

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2005

### Present:

Councillor L Rigby (Chair)

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs. J. Maguire

### 1) Open Forum

#### a) Police update

PC Scarisbrick reported that he was aware that the Youth centre had been broken into on three occasions in the past week and he stated that extra patrols would be made during the next week. Councillor Threlfall expressed his concern that the Police did not attend the last break in after he had reported it.

He was also aware of the damage done to the rear of the Community centre at Lower lane and this is being monitored.

Councillor Mrs. Dowling thanked PC Scarisbrick for the prompt response to the excessive noise problem that occurred in her neighbourhood during last week.

### 2) To read and approve the minutes of:-

#### a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th March 2005.

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

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

#### **Matters arising:**

##### 1) Open Forum –a) Police update

PC Scarisbrick reported that CCTV camera was still being used at Warton, but it will be available for Freckleton during the summer months.

##### 2) b) Matter arising – Accident on Preston Old road.

Councillor Whittle reported that a number of suggestions were being considered and the Clerk will be informed when the appropriate action has been finalised.

It was suggested that speed restrictions would help in this area and by the traffic lights adjacent to the Marsh road entrance. Sgt Hurst suggested that a written request from the Council would help her progress these restrictions.

##### 5) School Lane Car park

The Clerk reported that he is progressing a meeting with representatives from the Fylde Borough Council, the School and the Parish Council to progress the changes to the car park.

#### b) The Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2005

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

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

#### **Matters arising:**

##### 3) D Rose Bush lane allotment

The Clerk reported that another sheep had died, during lambing and therefore it was agreed, by the Open Spaces committee members, that the lease should not be renewed. A letter has been sent to Mr. Rose terminating the lease from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 and requesting that he remove his animals and personal belongings by the end of April 2005.

#### c) The Fabrics Committee meeting held on Monday 21st March 2005

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

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead, seconded by Councillor L Rigby and

unanimously accepted

**Matters arising:**

2) Youth centre.

The Clerk reported that he has received a request from the Cricket section to store equipment in this building.

d. The Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 21st March 2005

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

Proposed by Councillor ST J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor M/S D Morris and unanimously accepted

**Matters arising:**

2) Land adjacent 2, Bunker St

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Airey requesting the plant pots to be removed from this land, as they owned it. He has checked with the Land Registry and this piece of land was registered with Mr. and Mrs. Airey in 1998. However, the Parish Council has maintained part of this land for the last 3 years, as agents for the Lancashire County Council and the County Council has maintained it for a number of years prior to this. County Councillor Whittle informed the meeting that he has arranged for the County's legal department to check their records to see if this land was part of the highways, when Preston Old Road and Bunker St were adopted. They are currently checking the records going back to the 1840s. The Legal department has written to Mr. & Mrs. Airey informing them of this search.

The Clerk indicated that even if the land is registered by one party, if it has been maintained by another party for at least 10 years it can be considered to be owned by that party under the Land Registration Act 2002 (Adverse possession). Councillor Whittle agreed to inform the Clerk when further information was available from the Legal department.

**3) Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of Interest.

**4) Finance**

a. Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

**Precept Account**

KM Armistead – salary	449.29
LAPTC – publications	2.50
KM Armistead – stationery	5.29
LAPTC – Publications	6.00
KM Armistead – Stationery	15.79
KM Armistead – Expenses	89.88

**Open spaces Account**

G Danson – wages	1053.13
PO Ltd - tax & N/I	617.27
SPN – materials	72.35
Petromex	135.87
A Watkinson - repair to cenotaph lights	31.39
Grangeland Services - general repairs	680.00
Time retail (B & Q) - materials	31.92
S J Singleton - micro tine - bowling green	160.00
Grangeland Services - general repairs	220.00
Quality Windows - Rawstorne re-fit	7708.00

**Allotments**

Gulf – Asbestos waste removal 1727.25

**Community Development Account**

D Turcsanyi - wages 60.84  
 Natwest - interest -290.52  
 Rawstone centre - court fees -350.00  
 Natwest - interest -14.32

**Parish plan**

C Robb - Open day expenses 231.59  
 RS Printing - Handbills 56.00

Total 12699.52

**Resolved: That the action of the Clerk be ratified**

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

**b) The Monthly budget statements were noted.****c) Annual grants****Resolved: That the following grants should be paid:****1. Precept – Section 137.**

Parochial Church Council £500  
 Air Ambulance £200  
 The Fylde Hospice £200

**2. Open Spaces**

The Bowling Club £1,800

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

**5) Correspondence**

LAPTC	Building Community life competition	To enter	Not applicable
J Wray	Make Poverty History banner	Place on cenotaph railings	Declined
LCC	Local Transport Plan 2006 -10	Comments	St J Greenhough to comment.
Mr. & Mrs. Airey	Land on corner of Bunker St.	Remove plants & pots	Await investigation from LCC
Ride-Ability	Brand new Door to door bus service	Attendees for Workshop on 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2005	Cllrs. S Delany & St J Greenhough to attend.

**6) Planning**

There were no plans for consideration.

**7) Parish plan**

Councillor Robb reported that

1) A preliminary draft report has been prepared and it has been passed to the Steering committee for comment. He requested that the Council hold an extra-ordinary meeting to review the Plan, during the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005. It was agreed that the meeting should be held Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

2) A meeting has been held with Fylde Borough Council to discuss the Parish plan

inclusion in the Market Towns initiative.

3) It is proposed that the Plan be delivered to every householder in Freckleton during June 2005.

**8) Newsletter**

The Clerk indicated that there would be an article in the next Newsletter requesting that residents of the village should have consideration for their neighbours and park off road where facilities exist.

**9) Review the new Terms and Conditions for the Clerk**

The Clerk reported that new terms and conditions have been agreed between NALC and SLCC and that they should be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005. The Clerk's salary scale was previously based on the population of the Parish, but the new scales are based on job profiles. There are four main bands (i.e. for small, medium, large parishes and large town). Within each band the salary should be set within three groups dependant upon whether the Clerk's workload is less than, equal to or greater than the profile.

**Resolved: That the Clerk's salary should be adjusted to fit the second profile (small to medium Parishes) and that it should be set within the middle band, starting on SCP31.**

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

**10) Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005, starting at 7:00pm, in the Rawstone centre.

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

**Signed.....Trevor Fiddler, Chairman.....**

**Date.....9<sup>th</sup> May 2005.....**