Council in the past and looked forward to the same support in the future.

Councillor Threlfall raised the issue of the lack of progress with the installation of new playground equipment, due to a difference of views on whether a new safety service was required. Mr Lee stated that safety was paramount but agreed that an Officer from the Council should come to Freckleton to try to resolve this issue.

Councillor Fiddler sought professional guidance with the raising of funds from external bodies for a new Sports centre, for the use by youths and young adults from Freckleton and the surrounding areas. Mr Lee indicated that this should be progressed as a development matter in partnership with FBC rather than Freckleton P C trying to progress it alone. A new Partnership Officer has been appointed and he would arrange for this Officer to contact the Parish Council.

Disappointment was expressed at the lack of commitment to spend the "Council Housing" fund throughout the Borough and not just on projects within the Lytham St Annes area.

b. Public Participation

Concern was expressed that an emergency ambulance was unable to gain access to School Lane, due to the number of vehicles parked on both sides of the road overnight.

It was agreed that the LCC Highways department should be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss this item.

It was reported that on a previous occasion when the Highways department had been asked to attend they declined because meetings were held in the evenings and suggested the Council write to them. Councillor Whittle agreed to progress this issue and requested names of the previous contacts. The Clerk will email him with details.

c. Police update

Sergeant Swift informed the meeting that PC Leeming was no longer the Beat Officer for Freckleton. His replacement will be an Officer based at Kirkham police station.

Councillor Threlfall proposed a vote of thanks to PC Andy Swarbrick. This was unanimously accepted.

2. Apologies: Miss Y Burgess,

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To read and approve the minutes of:-

a. Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2003

b. The Parish plan meeting held on Monday 28th November 2003.

Resolved; that they be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to:-

The acknowledgement of the letter from Miss Burgess explaining that due to her injuries, as a result of a fall, she was unable to attend the recent meetings.

c. Matters arising

Minute 6. Highways – item 2 of the Council meeting. The Clerk reported that Fylde Borough Council had responded suggesting that the School Lane exit/entrance be blocked off by erecting a number of bollards. The work would be carried out subject to approval from the Parish Council, the local School and users of the Village hall.

It was agreed that this was not the solution, as this would cause traffic problems elsewhere and no further action should be taken.

Minute 4 of the Parish Plan meeting - It was reported that Heather Nuttall would represent the Guides and Brownies

d. Parish plan – Parish plan grant application. –

The document was accepted subject to the following change:-

“Freckleton is a North Lancashire village”, should read “Freckleton is a North West Lancashire village”

5. Finance

a. Ratification of Accounts paid by Clerk.

Community Development Account

D Turcsanyi-bookings' clerk

£
60:84

Open Spaces Account

G Danson-wages-month 9

1372:95

Petromex Ltd-fuel

77:87

HMP Kirkham-plant boxes

250:00

Huck Nets-netting

455:31

T L Morris-wages-month 9

516:15

SPN-various

6:58

G Beesley Ltd-boiler safety check

70:50

K Armistead-wages-month 9

202:71

G Danson-wages-month 10

781:96

P0 Ltd-tax and national insurance

1075:16

Precept Account

T L Morris-additional lights

23:96

Hughes Ltd-bulbs, tape and extension leads

21:22

J Swarbrick - refreshments-tree lighting

375:00

Stilefield -roll of pvc coated wire

6:31

Intrak-PA system- tree lighting

123:37

British Legion-wreaths-Remembrance Service

120:00

T L Morris-postage

64:51

LAPTC-clerk's training

75:00

T L Morris-additional lights

51:96

Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified.

b. Monthly budget statements were noted.

6. Planning applications notified

a. 03/1088 – The Jevans, Kirkham Road – Certificate of Lawfulness.

b. 02/1161 – 22, Marquis Drive – Conservatory to rear elevation.

c. 03/1167 – 49, Lytham Road – New shop front.

d. 03/1169 – The Ship, Bunker St – Creation of a new disabled access.

Resolved: all the above applications be supported.

7. Bush Lane Facilities.

It was agreed that a copy of the extract of the Indenture should be sent to the Chairman of the allotments committee.

8. Highways

- a. It was suggested that a mirror should be sited at the corner of Clitheroes Lane and Naze Lane. As this type of request had been refused in the past by FBC it was agreed that this should not be progressed
- b. Replacement of lamp posts on Lytham road. It was suggested that LCC should be approached to see if any of the lamp posts in Lytham Road will be replaced prior to ordering the hanging baskets. Councillor Whittle reported that 3 posts had recently been replaced and it was unlikely that any further work will be carried out. It was agreed not to progress this.
- c. It was reported that the footpaths in the Playing fields and around the shops were very slippery during the recent frosty weather. It was agreed that the Gardener should be asked to salt these areas when similar weather conditions occur.
- d. It was suggested that FBC should be asked for additional Dog Fouling -Fixed penalty signs. These signs would be erected by the Parish Council. Councillor Threlfall agreed to progress this.

9. Newsletter.

- a. It was agreed that the Fylde Borough Coat of Arms should be used until a more suitable one could be found.
- b. The Clerk reported that the printing costs of approximately 1000 newsletters, with some colour, would be around £150. It was agreed that it would be more cost efficient if the Clerk purchased a new printer.
- c. Items for inclusion in the Newsletter should reach the Clerk by 15th January, so that it can be printed and distributed before the end of January.
- d. It was agreed that a note should be inserted in the Newsletter suggesting email distribution would be available if Parishioners preferred to receive it this way.

10. Communications

This item was held over until the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting.

The meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday 2nd February 2004, in the Village hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....

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