

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th February 2005

Present:

(Chair) Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead.

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

Apologies: Councillors L Rigby and Mrs J Maguire.

1) Open Forum

a) Presentation by BAE Systems.

The Vice-chairman welcomed two representatives from BAE systems, Debbie Stott and Malcolm Adams.

They gave a short presentation on the future plans within the BAE Systems units at Warton and other locations throughout the UK. The overall message was that in the foreseeable future there will be reductions in the number of staff being employed, taking into account the agreed and perceived workloads within the pipeline.

The Vice-chairman thanked the two representatives for coming to the meeting and asked that the Council be kept informed, when developments occurred within the unit.

b) Public participation

Mr. Cross expressed concern about the parking on Lytham road adjacent to the zebra crossing and the local shops. The police agreed to monitor this area. Councillor Whittle indicated that there are numerous cars left overnight on the roads in all parts of the village when driveways or garages are available. It was agreed that a note should also be placed in the next Newsletter.

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 Wednesday 5th January 2005.

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

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

b) The Fabrics committee meeting held on Sunday 9th January 2005.

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

Proposed by Councillor St. J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. E Willis and unanimously accepted.

c) The Communications committee meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2005.

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

Proposed by Councillor St. J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. E. Willis and unanimously accepted.

d) Matters arising.

i) The Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2005.

3.b. matters arising from previous meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the LCC public right of ways unit and they indicated that they had dealt with the 2 pathways that were in need of

repair. Councillor Whittle reported that he was not satisfied with this reply, has contacted the unit, and asked for additional work to be carried out.

5.i. Lancashire Environment Partnership meeting.

Councillor Greenhough reported that this meeting had been postponed.

8. Future projects – grant applications

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Community Futures but the Council was not eligible for a grant for the Playground railings.

ii) The Fabrics committee meeting held on Sunday 9th January 2005

It was agreed that the estimates, for the workloads to be carried out from this meeting, would be dealt with under section 4 Finance.

iii) The Communications committee meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2005

4. Parish map

The Clerk confirmed that he had received a map from FBC but it was not suitable for the new notice board. It was suggested that Grantham's of Preston would be able to supply the correct type of map.

5. Additions to Parish council Web site

It was agreed that the Councillors' email and home addresses should be shown on the web site.

4) Accident on Preston New road.

This item was brought forward on the agenda so that the Police could comment.

A meeting had been requested by Councillor Threlfall and this was held on site on Wednesday 26th January 2005 between the representatives of the Police and Highways department, Councillors Threlfall, Fiddler, Whittle and the Clerk.

The Police reported that an accident investigation team were still investigating the cause of the accident and their findings and recommendations would be passed to the LCC highways department. In addition, random camera speed checks were being carried out on this road.

Councillor Whittle reported the Highways department was monitoring the speed and number of vehicles on this road and the results will be ready the week commencing 21st February 2005. He has requested that all options be considered and a positive solution found to this problem.

5) Finance.

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk.

Precept Account	£
KM Armistead- stationery & cartridges	37.15
KM Armistead - Expenses	75.81
Open spaces Account	
KM Armistead - salary	449.51
PO Ltd - Tax & Insurance	642.71
Allthread - materials	129.69
A & SM Singleton - Service Mower	826.76
Smith Hire - scaffolding & light hire	167.74
Petromex - fuel	254.33
B & Q - tree lights and grit	90.52
Grangeland Services - Contract work	280.00
J Webster - mower service	69.47
Woody's Stilefield - materials	28.08
PO Ltd - Electricity bills	813.10

Allotments

PO ltd - Croft butts water charge	10.57
United Utilities - refund	-198.58

Community Development Account

D Turcsanyi - wages	60.84
Natwest - interest	-232.33
Natwest - interest	-86.42
Bank of America - Dividend	-405.29
Natwest - interest	-3.27

VAT

Vat -refund	-731.78
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Total	2278.61
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Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S Delany, seconded by Councillor Mr. T Threlfall and unanimously accepted

b) **The Monthly budget statements were noted.**

c) **Estimates from the Fabrics committee meeting on 9th January 2005.**

1. Rawstorne centre

Three estimates had been received for the replacement of some of the windows, the doors and fascia panels and guttering.

Resolved: That the Estimate from Quality Windows, for £6.560, be accepted.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S Delany, seconded by Councillor T Fiddler and unanimously accepted

2. Band Room

Councillor Fiddler informed the meeting that the Council did not own this building. Councillor Whittle and the Clerk agreed to check this out.

3. Scout Hut

One estimate had been received for re-felting the roof, replacing some guttering, and fascia boards. It had been suggested that a boxed roof would be more permanent solution. The Clerk agreed to obtain an estimate for this work.

4. Other work – no estimates

The Clerk reported that he estimated that £600 would cover the repair to:-

- i. The wall on the AWS area,
- ii. The guttering and fascia on the Gardener's workshop,
- iii. The guttering on the guide hut.

Resolved: That the work be carried out.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S Delany, seconded by Councillor T Fiddler and unanimously accepted.

5. Other work/equipment

- i. Cricket - water remover

It was agreed that this should be re-submitted in October 2005 when the grants and next year's budgets will be considered.

- ii. Bush lane allotments - remove asbestos

The Clerk reported that he had received an estimate of £500 per tonne for the removal of this waste.

Resolved: That the work be carried out.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. E Willis, seconded by Councillor T Threlfall and unanimously accepted.

- iii. Memorial park railing.

Resolved: That the work be carried out, as per the previously agreed estimate of £9,000.

Proposed by Councillor T Threlfall, seconded by Councillor St J Greenhough and

unanimously accepted.

6) Correspondence

LCC	Rural Strategy 2004	Participates required	no action
Email from Andrew King	Biodiversity audit of Freckleton.	Consider	no action
FBC	Representation to the alterations review of the Fylde Borough local plan.	Comments	no action
Lancashire Police Authority	Community meeting for Fylde, C of E Primary school, 10/02/05.	Items for the agenda.	no action Turn up and participate.
Countryside Agency	Review of National park or Areas of outstanding beauty	Comments	no comment
Elliott's circus	Non animal circus	Request for a venue in March 2005	no action
Email C Robb	Parish Newsletter	Volume & Distribution	No action
Email Bowling Club	Annual grant & lease	Review	Invite to 03/05 meeting
LCC	Lancashire parish portal	Use of website	no action
Community Futures	Community Funding seminar	attendees	Clerk & St J Greenhough to attend
United Utilities Electrics	Small piece of land next to sub station	Purchase request	Approved.
FBC	Fylde local development scheme	Comments by 04/03/05	no action

7) Planning

The following plans have been actioned by the Councillor S Delany, due to the timescale for return:-

04/1231	24, Mill View	Conservatory to rear.	No Observations
04/1235	39, Wades Croft	Front & rear dormers, conservatory & garage with pitch roof.	No Observations
05/0013	4, Hodgson way	Porch to front elevation, Conservatory to rear & extension to garage.	No Observations
05/0014	Swallow Cottage , Kirkham rd	Erection of garage & revised access drive.	No Observations
05/0021	Flora Dene, lower lane	2 storey side & rear extension.	No Observations
05/0024	land to rear of 58-64 Preston Old Rd	Erection of single storey building for use as steel store.	No Observations

Resolved: That the action of the Councillor Delany ratified

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

The following plan was considered

05/0047	6, East View, Bunker St	Erection of Conservatory to rear
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Resolved: That this be returned indicating the Council has no objections.

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

Councillor Mrs. Dowling expressed concern that plans were being returned, between

meetings, without individual Councillors being able to comment on proposals within their neighborhood. It was suggested that a Planning sub-committee should be formed to deal with application that have to be returned before the next council meeting.

Resolved: That a committee be formed consisting of – Councillors T Fiddler, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Dowling, Mrs. E Willis, M/S D Morriss and St. J Greenhough.

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M Dowling and unanimously accepted.

8) Asbestos waste – dumped on Bush lane allotments

This item was dealt with under Finance item 5.c.

9) Parish plan

Councillor Robb reported that all Questionnaires had been input into the database. 853 questionnaires have been returned.

The Open day exhibition will be held on 18th February 2005, in the village hall. The local press and other VIP, including Michael Jack will be attending. A number of Service providers, including FBC, the Police, Lancashire Fire and rescue and the Parish Council, will have displays at the exhibition.

In spite of extensive publicity, only four prizes have been claimed from the prize draw. The unclaimed prizes will be recirculated on the Open day.

10) Date of next meeting.

Concern was expressed about constant delays in being able to get into the room and the noise from the adjacent room when the meetings are in progress. Therefore, it was suggested that the next Council meeting should be held at the Rawstorne Centre.

Resolved: On a trial basis only, the next meeting should be held at the Rawstorne centre, on 7th March 2005 commencing at 7:00pm.

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor St J Greenhough and accepted by a majority decision.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....

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