

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th October 2004

Present:

Councillor L Rigby (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Foster, Mrs. M. Dowling, Mrs. J. Maguire, M/s D. Morriss, Mrs. E. Willis, T. Threlfall, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough and C Robb.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs S Delany and Sgt. Hirst.

1) Open Forum

a) Police statement

PC A. Scarisbrick informed the meeting that funding has been allocated, for the new security pole in the memorial park and it should be installed within the next 2 months.

b) Youth centre

An enquiry was made as to whether any progress was being made to provide a centre for the youths of the village. It was confirmed that the existing building should not be revamped as it was beyond repair. It was thought that a new building would be recommended as part of the Parish Plan requirements. A letter was read out from the local MP, Michael Jack, lending his support to such a project.

2) Declaration of interest

Councillor Fiddler declared an interest in planning application 04/0931 and indicated he would leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

There were no other declarations.

3) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th September 2004.

b) The Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th September 2004

Resolved: That these be affirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by: Councillor Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Councillor M/S Morriss and unanimously accepted.

c) Matters arising.

i) Re-cycled area on the school lane car park

The Clerk reported that this item had been referred to Fylde Borough Council and they have agreed to take the appropriate action. Councillor T Threlfall stated that a new waste bin had been supplied. The area on the Bush lane car park was also being progressed.

ii) Footpaths on school lane

The Clerk reported that LCC highways department had been contacted and they have agreed to monitor the situation and will install additional bollards if it is necessary.

iii) Children playing – Highways signs

The Clerk reported that he had requested that the representative from the LCC highways department attend the next meeting and this was declined. Their view was that the signs did not conform to highways standards.

iv) School lane car park

The Clerk reported that a further letter has been sent to Mr. Worthy, requesting a meeting, but no response had been received.

v) North West in Bloom

Councillor Threlfall reported that the village had been placed 2nd runner up in the North West in bloom competition.

Councillor Fiddler stated that other villages held presentation nights and gave

prizes for best hanging baskets, small garden, etc and suggested a similar event for the village should be considered.

vi) Review of access and safety of footpaths within the village

The Clerk reported that he had referred this matter to the LCC highways department but had not received a response. Councillor Whittle agreed to progress this.

4) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by clerk.

Precept Account

AV Audit plc - Audit fees	763.75
KM Armistead - Cartridges & paper	35.50
KM Armistead - Postage & Expenses	63.16
H Latham - Donation to Services	205.00

Open spaces Account

G Danson - Wages	1333.39
PO Ltd - Tax & Insurance	707.83
KM Armistead - Salary	486.40
J Garlick - watering	720.00
Petromex - Fuel	263.20
Grangeland Services - Gardening	1500.00
A Watkinson - Repairs Cenotaph	51.55
Granthams - signs	84.37
KM Armistead - Cleaners	1.69
J Townsend - New tyre	110.01
K Armistead - Puncture & Materials	6.90
Grangeland Services - Gardening	220.00
J Garlick - watering	570.00
A & SM Singleton - mower repair	206.09

Allotments

Disley's - Stand pipe repair	116.32
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Community Development Account

D Turcsannyi	60.84
LCC - Grass cutting	-4422.44
Treales Trailers - new trailer	4114.00
Freckleton in Bloom - Donation to trailer	-2000.00

Parish plan

P Armitage -Projector & Screen	715.15
C Robb - Paper & toner	29.48

Total	5942.19
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Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified.

Proposed by: Councillor Fiddler, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Maguire and unanimously accepted.

b) The Monthly budget statements were noted.

5) Correspondence

i) Email from Pete beech – Speeding on Kirkham Road.

It was reported that cameras are in use on Kirkham Rd.

ii) Lancs. Police Authority – Issues for Community meeting.

There were no issues to be reported.

iii) I Threlfall – Problems with the Band room

It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman should meet with a representative from the band to progress this matter.

iv) LCC – Parish & Town Council Conference – 23/11/04

It was agreed that the Clerk and Councillor Mrs. M Dowling should attend this meeting.

6) Planning

The following plans were considered:

04/0908 – Land, Goe lane for Nursery development etc.

Resolved: That planning permission be refused on the grounds of traffic problems.

Proposed by: Councillor Threlfall, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Maguire and unanimously accepted.

04/0918 – Lower lane Services -Resubmission – 1 single sided free standing display unit.

04/0924 – 10, Avalon Drive – single storey rear extension.

04/0931 – 15, Lower lane – Front & rear dormers, conservatory to rear, single storey to rear, pitched roof to existing flat roof extension and pitch roof to front bay.

04/0932 – 6, East View, Bunker St – Single storey conservatory to rear.

04/0942 – 14, Memory close – re-submission for a dormer extension to both sides and extension to existing front porch.

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

Proposed by: Councillor Threlfall, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Maguire and unanimously accepted.

7) Standing Orders

Resolved; That the standing orders submitted by the Clerk be adopted subject to Standing order 39.b to read “The Clerk shall refer every planning application received to the Chairman or in the Chairman’s absence the vice Chairman within a reasonable time”

Proposed by: Councillor Fiddler, seconded by Councillor Threlfall and unanimously accepted.

8) Parish Plan

The questionnaires were delivered during the weekend 24/25 September 2004. The results will be available shortly. The Blackpool Gazette and Lytham St Annes Express have given good press coverage to the Questionnaire.

There was a good response to the Poster and Logo competitions. The winning logo is now being used as our letter heading. The winning posters are being displayed in the library and notice boards. Others are being displayed in local shops.

The Open day has been delayed until January 2005 in order that it does not conflict with the Christmas period.

The Steering group meetings are still being well attended.

A vote of thanks was passed by the entire Council for all the hard work that has been put in by Councillor Robb.

9) Review of Clerk’s Salary.

The Clerk reported that NALC had published the latest agreement on the salaries for

Clerks of Parish and Town Councils. This indicated that rises had been agreed from 01/04/2004, 01/04/2005 and 01/04/2006.

Resolved: That the Clerk's salary be increased in line with the recommended scales agreed with NALC.

10) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st November 2004.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....01/11/04.....