

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2005

Present:

Councillor T Fiddler (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. M. Dowling, Mrs. E Willis and T. Threlfall.

1) Open Forum

a) Police Update

1. PC A. Scarisbrick informed the meeting that during the summer recess he had to deal with incidents related to Youths causing nuisance problems at the Rawstorne centre and in Goa lane. In addition, he has dealt with a number of incidents with moped and motorbike riders causing a nuisance and one youth has been warned that the bike may be seized if the problem persists.
2. Councillor Fiddler asked if the police had taken any action with the young women who persistently allows her dog to foul on the playing fields and who has been verbally abusive when asked to clean up after it. PC Scarisbrick agreed to go round and speak to her.
3. Councillor Rigby enquired if any action been taken to stop people hitting golf balls on the Bush lane playing fields. PC Scarisbrick agreed to progress.
Councillor Fiddler informed the meeting that dog fouling and playing golf in public areas are prohibited by national byelaws and the police should take positive action to ensure these activities are stopped. The Clerk agreed to put a strong note in the next newsletter, indicating that, in future, prosecutions may be taken against offenders
It was agreed that more signs were required to indicate that dog fouling and playing golf were offences. This would be referred to the next Open Spaces meeting.
4. Two representatives from the Lower lane community informed the meeting that on their estate they were still experiencing under age drinking on the streets and car offences. They so very little Police presence on the estate. In addition, groups of youths were drinking behind the Community Centre, which resulted in a large volume of rubbish being left. PC Scarisbrick agreed to investigate. They also reported that the dog bins were not being emptied as frequently as was necessary. The Clerk agreed to write to Fylde Borough Council with a copy to the New Fylde Housing Association.
The Chairman indicated that these incidents should be monitored and requested that the Police give an update at the next meeting.
5. Councillor Mrs. Delany reported that there was also a problem with dog fouling in Goa lane. PC Scarisbrick agreed to investigate. The Clerk agreed to write to Fylde Borough Council requesting that a dog litter bin be installed.
Councillor Mrs. Foster enquired what progress was being made with the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. PC Scarisbrick indicated that he would be circulating the forms, in the near future.
6. Councillor Greenhough enquired what action was being taken to stop motorist parking on the pavements and on yellow lines. PC Scarisbrick indicated that if a motorist parked on the pavement and left insufficient room for a parent, with a pushchair and toddler, to pass then the offender could be issued with a ticket. Parking on double yellow lines was the responsibility of Parkwise. The Clerk agreed to write to Fylde Borough Council.

b) Public participation

1. The Chairman agreed to bring forward the Planning application for the use of a caravan as a shop, on the driveway of a house on the Lower lane estate.

The two representatives from Lower lane informed the meeting that the residents preferred a mobile shop, touring the estate, rather than a permanent sited caravan on a driveway. Councillor Greenhough informed the meeting that caravan was sited on the grass verge, as part of the highway and not the driveway.

Resolved: Object and recommend refusal on the grounds that the concept of a caravan type shop permanently on the driveway or grass verge (current position) is not good planning, as it sets a precedent for others to park similar vehicles permanently on the grass verge. A mobile shop, touring the estate, is the preferred option.

Proposed by Councillor Greenhough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Whitehead. Councillor Rigby abstained and all the other Councillors accepted.

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 4th July 2005.

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

Proposed by Councillor M/s D Morriss, seconded by Councillor L Rigby and unanimously accepted.

- b) Matters arising.

There was an enquiry as to why the toilets in the village had not been re-opened. The Clerk agreed to write to Fylde Borough Council.

4) Finance

- a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk – see Appendix A

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) Monthly budget statements– see Appendix B.

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

The Clerk enquired if the Parish Plan budget statement should be dropped from this report as the expenditure has been completed.

Resolved: That the Parish plan Income and Expenditure account (see appendix C) be signed off and the budget statement be dropped from the monthly report.

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

5) Correspondence

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
LCC	Land adjacent 2 bunker st – Stopping up request	Response	Object most strongly as this land is part of the grass verge on Preston Old road and flowerpots, signs and a salt grit box are located on it.
NW Army Cadet Force Trust Fund	Invite to Charity Luncheon – 27/09/05	Consider	Any Councillor wishing to attend should make own arrangements.
LCC	Proposed changes to Planning Guidance	Consider	Cllr. Greenhough to progress.
Bowling	Support - to	Consider	To be dealt with at the October '05

Club	Hollow tine the green & purchase spiking machine		Grants & Budget meetings.
Local Works	Campaign to end ghost town Britain	Support	Not within the remit of the Council
South Ribble BC	Statement of Community Involvement	Comments	No comment.
Freckleton Club day Committee	Review Portaloo requirements	consider	Refer to the January 2006 meeting.
LCC – Education & Culture	Requirements for Youth Centre in Freckleton	Meeting requested.	Invite to next meeting on 03/10/05
LCC	Mineral & waste development	comments	No comment

6) Planning

The following plans were approved:

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision	Comments
05/0809	21, Tarnbrick Ave	a) Dormer to front. b) Replace boundary wall	a) Support b) Object and recommend refusal.	The wall is adjacent to the public highway and will be too high. It is not in keeping with the remainder of the properties.
05/0835	23, Wades Croft	Conservatory to rear	Support	
05/0800	3, Greenacres	Conservatory to rear	Support	
05/0765	10, Langdale Close	Conservatory to rear	Support	
05/0773	31, Croft Butts lane	Dormer to rear & replacement roof to dormer at front.	Support	
05/0727	50, Shackleton Road	To allow caravan to be used as retail shop on drive	Object and recommend refusal.	See comments in section 1.b.1 above.
05/0771	10, Orchard Close	Conservatory to rear	Support	
05/0756	18, Kirkham Road	First Floor ext. above garage	Support	
05/0753	31, Delany Drive	Replacement garage to rear.	Support	
05/0713	Flora Dene, Lower lane	Conservatory to rear, garage & porch to side elevation	Support	
05/0640	9 Croft butts lane	Extension to previously approved rear	Support	

		dormer		
05/0663	59, School Lane	Conservatory to rear.	Support	

7) Parish plan

Councillor Robb reported that delivery of the Plan, to every household in the village, was completed by 9th July 2005 and was officially handed over to the Council on Friday 8th July 2005. The reaction to the Plan has been, in the main, favourable.

He also reported that he had received an estimate, of £10,000, for audible signals and tactile devices for the traffic lights at Preston Old. It was agreed that this item should be referred to the October 2005 meeting.

It was agreed that there should be an extra-ordinary Council meeting, on Monday 10th October 2005 to progress an action plan and this would include the formation of the "Freckleton Village Design Trust". The members of the Parish Plan Steering committee and the new volunteers should be invited to this meeting.

8) Equitable Taxation Proposals from FBC

The Clerk reported he had attended a meeting of the Parish Council liaison meeting, with Councillors T Fiddler, Mrs. M Whitehead to discuss Fylde Borough's alternative Budget proposals. This would devolve the Open Spaces budgets to the Parish councils.

It was agreed that the Council were in support of equitable taxation and looked forward to more details. The Clerk agreed to write to Fylde Borough Council to inform them of the Council's views.

It was also noted that the Council is currently charged £24,100 for street cleaning in the Parish and it was felt that the Council could undertake this task more efficiently. The Clerk agreed to write to Fylde Borough to request if it would be possible to take over this task.

9) Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Monday 3rd October, in the Rawstone centre, commencing at 7:00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....T Fiddler, Chairman.....

Date.....3rd October 2005.....

Schedule of payments for	July 2005	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - Salary	3861	588.10
Staples ltd - Stationery	3878	124.64
KM Armistead - expenses	3885p	50.16
Open Spaces Account		
G Danson - wages	3860	958.39
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	3863	517.13
E Threlfall - garden work	3864	150.00
Kwik-Skip - Club day waste removal	3865	150.00
J Garlick - watering	3866	420.00
Grangeland - bedding out & maintenance	3867	1100.00
PO Ltd - Electricity bills	3868	500.63
E Threlfall - garden work	3874	300.00
Quality Windows - door repair	3876	217.37
PO ltd - electric bills	3873	285.91
A Singleton - tractor repair	3877	207.59
Ribble fuels - red diesel	3879	111.55
Grangeland - bedding out & maintenance	3880	1260.00
Chubbs - alarm maintenance	3884	85.51
KM Armistead - expenses	3885p	68.17
Allotments		
A Haselden - Bush lane rent	Cheque	-16.50
PO ltd - water - Bush lane	3870p	204.85
PO Ltd - water - Croft Butts	3870p	80.10
Kwik Skip - rubbish removal	3875	265.00
Community Development Account		
D Turcsanyi - wages	3862	60.84
Nat West - Interest	D/P	-301.86
Fair - rent	d/p	-600.00
bank of America - Playground interest	d/p	-430.64
Rawstorne Centre - Electric refund	cheque	-245.00
Parish plan - sale of cd	cheque	-2.50
Rawstorne Centre - door repair	cheque	-185.00
Parish plan		
Rawstorne centre - presentation	3872/3883	180.00
RS printing - Parish plan	3881	2630.00
C Robb - expenses	3882p	61.00
C Robb - web site expenses	3882p	177.87
VAT		
VAT refund	d/p	-2861.50
Total		6111.81

Appendix A (con't)

Schedule of payments for**August 2005****£****Precept Account**

Staples - storage units	3897	49.96
KM Armistead - Expenses	3900p	53.90

Open Spaces Account

G Danson - wages	3886	867.53
KM Armistead - Salary	3887	588.10
PO Ltd - Tax & Insurance	3889	318.91
Grantham's signs - Play area signs	3890	61.81
Road safety Services - Club day barriers	3891	384.23
Grangeland services - gardening	3892	1030.00
John Garlick - watering	3893	930.00
Grangeland services - gardening	3895	937.00
A & SM Singleton - repairs to tractors	3896	562.70
J & B Cartmells - Plants	3898	3136.30
KM Armistead - Petrol for machines	3899	15.00
KM Armistead - Expenses	3900p	61.09

Community Development Account

D Turcsanyi - wages	3888	60.84
Natwest - Interest	d/p	-288.46
Wicksteed - balance for playground equipment	3894	3160.75
LCC - Grass cutting payment	cheque	-4735.61

Parish plan

Community futures - balance of grant	Cheque	-2023.00
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Total		5171.05
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Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	August 2005	To date		
Wages	3800		£1,176	£2,624	31%
Insurance	700		£788	-£88	113%
Stationery	400		£203	£197	51%
Postage	650	£54	£308	£342	47%
LAPTC	600		£606	-£6	101%
Audit fee	750		£68	£683	9%
Chair Allow	100			£100	
Training	150			£150	
Civic functions	600			£600	
Grants	200			£200	
Election	0.1			£0	
Reserve	300			£300	
equipment	200	£43	£223	-£23	111%
Section137	1000		£900	£100	90%
Total	£9,450	£96	£4,271	£5,179	45%

Open Spaces Account 2005/2006

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	August 2005	To date		
Wages	£19,494	£1,775	£7,599	£11,895	39%
Sub Contractors	£10,300	£1,967	£7,527	£2,773	73%
Repairs & Maintenance	£15,623	£935	£17,939	-£2,316	115%
Energy	£4,944		£1,584	£3,360	32%
Equipment Furniture & Materials	£2,657		£1,658	£1,000	62%
Miscellaneous e.g. Insurance	£6,911		£1,923	£4,988	28%
Sub Total	£59,930	£4,676	£38,230	£21,700	64%
Freckleton in Bloom	£9,122	£3,599	£7,729	£1,392	85%
Total	£69,051	£8,275	£45,959	£23,092	67%

Parish Plan 2005/2006

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	August 2005	To date		
Involving People	£1,536		£659	£877	43%
Consultancy	£900		£900		100%
Data Collection	£456		£619	-£163	136%
Website development	£397		£151	£246	38%
General publicity	£300		£424	-£124	141%
Final Report	£3,590		£2,921	£669	81%
Total	£7,179		£5,674	£1,505	79%

Parish Plan

**Income and Expenditure
Account**

Income

Grants	£4,244
sale of Register	£30
Total	£4,274

Expenditure

Involving People	£659
Consultancy	£900
Data Collection	£619
Website development	£151
General publicity	£424
Final Report	£2,921
Total	£5,674

Cost to Parish Council £1,400

Signed.....T Fiddler, Chairman.....

Date.....5th September 2005.....