

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2004

Present:

Councillor Mrs S Delany, (Chair)
Councillors Mrs. M Foster, Mrs. J Maguire, M/s D Morriss, Mrs M Whitehead,
B Ellicott, L Rigby and C Robb.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Miss Y Burgess, T Fiddler,

2. **Open Forum**

a. **Presentation from BAE Systems**

The chairman welcomed 2 representatives from BAE systems, Debbie Stott and colleague.

They gave a short presentation on the future plans within the BAE Systems units at Warton and other locations throughout the UK. The overall message was that in the next 5 years there will have to be a reduction in the number of staff being employed, taking into account the agreed and perceived workloads within the pipeline.

The Chairman thanked the 2 representatives for coming to the meeting and asked that the Council be kept informed, when developments occurred within the unit.

b. **Public participation.**

Concern was expressed that the Council were progressing the installation of speed cameras in Kirkham Road. It was confirmed that this was not the case.

c. **Police update.**

PC Scarisbrick informed the meeting that there had been a spate of “kids” throwing eggs at various buildings and attempted vandalism around the Bowling Green. Both items were being progressed/monitored by the police.

3. **To read and approve the minutes of:-**

a. **Parish Council meeting held on 5th January 2004.**

b. **Parish Plan Steering Group held on 12th January 2004.**

c. **Parish Plan Steering Group held on 22nd January 2004.**

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

Minutes of the 12th January 2004 – Councillor C Robb was also co-opted onto the committee to represent the Disabled.

d. **Matters arising**

1. Concern was expressed that Councillor Coombes was again unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved: That the clerk should write to Councillor Coombes requesting a meeting with a delegation from the Parish Council, to discuss the outstanding matters.

2. Items raised with Mr. K Lee, Chief Executive, FBC.

Lack of progress with new playground equipment - The Clerk reported that no contact had been made with FBC with regards to a visit from one of the Officers. It was agreed that Mr Lee should be reminded of this outstanding item.

Guidance with the raising of funds from external sources - The Clerk reported that no contact had been made with FBC with regards to a visit from the new Partnership Officers.

It was agreed that this should be progressed by the Parish Plan Steering group.

3 Lack of access to School Lane. – Councillor Whittle reported that he is arranging for Karen Galloway, from the LCC Highways department to visit Freckleton to discuss all the issues relating to lack of access. The meeting will include the

Clerk, the Police and himself. As this visit would be during the day PC Scarisbrick agreed to review all the areas of concern, during the evening so he would be able to give an update on the problem.

Councillor Whittle also reported that he has arranged for a representative from the Highways department to visit Freckleton to review the problems relating to defects in the roads. The Clerk agreed to provide a list of all the areas of concern that have been brought before the Council in recent months. This list will be passed to Councillor Whittle.

4. School Lane exit/entrance – It was agreed that this item should be referred to the next council meeting.
5. Dog Fouling signs – It was agreed that the Dog Fouling signs and Litter bins for the Lower Lane estate were the responsibility of the New Housing Association.

4. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Finance.

a. Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

Community Development Account	£
D Turcsanyi -booking clerk	60.84
Precept Account	
K M Armistead - expenses	125.00
Kirby's - Christmas tree	193.29
KM Armistead - Printer	149.99
Smith Hire - Floodlights	64.63
K M Armistead -cartridges	49.95
Open spaces Account	
K M Armistead -Salary	486.31
J Wareing - Cricket Pavilion repair	1,139.75
Singletons - Hedge cutter - service	30.55
Singletons - Tractor- service	767.38
Fare Brothers - waste removal	1,119.19
Smith Hire - cherry picker	116.56
PO ltd - Tax & Insurance	100.85
PO ltd - Electricity bills	392.30
PO ltd - Electricity bills	207.57
Mrs Delany - flowers	9.99
Mrs Delany - gift & flowers	41.46
Petromex -fuel	124.99
K Armistead - Paint	19.27
SPN - materials	45.54
Snape Securities - Bush lane	75.00

Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified.

b. The Monthly Budget statements were noted.

It was agreed that the bill for the Christmas tree should be referred to Fylde Borough Council as they normally pay for this.

It was agreed that a payment of £1,200 should be made to the Cricket section, as a contribution to the all weather cricket pitch that has been installed. This was approved in the estimates for this financial year, but has not been paid.

6. Planning Applications.

The following Plans have been actioned by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman prior this meeting, due to the timescale for return:-

03/1189 – 4, Delany Drive – Single storey extension & Conservatory to rear and roof lift for extra living area - **Supported**

04/0011 – 15, Avalon Drive – Dormer to front & rear and Conservatory to rear – **no observations.**

04/0017 – 26, Marquis Drive – Conservatory to rear – **no observations.**

Resolved: That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be ratified

04/0042 – The Plough, 2, Lytham Road – New door opening step & ramp to west elevation.

04/0064 – 31, Park Terrace, Bunker St – Two storey rear extension and Porch to front elevation

04/0047 – 19, Lytham Road – Change shop/1st floor to single dwelling

Resolved: No observations on all of the above applications.

04/0055 – Land at rear of 52, Kirkham rd., - Erection of office Building in connection with Sales & repair of vehicles and light engineering.

Resolved: Object to this on the grounds of restricted access onto a busy main road and that this would create increased activity on the busy main road.

7. Parish Council Communications

Councillor Robb gave a short presentation on the benefits of using the Notice Boards to improve the Councils communications. He also suggested that a Parish map should be created and displayed on a notice board.

Resolved: That a sub committee be formed, consisting of Councillors Mrs. S Delany, M/s D Morriss, C Robb, and L Rigby to progress the best way forward to communicate with the villagers.

8. Office Equipment

The Clerk reported that it had been necessary to purchase a new Computer that could cope with the speed of the new printer purchased to print the Newsletter. It was agreed that the Council would stand the cost of this equipment.

9. Correspondence

a. Mrs. C. Horn, Marquis Drive, - Cars speeding. – **Agreed that this should be added to the list of items to be progressed by Councillor Whittle.**

b. Anonymous – Cars parking in Lodge Close. – **Agreed that no action should be taken as the letter was anonymous.**

c. B. Brimble, 3, Clover Drive, No longer requires allotment – **Agreed that this allotment should be offered to the next one on the list – Mr. M. Gillett, 22, Rydal Ave.**

d. LCC, Highways – Action to be taken adjacent to Greenfield Park. – **The Council supports this action - Councillor Ellicott is progressing this item.**

e. North West Air Ambulance – Request for a donation. – **Agreed that the approved donation should be made in April 2004.**

f. John Lawson's Circus – Request for a site in 2005. – **Agreed that the Clerk should send for an application so that the Council may consider further.**

g. Mrs. Atherton – Complaint re footpaths:

Item 1 – **Agreed that this is a planning matter and should be added to the list being progressed by Councillor Whittle.**

Item 2 – **Agreed that the Clerk should write to the residents of No 1 Naze Lane requesting that the hedge be cut.**

Item 3 – **Agreed that this should be referred to Mr. D Wilkinson, The Built Environment Officer, FBC.**

h. Mr. D McCarten – Commemorative bench – **Agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk should meet with Mr. McCarten to progress the site within the village.**

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st March 2004 at 7:00pm in the village hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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