

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th December 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, Mrs L Willis, St J Greenhough, T. Threlfall and C Robb.

Apologies: Councillor T Fiddler

1) Open Forum

a) footpaths – Naze lane

It was reported that the hedge, close to Clitheroes lane corner, was still causing a problem. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the house concerned and agreed to investigate.

b) Quernmore estate – proposed taxi Control centre

Concern was expressed that taxis would be entering and leaving this area during the evening and late at night. It was confirmed that the planning application was for a control centre and taxis would not be based there.

c) Christmas tree lights

Concern was expressed at the size of the Christmas tree light display compared with Kirkham or Lytham. Councillor Threlfall indicated that extra lights had been provided by Freckleton in Bloom, for this year's display and hoped that a vast improvement would be seen when they were switched on the following evening.

d) Police update

Sgt Hirst sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. PC Scarisbrick apologised for not being able to demonstrate the CCTV van, as it was currently off the road being repaired.

2) Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th November 2004

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

Proposed by Councillor T Threlfall, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Whitehead and unanimously accepted

b) Matters arising.

i. School lane car park

The Clerk reported that he had held a meeting with Mr. Worthy, The Chairman of the School Governors, Andrew Shore, from FBC and Councillor L Rigby, to resolve the car park problem. As there were limited resources available (£5,000), it was agreed that the existing pavement, on school lane, would be extended into the car park and the car park re-designed to allow easy drop off for school. In addition, the design would restrict cars from being driven straight through the car park.

ii. Review of access and safety of Rights of Way footpaths within the village

The Clerk reported that Councillor Whittle had provided him with a map showing the footpaths in the village and he had contacted the Public rights of way unit, at LCC. A procedure for reporting the state of the footpaths had been established. It was agreed that the footpaths causing most concern would be identified and reported.

c) The Open Spaces committee meeting held on Tuesday 30th November 2004

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the removal of the name of Councillor Mrs. Whitehead, from the list of attendees, as she did not attend the meeting.

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

d) Matters arising.

Messrs B Townsend and J Broughton were asked if they would judge the Croft Butts lane allotments in spring and again in August 2005, so that the best kept allotment prize may be presented at the Horticultural show in September. They both agreed to do the judging and the Clerk confirm that he would liaise with them.

4) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

Precept Account

* The British legion – Wreaths	100.00
KM Armistead - printer cartridges	35.96
KM Armistead - Postage & Expenses	65.66

Open spaces Account

G Danson – wages	1180.50
PO Ltd - Tax & Insurance	611.02
KM Armistead – salary	515.95
Kirby's – plants	477.94
B & Q – materials	19.44
Freckleton Cricket club - Seeds and dressings	724.92
Grangeland services - Gardening work	650.00
Smith hire – materials	35.84
J & B Cartmell - bedding plants	761.52
Alan Watkinson - repair to Cenotaph lights	55.87
Mrs Cowburn - repair to car	150.00
Petromex – Fuel	173.51
J Nuttall - electrics for trailer	137.71
SPN – materials	3.40

Community Development Account

D Turcsanyi – wages	60.84
Bank of America – dividend	-414.71
NatWest – Interest	-231.84

Parish plan

FBC - printing questionnaire	300.00
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VAT

Vat – refund	-2119.87
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Total	3293.66
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*= Expenditure under section 137

Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. Willis and unanimously accepted

b) The Monthly budget statements were noted.

5) Correspondence.

i. LCC – Bus service Funding

It was agreed that Councillor Greenhough should attend the meeting on 13/12/04 at County hall.

ii. Email LCC – White Bollards erected on grass verges in Clifton place

It was agreed that no action should be taken.

iii. North West Air Ambulance – Request for a donation.

It was agreed that this would be considered in April 2005.

iv. Fylde local Strategic Partnership – Questionnaire

This letter was dealt with under item 8 below.

v. Mr. & Mrs. Brennan – State of Public footpaths

This was being progressed as part of the Public rights of way issue.

vi. Lancashire Education Business partnership – work Experience.

It was agreed that the Council should participate in this scheme. The Clerk agreed to liaise with the Open spaces supervisor and Chairman of Open Spaces before replying.

vii. FBC – Parish Council representation on local Strategic Partnership Executive

It was agreed that Councillor Threlfall should be nominated for this position.

viii. LCC – Proposed double yellow lines in School lane

It was agreed that the Council should support this proposal.

6) Planning

The following plans were actioned by the Chairman, due to the timescale for return:

04/1082 – Land at rear of 16, Clitheroes lane – Change of unit 1 from Workshop to showroom and new doors to unit 2. – **No observations**

04/1084 – Polytank, Naze Lane east – single storey extension to existing office accommodation. – **No observations**

04/1094 – 12, Croft Butts lane – Repositioning of garden wall along the boundary – **Object – Out of keeping with the rest of the garden walls in this area.**

04/1104 – 31, Greenacres – garage and side elevation. – **No observations**

04/1114 – Unit 11, Quernmore Trading Estate, Croft Butts lane – Change of use from storage to office and control centre for taxi service. – **No observations**

04/1115 – 98, Kirkham Road – Greenhouse to rear. – **No observations**

Resolved: That the action of the Chairman be ratified

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. Willis and unanimously accepted

The following plans were considered:

04/1134 – Fylde Interiors Ltd, Bush lane – Single storey extension to existing Joinery workshop and re-siting of existing extractor fan.

Resolved: That this be returned indicating that the Council has no objections.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. Willis and unanimously accepted

04/1162 – 2, Bunker St – Extension to existing property – 2 additional dwelling houses (one for social housing).

Resolved: That planning permission be refused on highways grounds because of the parking problems in this area.

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

7) Parish plan

Councillor Robb gave a presentation on the results of the questionnaire. He indicated that the Steering committee would like to hold the Open day on Friday/Saturday 18th/19th February 2005, but the Village hall was not available on the Saturday. It was agreed that the social club could be used on the Saturday.

8) Community Learning Partnership meeting

Councillor Greenhough reported that there had been a large drop in the number of evening classes held at Carr Hill and the aim of the meeting was to build a Community Learning partnership to promote vocational and non-vocational education at local level. Monies were available for adult training from various sources.

The next meeting will be held in January 2005. In the mean time Councillors Greenhough and Mrs. Willis will liaise with the community to obtain information relating to current courses and future needs.

9) Web site.

Councillor Robb gave a presentation on the Parish Council's web site. It was agreed that a communications meeting should be held in January 2005.

10) Finance (cont.)

c) Christmas bonus Mr. G. Danson

It was resolved that this years Christmas bonus should be £150.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. L Willis, seconded by Councillor C Robb and unanimously accepted.

11) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th January 2005, commencing at 7:00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed...Louis Rigby, Chairman.....

Date...5th January 2005.....