

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2004

#### Present:

Councillor Mrs S Delany, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Mrs M Dowling, Mrs J Maguire, M/s D Morriss, T Fiddler, T Threlfall, L Rigby and C Robb.

Five parishioners and PC A. Scarisbrick.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and there then followed a minutes silence in memory of Councillor B Ellicott.

A presentation was made to Councillor B Whittle for the 30 years service he had given to the Parish Council, prior to retiring in 2003.

**Apologies:** Councillor Miss Y Burgess and Mr. J Broughton.

1. The minutes of the Annual Parish assembly held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2003 were affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. There were no matters arising from these minutes.

#### 3. Chairman's report.

The Chairman welcomed all the parishioners to this Parish assembly, which she declared to be an open meeting when all are free to ask questions of their elected representatives.

The Chairman commented on being fortunate to have Councillors who work hard for the good of the village. Three are Fylde Borough Councillors and she congratulated Councillor Trevor Fiddler on being appointed Mayor elect to Fylde Borough Council. She hoped he enjoyed his year of office. Three new Councillors were appointed to the Council. Councillor Bill Ellicott was elected and M/s Doris Morriss and Mr. Colin Robb were co-opted. There are a number of sub-committees and each Councillor is elected to at least one of them. Special thanks, for his assistance, was shown to Councillor Trevor Fiddler who acted as Vice chairman. The Open Spaces committee is chaired by Councillor Tommy Threlfall and the Fabrics (buildings) committee is chaired by Councillor Louis Rigby. The Finance committee is chaired by Councillor Jan Maguire and Councillor Marjory Whitehead is her vice. This year a new Steering committee has been formed to progress the Parish plan.

She also commented on the following:-

At a crucial time last year the garden supervisor resigned. However, Glyn Danson has since worked extremely hard and he will continue this year with assistance from two contractors. This will help the Freckleton in Bloom committee, headed by Councillor Tommy Threlfall, who has worked hard to make the village look attractive.

In June last year The Clerk Mr. Terry Morris resigned and our thanks go to him for his work over the past five years. In January 2004 Mr. Kenneth Armistead was appointed to this position and we all welcome him.

The Youth Club was declared an unfit building last year and the Council decided to place this in the hands of the LCC Youth Organisation. They are still trying to make the building fit for use.

The Bush lane allotment holders have formed an allotment committee and this is working well. Part of the road on the allotment has been re-surfaced and United Utilities eventually contributed to this work.

The Croft Butts lane allotment holders have been asked to form a similar allotment committee, which is hoped, will assist in dealing with the problems that may arise. There is now a fifteen-minute slot, at the beginning of every Council meeting, allocated to public participation.

The first Parish Council newsletter was published in October 2003 and was well received. This is now being issued every three months and is distributed to a number of points within the village.

The Police are working closely with the Council on issues that arise and PC Andy Scarisbrick will make a separate report on the drinking ban within the village.

Councillor Tommy Threlfall has made a huge effort to obtain a new piece of play equipment for the Memorial park and the Council strives to make this a safe area to play in.

The Parish plan was started last year and a great deal of work was enthusiastically done by Councillor Bill Ellicott. A great deal of interest has been shown by the majority of the village organisations and a steering group has been formed to progress this. Bill's expertise will be missed but Councillor Colin Robb has agreed to take over the Chair of this committee. An emergency meeting will be held in the near future.

The problems on the roads and footpaths within the village are being progressed thanks to the work undertaken by Councillor Bernard Whittle. Some work has already been completed and other work will be undertaken during the summer months. Parking on School lane and the through traffic in the car park is also being progressed. In conclusion, the Chairman stated that she had enjoyed her year and thanked her fellow Councillors for all the help and support.

#### **4. Financial Statements – unaudited.**

The unaudited accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 were approved.

##### **Chairman of Finance's report.**

The Chairman of Finance gave a resume of the income and expenditure for the various accounts and reported that a review of the financial procedures was being undertaken. New procedures will be introduced in line with best practices.

#### **5. Police Report**

PC Scarisbrick reported that very few problems had occurred in the last 12 months and the introduction of the drinking ban had improved the situation with the youths around the Memorial park and other parts of the village.

#### **6. Any other business.**

1. It was requested that the Rawstone accounts should have the list of the grants made appended to them.
2. It was reported that parking around the Co-op shop was causing a problem. This has already been referred to the LCC Highway's department.
3. It was reported that the By-pass surface was breaking up in parts. It was agreed that this would be referred to the LCC Highway's department.
4. Enquiries were made as to whether BAE inform the Council when there is to be night flights. It was reported that notices are posted in the library and on the notice boards when the Council are notified by BAE. It was requested that BAE should be asked to put notices in the local papers.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.**

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

**Date.....4<sup>th</sup> April 2005.....**