

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th May 2004

Present:

Councillor L Rigby (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Mrs. M. Dowling, Mrs. J. Maguire, M/s D. Morriss, T. Threlfall and C Robb.

Apologies: Councillor T Fiddler.

1) Open Forum

a) Public Participation

1. Mr. H Latham reported that the 60th anniversary of the school air disaster will be remembered by 2 services to be held on 23rd August 2004. There will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Children's graves at 10.40am and a memorial service in the playground of the C of E School at 7.00pm. He enquired if one reading at the evening service could be undertaken by a Councillor. Also, there will be tea and biscuits served in the village hall after the evening service. He enquired if the Council could provide financial assistance for the production of the programmes, the hire of the Public Address system and the tea and biscuits. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next Council meeting.

2. Mrs. Willis enquired if there had been any progress with replacing the lock and chain that had been broken by one of the United Utilities personnel, on the gate leading to the Bush lane allotments. She reported that there had been some thefts from the allotments and asked if the Police could parole this area. The Clerk reported that the lock would not be replaced until an assurance was obtained from United Utilities that the lock vandalism would not be repeated. They had been telephoned on several occasions and each time they had promised to ring back, but no response has been received. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Chairman of United Utilities, Sir Richard Evans, to see if he can assist with this problem.

3. It was reported that scooters were being ridden through the Memorial park area in the evenings. The police indicated that they were aware of this problem and steps were being taken to stop the offenders.

4. Enquiries were made as to why the Council was still allowing advertising signs to be hung on the Cenotaph railings. It was stated that at the November 2003 Council meeting it was agreed that authorised signs (i.e. signs relating to Village organisations) would be allowed. As there was still concern over these signs it was agreed that this should be discussed at the next Council meeting.

b) A presentation on the Rural Fylde exhibition, by Councillor F Wilson.

Councillor Wilson gave a short presentation on the Rural Fylde exhibition and requested a venue, in the village, for a few days in either June or July. Although insurance was not required for the exhibits it was essential that the exhibition was manned whilst it was opened. It was suggested that the library would be the most suitable place. The Clerk agreed to pursue this and agreed to get back to Councillor Wilson.

2) Presentation to Councillor M Dowling

The Chairman then made a presentation to Councillor Marlene Dowling to mark 40 years since she first became a Councillor on the Parish Council.

3) Election of Officials

- 3.a Councillor L Rigby was elected Chairman.
- 3.b Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead was elected Vice Chairman
- 3.c Finance committee - Councillor Mrs. J Maguire (Chairman) and Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead (Vice Chairman).
- 3.d Open Spaces Committee - Councillors T Threlfall (chairman), Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. J Maguire, Mrs. M Dowling and T Fiddler.
- 3.e Fabrics Committee - Councillors L Rigby (Chairman), Mrs. M Dowling Mrs. J Maguire and Mrs. M Whitehead.

Members on other committees:

- 3.f Rawstone Sports Centre Management Committee - Councillors Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. J Maguire, T Fiddler, C Robb and L Rigby.
- 3.g Old Peoples' Welfare - Councillors M/s M Doriss and Mrs. M Dowling.
- 3.h LAPTC - Councillors Mrs. M Dowling and Mrs. J Maguire.
- 3.i Village Hall Management Committee - Councillors Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Dowling, Mrs. M Foster and Mrs. J Maguire.
- 3.j Lower Lane Community Centre - Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead and T Threlfall.
- 3.k CAB- Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead.
- 3.l Strike lane School Governors – Councillor T Threlfall.
- 3.m War Memorial Charities Trust - Councillors Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. J Maguire and Mrs. M Foster.

Councillor T Threlfall thanked Councillor S Delany for all the hard work she had put in as Chairman

- 4) To read and approve the minutes of:-
 - a) The Parish Council meeting held on 5th April 2004
 - b) The Open Spaces committee meeting held on 21st April 2004.

Resolved: That they be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

c) Matters arising.

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Memory Close – The Clerk reported that he had discussed with Karen Galloway, LCC the problem of overnight parking in Memory Close. She indicated that no action would be taken as this would only move the parking problem to another area. It was agreed that the Clerk should again write to Karen Galloway expressing the Council concern in this area.

Proposed changes to the Car park on School lane – The Clerk reported that Fylde Borough had produced a plan of the proposed changes and this was circulated. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the School head and Governors to seek their views on this proposal.

New Playground equipment – The Clerk gave an update on the reasons for changing the equipment to be purchased.

Resolved: That the revised equipment should be purchased at the new cost of £10,800.

- 5) Declaration of interest
There were no declarations of interests.
- 6) Finance
 - a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk.

Precept Account

Km Armistead - wages

486.40

S Delany- B Whittle's present	85.00
LAPTC - fees	570.56
Grant - Fylde Hospice	200.00
Grant - Parochial Church Council	500.00
Grant - Air Ambulance	200.00
KM Armistead - Postage, Phone & Expenses	81.03
KM Armistead - cartridges	35.96
FBC - part payment	-4,440.00

Open spaces Account

G Danson -wages	1054.31
PO ltd - Tax ins	521.85
Zurich - Employers' liability	525.00
Lancs. Best kept village	10.00
Fylde Ins Brokers - Club day & bowling Club	173.15
B & Q - Power washer	99.60
Petromex - fuel	178.58
Garlick Bros - Tree pruning	120.00
Powergen - Cenotaph, Workshop & Rawstorne	947.56
FBC - Rates - Workshop	355.94
A Watkinson - repair Cenotaph lights	40.48
Newitts - AWS - goal posts	244.40
Grant - Bowling Club	1000.00
FBC - Part payment	-50280.00

Allotments

United Utilities - Croft butts	272.19
Rents - Bush lane	-728.00
Rents - Croft Butts	-317.00

Community Development Account

D Turcsanyi - wages	60.84
FBC - Grant - Christmas tree	-271.00
FBC - Grant - miscellaneous	-4318.00
Bank of America - interest	-381.63
Nat West - Bank interest	-182.71

Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified.

b) Monthly budget statements were noted.

c) Internal Auditors report.

The comments were noted. It was agreed that it was not necessary to record the cheque number in the minutes.

7) **Planning**

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

04/0285 – 45, Ribble Ave., - single storey extension to rear – supported.

04/0318 – 9, Croft Butts Lane – garage and dormer to rear – supported.

04/.340 – Ribble View, Preston New rd. – Single storey side extension – supported.

04/0354 – 15, Greenacres – Conservatory to rear – supported.

04/0373 – 172, Kirkham Rd, - Extension to dwelling - supported

Resolved: That the action of the Chairman be ratified.

The following plans are for consideration:

04/0390 – 1, Douglas drive – 2 storey side extension

Resolved: That this application be refused on the grounds that it extends beyond the building line. Also, to point out that work has already started on this extension.

8) **Bush lane** -Update on All weather service.

It was reported that a hole had been made in the fence and as a result youths had gained access to the AWS and small holes had been made in the surface. The Clerk reported that he had received a quote for the fence to be repaired and this should be progressed in the near future. The holes in the surface would be repaired by the gardener. The Police agreed to patrol this area to keep the youth out of the AWS.

It was agreed that the goal posts, adjacent to the AWS, should be moved to avoid a repeat of this problem. The Clerk agreed to ask the Garlick Brothers to move the posts to the land next to the Football pitch.

The Clerk reported that the Rawstone centre wished to purchase a rubbish bin, to be sited on the wall next to the car park to assist with the rubbish that accumulates in this area. The cost would be approximately £130.

Resolved: That the rubbish bin should be purchased.

9) **Highways**

Proposed parking restrictions on School Lane.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from LCC for the Council to indicate where double yellow lines are required on School Lane. It was agreed that they should be placed on the right hand side from the top end to the first junction. Also, that a passing place be created opposite the school approximately half way down on the left hand side.

10) **Village plan**

Councillor Robb reported that the contact for the Countryside agency is now Joanne Parr. She has written to confirm that a grant of £4443 has been approved and 50% (£2221) will be paid into the Parish Council Account within the next 10 days. The basic terms are that the C.A. will pay 62% of the cost or £4443 whichever is the less. The grant is valid for 12 months. (i.e. to the end of June 2005). Spending can be made from the 5th May this year. There is a new contact at Community Futures, Mr. Andrew Suter and Councillor Robb will be meeting him next week to discuss the presentations to businesses. There will be a meeting of the FPP Steering Group on Wednesday 19th May.

He also reported that he had recovered all the paperwork from Councillor Ellicott's house and he had retained the papers relating to the Parish Plan. Papers relating to Greenfield Park have been passed to Councillor M/s Morriss. There were a number of reference books and these have been kindly donated to the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to make a list of these books for the next meeting. All Parish data on the Computer has been copied and the data removed from the machine.

He indicated that a computer program is available from Gloucester University, designed to enable a Parish Plan questionnaire to be put together, and personalised to suit the Parish needs. It also includes a program which helps to analyse the results from the questionnaire. The cost of the program is £75, which is considerably cheaper than the estimate of £900 which is in the original costing to employ a consultant.

11) **Correspondence**

11.a Email from Tony Towers – Access to the Memorial garden

It was confirmed that the gates are left open during the day, including weekends, except when the flag is flying.

- 11.b Email from Phil Gates - Illegal parking in the village.
- 11.c Email from R Thomson - Illegal parking in the village
The police agreed to progress this.
- 11.d Suggestion from Mr. & Mrs. Taylor – additional shops.
It was agreed that no action was needed.
- 11.e Email from Graham - Greenfield Park - a number of issues.
It was agreed to write to Fylde Borough Council requesting additional dog waste bins.
Councillor Morriss confirmed that she was progressing the speed limit problem.
- 11.f Suggestion from Mrs. Foster – Refuge cage for Plastic items.
It was agreed to write to Fylde Borough Council requesting a cage for plastic items to be located on the School lane car park

12) Date of next meetings – Full Council and Communications sub committee.
The next full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd June 2004, in the village hall, commencing at 7.00pm. The Communications sub committee meeting will follow this meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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