

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th July 2004

Present:

Councillor L Rigby (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillor Mrs M Whitehead,

The meeting was attended by over 150 members of the public and therefore the Chairman decided to discuss item 8 – Planning - as the first item on the agenda.

1) Planning

04/0612 – 5, Green lane – Change of status to a Children’s home and 2 storey side extension.

Mr. S Tudor Jones gave a presentation on why there was a strong objection to this proposal. He also indicated that a petition had been set up and letters of concern had been received. Sgt Swift informed the meeting about similar establishments in Warton and St Annes and the adverse effect they have had on the communities. A number of people also expressed concern about the adverse effect the Children’s home would have on the community. After lengthy discussions the following was unanimously agreed:

Resolved: To object to this application on the following grounds:

1. Change of use from dwelling to Children’s home.

- a. There is no provision for Youths within the village (i.e. there are no leisure facilities). Therefore, there will be nothing for these youths to do in their leisure time.
- b. The police have informed the Council that similar homes in Warton and St Annes have had an adverse effect on the local community and as a result extra policing has been required.
- c. The House is adjacent to the BAE runway and a serious accident may arise if these youths gained access.
- d. A petition and letters of concern have been received from local residents.

2. Two storey extension

- a. There will be an over intensive of use of the premises.
- b. There is a lack of car parking for the number of proposed residents.
- c. The house is directly opposite a fire exit for industrial premises.

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

04/0523 – 9, the Crescent – Single storey side extension – **No Observations.**

04/0569 – 15, Further Ends road – loft conversion and front dormer extension – **No Observations**

04/0553 – Land, Goe Lane – Nursery development for Greenhouse and Poly tunnel – **Object on Highway grounds – i.e. Access to this land.**

04/0556 – Land off Greenacres – 11 two storey dwellings, associated detached garages and new access road - **Concern regarding new access road and Health & Safety Issue – Close proximity to the pylon and overhead cables.**

04/0571 – 23, Summit drive – Dormer extension. – **No Observations**

04/0591 – 120, Preston Old Rd – 1st Floor extension to rear, single storey rear extension and balcony – **No observations**

Resolved: That the action of the Chairman be ratified.

The following plans were considered:

04/0615 – 14 Memory close – Dormer extension to both sides, 1st floor rear extension & extension of porch to front elevation.

04/0639 – Oakfield, Bush lane – Change of House Type.

04/0643 - 156, Lytham Rd. – Replace garage to rear and new porch to front & 04/0645

Resolved: That these be returned indicating that the Council has no objections to these applications.

04/0394 – Health Centre, Douglas drive – New 2 storey building and car park.

Resolved: That this be returned indicating that the Council has no objections providing the new plans satisfy the residents of Rawstone Close and Douglas Drive.

2) Open Forum

a) Public participation

1. Excess speeds on Preston New Road

Representatives of the residents of Greenfield Park indicated concern over the danger of crossing this road with the excessive speeds of cars. A petition was handed over. It was agreed that the Police should be asked to provide accident statistics for this stretch of road and then LCC highways department should be asked to re-consider reducing the speed limit to make it safer for the residents to cross.

2. Cenotaph gates locked at Club day.

The Clerk reported that the gates were locked because the flag was flying. He confirmed that he would liaise with the Gardener to ensure, in future, the gates were open on Club day.

3) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2004

Resolved: That they be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:-

Section 4a - “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 Communications sub-committee meeting held on 2nd June 2004

c) The Open Spaces committee meeting held on 1st July 2004.

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

d) Matters arising from these minutes.

It was agreed that an application should be made to the Lancashire County Council to show that the “Balderstone gate” is of historic interest.

Councillor Threlfall reported that there would be a “clean up” day on the 22/07/04, the day prior to the “Fylde in Bloom” judging and he was seeking support from as many organisations as possible, include the Parish Council.

4) Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by clerk-enclosed on blue.

Precept Account

K M Armistead – wages	486.40
K M Armistead – stationery	66.96
K M Armistead - Expenses & Postage	57.31
S Delany - present for Cllr. M Dowling	32.99

Open Spaces Account

NFU - annual subscription	39.50
G Danson -wages	1123.71
PO Ltd - Tax & Insurance	564.48
J Webster - lawn Mower	578.72
KC Compost – manure	60.00
Petromex - Fuel for tractors	315.64
Grangland Services- Gardening work	900.00
J Scholes - Hanging baskets	505.00
K Armistead - mobile for Glyn	52.50
K Armistead - Puncture on Tractor	7.90
B & Q - New hosepipe	42.94

Community Development Account

D Turcsannyi	60.84
Rawstorne - Electricity refund	-245.00
Nat West - Interest	-208.60

Parish plan

C Robb - stationery	13.95
Total	4455.24

Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified.

b) The Monthly budget statements were noted.

c) Purchase of new Presentation equipment.

Resolve: That a new projector be purchased at a cost of approximately £1,000.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Robb for all the work he had done in improving the “communications” of the Parish Council.

6) Vacancies for Councillors.

The letter from Miss Burgess was discussed. The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted LAPTC in Preston and they had agreed that the Council’s action was correct.

Resolved: That the Council’s previous action should stand. i.e. that Miss Burgess ceased to be member of the Council from April 2004.

The Clerk reported that Fylde Borough Council had not received the necessary number of signatures to hold an election for the two Council vacancies.

Resolved: That a notice should be displayed for a 2 week period inviting Parishioners to apply for co-option onto the Council.

7) Parish plan

Councillor Robb reported that the 3rd Newsletter was issued in June to coincide with Club Day. A total of 1200 copies were printed. So far, 4 suggestions have been received from school children.

The Business presentation was held on 14th June at the Rawstorne Centre. Mark Gutteridge from Community Futures, our Out Reach Officer, attended.

There were well over 100 visitors to the Club day display. The results of “Stick a Star” are proving useful in composing the Questionnaire.

A Wish Tree is hopefully being arranged by Strike Lane and Freckleton C.E Primary Schools before end of term. (Book Token prizes from fund to be awarded.)

The Questionnaire sub-committee held meetings on 23rd and 30th June. The questionnaire is slowly being progressed. A dummy run will be held towards end of

August before going to print. It will be distributed during September. Volunteers are required to deliver and collect. Councillor Robb will shortly be meeting with Mark Gutteridge to discuss the progress.

Two painting competitions are to be organised during late August/early September before the Questionnaire is delivered. There will also be a design a poster competition. There will be 3 age groups, up to 7 over 7 to 11 and over 11 to 16. There will be one prize per group. The winning posters will go on the notice boards and also in the Library. It is hoped that all the others will be displayed in local shops.

A competition is being organised to produce a logo for the Parish Plan, only under 20's are eligible.

The Parish Plan Display board has been on display in the Library.

8) Correspondence.

1. N Spann – Injury on Playground equipment. – It was agreed that he Clerk should arrange a meeting with The Council's solicitors.
2. LCC – School lane parking restrictions. – it was agreed that the Clerk should respond indicating agreement with the suggestions and also to request parking restrictions on the North side of School lane opposite Jubilee terrace
3. LCC – Quality Parish Scheme – It was agreed that the LAPTC representatives would attend this meeting.
4. FBC – Supplementary Planning Guidance – It was agreed that the Clerk should respond indicating that the Council has no objections to this document.
5. Lancashire Police – Community meetings – It was agreed that the dates of meetings and other items could be placed in the Newsletter.
6. Email from Councillor Robb –Disabled toilets in the village – the Clerk reported that this item had been referred to FBC and they had responded indicating that it had been referred to their Solicitors.
7. LCC – Quality Parish status/use of LCC's website - It was agreed that this suggestion would not benefit the Council.
8. LAPTC – Local Council review – it was agreed that Councillors Mrs. Maguire and Mrs. Dowling should be added to the distribution list.

9) Newsletter –

The Clerk reported that 15th July 2004 was the deadline for items to be included in the next Newsletter.

10) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th September 2004 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...13th September 2004