

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 1st March 2004

Present:

Councillor Mrs S Delany, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Foster, Mrs J Maguire, Mrs M Whitehead, M/s D Morriss, Mrs M Dowling, B Ellicott, and C Robb.

Apologies: Councillors Miss Y Burgess, T Fiddler, T Threlfall and L Rigby

1. Open Forum.

a. Public participation

- (1) Concern was again expressed about the “pot holes” in Kirkham Road. The Clerk reported that this problem, together with numerous others, has been referred to the LCC Highways department via an on site meeting with a representative from LCC, Councillor Whittle and The Clerk. The Council had received a response indicating that resurfacing work would be undertaken, in March 2004, on Kirkham Road. Other work would be undertaken during the summer months. It was agreed that the list of road repairs, identified by Councillor Whittle, should be distributed to all Councillors.
- (2) It was reported that youths are gaining access to the All Weather Service area, by lifting the fence. It was stated that the police have been informed about this problem.
- (3) It was reported that footpath access in Bunker St. was difficult due to parked cars. It was agreed that this would be referred to the LCC Highways department.
- (4) There was a discussion on the new web site that had been set up by Peter Armitage to promote the various activities within the village. It was agreed that the Council’s website should be independent but there should be a link with the new web site.

2. To read and approve the minutes of:-

- a. The Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2004
- b. The Open Spaces committee meeting held on 5th February 2004
- c. The Open Spaces committee meeting held on 14th February 2004

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

The Open spaces committee meeting held on 5th February 2004- item 1, last paragraph - should read “the bouquet of flowers should be placed on the “graves” not “in the memorial gardens”.

d. Matters arising from the minutes.

- (1) It was agreed that the Freckleton in Bloom committee should be invited to attend a meeting of the full Council in the near future.
- (2) Councillor Ellicott reported that he had reviewed the procedure for the Green Flag award for recreational grounds and a report was circulated to the meeting. It was concluded that the Council should not proceed with the award for 2005, due to the work involved with the Parish plan.
- (3) The Clerk reported that he had written to Council Coombes to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Council but had received no response. It was agreed that an email should be sent stating the urgency of a meeting.

- (4) The Clerk reported that Councillor Whittle had arranged a meeting, with Karen Galloway, from the LCC Highways department, for Wednesday 3rd March at 10.00am, to progress the parking problems within the village.
- (5) The Clerk reported that he had received a response from John Lawson's circus and it was agreed that this should be discussed at the Annual Assembly.
- (6) The Chairman reported that she has had discussions with Mr. McCarten and it has been agreed that the most suitable site for the memorial bench would be around the Balderstone area. It was also suggested that the Council would purchase the bench and have it installed and Mr. McCarten would then reimburse the Council.
- (7) The Clerk reported that Mr. Gillett had agreed to rent the allotment on Croft Butts lane and before he signed the lease the Clerk sought clarification of the rent that should be charged to all allotment holders on Croft Butts lane.
Resolved: The rents should be increased from £11 to £15 per annum.
- (8) Councillor Robb requested that Communications sub-committee should meet within the next 2 weeks and the Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting.

3. Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Finance

a. Ratification of accounts paid by clerk-enclosed in blue.

Allotments

PO ltd - Bush lane water 287.84

Community Development Account

D Turcsanyi -booking clerk 60.84

Precept Account

K Armistead -New Computer 500.00

Myerscough college – training 450.00

Lancs. Playing Fields Assoc 11.00

Open spaces Account

G Danson - wages 781.73

Allthread - materials 183.97

K Armistead - Salary 486.49

K Armistead - Puncture 7.50

PO ltd - Tax & Ins 340.10

Allthread - materials 45.24

Electrical Wholesalers - Floodlights 1,344.72

K Armistead - tail gate 15.99

Alpha amenity -weed killer 168.56

SPN -materials 10.57

Freck. Cricket club - AWS 1,200.00

Kirkham windows - New Extension - B Club 1,850.00

Petromex - fuel 76.02

Alan Watkinson - electrical repairs 47.66

Smith Hire - blades & lines 74.48

Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified.

b) The Monthly budget statements were noted.

c) Financial review.

The Clerk circulated the February '04 Income and Expenditure Accounts.

Resolved: The balance in the Savings account should be earmarked for the items to be progressed as a result of the village plan.

Resolved: The balance in the Community development account should be earmarked for the further development of the children's play area within the memorial park.

It was agreed that the monies in the savings account should be transferred to a Treasury Reserve account, with 1 months notice, in order that a better rate of interest may be earned. The interest should be retained within this account.

5. Planning.

The following plans have been actioned by the Chairman prior to the meeting, due to the timescale for return:

04/0088 – 394 Building Warton Aerodrome – to allow permanent siting of duplex Office bldg. – No observations.

04/0115 – 1, Douglas drive – two storey extension to side and conservatory to rear. – No observations.

04/0132 – 11, Further Ends Road - two storey side extension & extension to existing dormers, front and rear. – No observations.

Resolved: That the action of the Chairman be ratified.

The following plans are for consideration:

04/0148 – Ribble View, Preston new Rd. – Two storey side extension, conservatory to rear & detached double garage.

04/0157 – 21, Astley Cres. – Single Storey Extension to rear.

Resolved: That these be returned indicating that there are no observations on the applications

6. Highways.

It was agreed that a full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th March 2004 to discuss the access to the Car park on School Lane/ Preston Old Road. Councillors B Whittle and K Mulholland will be invited to attend, together with Michael Lancaster, Chairman of the School Governor, representatives from Fylde Borough Council and the Police.

7. Village plan

Councillor Ellicott reported that steady progress is being made and the Steering group would be meeting with Tammy Smith on 8th March 2004. It was expected that the grant would be available in April/May 2004. The Plan is expected to be completed by May 2005.

Pamphlets have been distributed to all organizations. Star charts would be made available, in different parts of the village, for parishioners to express their preferences for items to be progressed.

The Council thanked Councillor Ellicott for all the work he had put in to produce the various documents.

8. Correspondence

a. Litter in the village – email from Councillor C Robb –

It was agreed that this should be referred to at Fylde Borough Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Bargain Booze, Sun City, the Pizza shop and the Indian take away to ask if they would ensure the forecourts are kept tidy.

b. State of village – email from Tony Towers –

This area has been covered by the discussions with the LCC highways department.

- c. **Freckleton Community web site – email from Julie Armitage –**
It was agreed that this item should be referred to the Communications sub committee.
- d. **Fylde local Strategy partnership – Invite to workshop from Fylde Borough Council**
Councillor Mrs. S Delany will attend.
- e. **Application form for Best Kept Village – from Lancashire Tourism Partnership –**
It was agreed to submit the same application as last year.
- f. **Warton Junior football section – Use of AWS pitch –**
It was agreed that they should be allowed to use the pitch on a Tuesday evenings. The fee would be the same as for the Kirkham Juniors (i.e. £5 per hour plus lights). The use of the junior football pitch was declined as this was already being used by Kirkham Juniors every other week.
- g. **Application to use land off Bush lane for a Fair on Club day – R.E. Cubbins & Son.**
It was agreed that this was acceptable. The rent would same as last year (£700) and the fair should not be run on the Sunday.
- h. **Invitation for Chairman to present ½ marathon prize – Freckleton Club day Sports committee.**
It was agreed that this would be referred to the new Chairman, when appointed.
- i. **Dog litter bins being emptied – Mrs. P Mayland, Delany drive –**
It was agreed that his should be referred to Fylde Borough Council.

The Council congratulated Councillor Fiddler on being elected the next Mayor of Fylde Borough Council

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Assembly and it will be held on Monday 5th April, at 7:00pm, in the Village hall. The Council meeting will follow this meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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