

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2005

Present:

Councillor L Rigby (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Mrs. J. Maguire, M/s D. Morriss, Mrs E Willis, St J Greenhough and C Robb.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. M. Dowling, T. Threlfall and T Fiddler,

1) Open Forum

a) Police

Inspector Darwen introduced himself and indicated that he was keen to work closely with the Parish Council in conjunction with Sgt Hirst and PC Scarisbrick. He indicated that he had met with Councillor Robb to review the results of the Parish plan and stated that the police would attend the Open day.

The chairman thanked the police for demonstrating the CCTV van and hoped it would assist in preventing crime in the village.

PC Scarisbrick stated that he would pursuing the installation of lights in the alleyway between Bramwell Road and Bush lane in order to reduce the problem of vandalism and litter in this area.

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 December 2004.

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

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. J Maguire and unanimously accepted

b) Matters arising.

3.b)ii – Review of Right of ways

The Clerk reported that two pathways had been reported as being in need of repair, to LCC – Public Rights of way department and a reply was awaited.

Councillor Maguire enquired whether these footpaths would be included on the new map that was to be displayed in the village. It was agreed that they would be included.

5.i- LCC Bus service funding.

Councillor Greenhough gave an update of the meeting he attended on 13/12/04. He indicated that he had reported timetables should be more readily available in public places. The public should have access to the cost of fares prior to traveling. Return tickets should be accepted of all buses operating on the same route.

4) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by clerk

Precept Account

KM Armistead – salary	449.51
In Trak - Remembrance Sunday sound system	123.37
KM Armistead- expenses & postage	88.44
SK Hankinson - Christmas tree buffet	450.00
In-Trak - Christmas tree sound system	123.37

Open spaces Account

G Danson – wages	1083.83
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PO Ltd - Tax & Insurance	481.85
MK Illuminations - Christmas lights	385.61
Petromex – Fuel	163.84
Grangelands - Repair to benches	490.00
SPN - Materials for repair to benches	96.42
T Hollings - plants & Bulbs	1164.80
G Danson - Clothing & footwear	350.00
Smith Hire – materials	46.05
D Danson - Installing Christmas lights	40.00
G Danson - Christmas bonus	150.00
Kirbys - Plants & bulbs	480.69
East Riding Am'ty - Turf preparation - bowling	108.43
Granthams - dog signs	48.88
G Danson - Jan '05 – wages	1092.64
Community Development Account	
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FBC - Christmas tree donation	-271.00
NatWest – Interest	-239.56
Rawstorne centre - refund - Electricity	-500.00
Total	6468.01

Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. J Maguire and unanimously accepted

b) The Monthly budget statements were noted.

5) Correspondence

- i) Lancashire Environment Partnership – meeting on 7th January 2005
Councillor Greenhough agreed to attend this meeting.
- ii) Fylde Rural forum – meeting on 18th January 2005
Councillors Mrs. Whitehead and T Threlfall will attend this meeting.
- iii) Email from Freckleton Club Day Sports committee – storage facilities.
It was agreed that no decision should be made on this item until the LCC have decide on what action to take with the Youth centre.

6) Planning

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

04/1192	1, Rawstorne Close	Change of use from health centre to residential curtilage	No Observations.
04/1193	20 Marsh Drive	2 storey side extension and Dormer to rear	No Observations.
04/1213	1, Croft Butts lane	Rear dormer	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.

7) Bush Lane allotments – meeting with Mr. D. Rose.

The meeting was informed that Mr. Rose had been requested to tidy-up the plot and ensure the remaining animals are kept healthy. The situation would be monitored and reviewed in March 2005 when the allotment was due for renewal.

Resolved: That this action be ratified.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted

Councillor Willis enquired as to what action was being taken regarding the asbestos waste that had been dumped on the waste ground at the bottom of the roadway.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Fylde Borough Council for advice on how this material should be removed, but was still awaiting a reply.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chairman of the Allotment Holders Association informing them that no further asbestos waste should be dumped in this area. Also, that the removal of this waste will incur costs and the Association will be informed when a more accurate value is obtained.

8) Future Projects – Grant applications.

Councillor Robb informed the meeting the Community Futures have grants, of upto £5,000, available for local projects. He suggested that the Council could apply for assistance towards a nature trail or a youth club. It was agreed that the Parish plan had not been sufficiently progressed for an application to be submitted at this point in time.

It was suggested that an application should be submitted for the new fence around the Children's play area in the memorial park. The Clerk agreed to progress this.

Councillor Whitehead raised concern at the general state of all the buildings, owned by the Council, as repairs had been neglected over the last few years.

Resolved: That all problems should be identified and a programme set out to bring the buildings up to the required standard of repair.

Proposed by Councillor M/s. D Morriss, seconded by Councillor Mrs. J Maguire and unanimously accepted.

It was agreed that the Fabrics committee should meet on Sunday 9th January to inspect all the properties.

9) Parish plan

Councillor Robb reported that 701 questionnaires (representing 1369 respondents) have now been inputted into the database. Despite extensive publicity, only four prizes have been claimed. (£100 and £50 prizes are still unclaimed).

Presentations have been made to NHS, Fylde PCT, LCC Constabulary, FBC, All have agreed to do some form of display for the Open day on the 18th February. Terry Phelan, LCC Environmental Directorate, Public Rights of Way, wishes to give a presentation to PC /Open Spaces and Freckleton in Bloom before our open day in February. Karen Galloway Chief Engineer LCC, is to be contacted again for her input. Traffic, speeding and parking are big issues.

No changes as yet to venue for open day on 18th February (Friday), but may hold a one day event as it will be too much trouble to move the displays to a second venue. Local Press and other VIP's will be invited. The Parish Council Stand/ display will need to be finalised. It was agreed that this should be progressed by the Communications sub-committee.

10) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th February 2005, commencing at 7:00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....M Whitehead, Vice Chairman.....

Date.....7th February 2005.....