

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2004

Present:

Councillor L Rigby (Chair)

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

- 1) Apologies: Councillors Mrs. J. Maguire, Mrs M Foster, T Fiddler and PC A Scarisbrick.
- 2) Open Forum
 - a) Public participation
 1. Mrs. Willis enquired whether there were any plans to let Plot 1, on the Bush Lane Allotments. She also raised concern regarding the Council's long term plan to build on this plot, as she was under the impression that this land was reserved for animal husbandry. It was confirmed that, at this stage, this plot was not being re-let and that in due course the Council were considering building a new Community Youth Centre. The Clerk confirmed that the Indenture for this land permits the Council, as Trustees, to use this land for a variety of reasons, including the erection of buildings for recreational purpose. He confirmed that the Chairman of the Allotment committee has received a copy of the Indenture and he agreed to pass a copy to Mrs. Willis.
- 3) Declaration of interest

Councillor Rigby declared an interest in Planning application 04/0481 – 11, Further Ends Road.

Councillor Threlfall declared an interest in planning application 04/0510 – 58, Preston Old Road.

There were no other interests declared.
- 4) To read and approve the minutes of:-
 - a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th May 2004
Resolved: That they be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:-

Section 3g - Old peoples Welfare representatives should read "Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead" and not "Councillor Mrs. M. Dowling". "M/s M Doriss" should read "M/s D Morriss".

Section 3.m – "The War Memorial Charity Trust" should read "Freckleton Charities Trust" and the representatives should read "Councillors Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Foster and Mrs. M Whitehead".
 - b) The Open Spaces committee meeting held on 17th May 2004.
Resolved: that they be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman
 - c) Matters arising from these minutes.

The Clerk reported that:-

 1. The lock, on the gate of the Bush lane allotments, has been replaced.
 2. The Rural Fylde Exhibition will take place in the Library in the week commencing 21st June 2004.

Councillor M/s Morris reported that improvements have been made for wheelchair users crossing Preston New road, adjacent to the Greenfield Park. Also, she has received a petition regarding the speed on this stretch of the road and this has been passed to the Chairman. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting.

5) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk.

Precept Account

C Robb – Internet site rent	18.79
R Leeming - Internal Audit fees	72.50
Fylde Ins Brokers - Fid Guarantee Ins	630.00
K Armistead – expenses, postage, telephone	76.13
K Armistead – Stationery	23.31
L Rigby - Chairman's allowance	100.00

Open spaces Account

G Danson - wages	1045.78
K Armistead – wages	486.40
PO ltd - Tax & Insurance	506.62
Smith Hire - saw chain blades	20.99
Alpha amenity - line whitening	55.46
Petromex – fuel	288.80
Quality windows - Rawtorne Repair	130.00
NFU Mutual - Tractor insurance	606.65
Lancasters - Football - pitch maintenance	1280.75
Peerless fencing – Repair AWS fence	259.79
ADT – Rawstorne Centre - Alarm maintenance.	367.92
Singletons - Cricket - mowers' service	332.78

Allotments

Rents	-48.00
Mrs E Willis - lock & chain	31.61

Community Development Account

D Turcsanyi – wages	60.84
Nat West - Interest	-185.37
FBC - Rates refund - Youth centre	-243.40

Parish plan

C Robb - Appraisal software	75.00
C Robb – Stationery	34.99
The Countryside Agency - grant	-2221.00

Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified.

b) Monthly budget statements were noted.

c) **Resolved: That the sum of £300 should be allocated for financial assistance for the services to mark the 60th Anniversary of the air disaster.**

d) The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2004 were approved.

e) Audit statement of Assurance, 2003-2004 Accounts– This statement was approved for signature.

6) Planning.

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

- 04/0394 – Health Centre, Douglas drive – New 2 storey Health Centre and parking – Object over intensive use of site.
- 04/0408 – 13, Clitheroes lane – Single storey rear extension and detached garage. – No specific observations
- 04/430 – 38, Green lane – Single storey rear extension with pitched roof. – Object over taking light off next door.
- 04/0440 – 12 The Crescent, Naze lane east – 2 single storey rear extensions, part removal of existing workshop and a single storey detached garage – no specific observations.
- 04/0456 – 20, Lodge lane – detached garage to rear – No specific observations

Resolved: That the action of the Chairman be ratified.

The following plans were considered:

- 04/0469 – 22, Lodge Close – Single storey rear extension to form utility and garage.
- 04/0481 – 11, Furthers Ends Road – single storey side extension and extension to existing front and rear dormer.
- 04/0504 – 27, Hodgson Ave – Extension to front dormer
- 04/0510 – 58, Preston Old Road – Extension of existing dwelling

Resolved: That these be returned indicating that the Council have no specific observations.

7) Correspondence

1. Email from Brian Willis – Use of land on Bush lane allotments.
As this issue has previously been discussed it was agreed that no further action was required.
2. Fylde Community Safety Partnership – Nomination to sit on partnership.
Councillor B Whittle gave an update on how the Partnership functions. It was agreed that Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead and T Threlfall would represent the Council on this Partnership. Also, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to John Hutchins to seek an update on the use of the Youth Centre, at Bush lane.
3. Wish Sprite Foundation – Launch of new Community Foundation.
It was agreed that the Council should nominate the Lower Lane Community centre for consideration for financial assistance by this Foundation
4. LCC – Quality and Town Council scheme
It was agreed that the Clerk should reply indicating that the Council are progressing towards quality Parish status.
5. FBC – Fear of crime – Overview and scrutiny review.
It was agreed that Councillors Mrs. S Delany and Mrs. M Dowling would attend this meeting.
6. FBC – Parish/Town Liaison meeting
It was agreed that Councillors L Rigby and T Threlfall should attend this meeting.

8) Parish plan.

Councillor C Robb gave an update on the progress of the Parish plan. He stated that:-

1. A press release had been sent to the local papers and the BBC Northwest.
2. Various activities have been planned for the Club day weekend.
3. The Questionnaire is being progressed with the help of the CD rom.
4. A presentation to local businesses is planned in the near future.
5. An event for the local schools is being planned.
6. Concern was expressed as to how to involve the 16 to 20 year olds.
7. Paul Wilson has kindly agreed to take some photographs, free of charge, for the final plan.
8. Gifts in kind will be permitted as part of the overall costs.
9. The Parish Plan Steering committee meetings are still well supported and members

will be wearing a badge when performing public tasks.

9) Posters on war memorial railings

Resolved: That the local Organisations should be asked not to put notices on the Cenotaph railings.

10) Clerk's workload.

The Clerk reported that for 2 of the first 5 months of this year he had worked considerably more hours than his agreed workload. In March he had attended 6 meetings, as well as dealing with the financial year end workload.

Resolved: That the Clerk be paid for the additional work that he undertakes.

It was agreed that any additional hours should be first approved by the Chairman of Finance and then submitted to Council for ratification.

11) 60th Anniversary of the Air disaster - Lesson Reading

It was agreed that Councillor Rigby would read the lesson at the evening Service.

12) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th July, commencing at 7:15pm, in the village hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed...signed by L Rigby Chairman.....

Date.....5th July 2004.....