

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2006

Present: Councillor T Fiddler (Chair)

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

Apologies: None

1) **Open Forum**

a) **Police Update**

PC Scarisbrick reported that there had been no incidents in the village since the last meeting.

Councillor Mrs. Maguire stated that youths were congregating around the Rawstone centre during the evenings. PC Scarisbrick indicated that the youths were being monitored.

Councillor Threlfall enquired what action was being taken to ensure there was no alcohol consumed on the streets in the village. He indicated that empty beer cans and spirit bottles had been found on the streets in the village. PC Scarisbrick agreed to monitor this situation and report back to the next meeting.

It was reported that slurry was being dropped on the Lower lane road by the local farmers. It was suggested that signs should be erected to warn motorists. The Clerk agreed to write to the Lancashire County Council Highways department.

It was reported that litter and dog fouling was becoming a nuisance in the village. PC Scarisbrick agreed to speak to the dog warden to see if extra patrols could be undertaken. The clerk agreed to write to Fylde borough regarding the litter.

b) **Public participation**

An enquiry was made as to what action has been taken regarding the Parish plan. The Chairman indicated that the Parish Council was meeting with Community Futures, regarding the setting up of a Village Trust to progress the new Community centre. An action plan has been drawn up for all the other points raised and this is being progressed by the Clerk. Copies of the action plan have been sent to all the members of the Steering Committee.

An enquiry was made as to when the fence would be removed around the land adjacent to 2 Bunker St. County Councillor Whittle reported that an order had been served on the owners, requesting that the fence be taken down. In addition, the LCC Cabinet member would decide, on 10th January 2006, as to whether the Stopping up order should go to court. He will inform the Clerk when a decision has been made.

2) **Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3) **Declaration of Gifts and Hospitality.**

There were no declarations of Gifts or Hospitality.

4) **To read and approve the minutes of:-**

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th December 2005

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

Proposed by Councillor L Rigby, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

b) **Matters arising.**

Item 1 – a) police update – parking on Yellow lines - PC Scarisbrick reported that Parkwise have agreed to patrol the village for half a day per week.

Item 4.b – Balderstone Road play area – Councillor Threlfall reported that the Contractor is progressing this work. The Chairman indicated that it was essential that this workload be completed in the next week. A meeting with the Contractor was arranged for Wednesday 11/01/06.

5) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by clerk- See Appendix A

Resolved: That the payments 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.

6) Correspondence

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
T Ackeroyd	Plant trees on land adjacent to 2 bunker St.	Comments	Comments noted, but await final decision by LCC.
Lew King	Tom Croft Car park – new lay out	Comments	No action. Favourable comments have also been received.
Deputy Prime Minister’s Office	Standards of conduct in English local government	Comments	No comments
Campaign to Protect rural England	Training Event	delegates	Clerk to send email indicating that the Council totally disagrees with this concept.
NALC	Quality Parish - Workshop 27/02/06		No delegates available
Lancs. Strategic Health Authority	Merge the NW region’s 4 ambulance services	Comments via questionnaire	No action

7) Planning

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision
05/1138	Lily Cottage, Preston New rd	Single storey rear ext.	Support
05/1128	61, Green lane	Ext. to front dormer, dormer to rear & single storey ext.	Support
05/1095	123, Lytham road	2 storey ext. & Conservatory to rear.	Support
05/1122	12a the Mede	Attached side garage	Support

8) Equitable taxation

The Chairman gave a review of the concept of Equitable taxation and the effect it would have on the amount of rates that would be paid by the parishioners of Freckleton. He indicated that the Parish Council should consider two questions;-

1. Whether to agree in principle to the concept of Equitable taxation.
2. Would the Council be happy to precept for the Open Spaces budget?

There then followed a lengthy discussion on the impact of the move to Equitable taxation.

Resolved: That the Council agree in principle to the concept of equitable taxation,

but object to any double rating that may occur in the future.

The proposal was accepted by a majority of nine for and none against, with three abstentions.

9) **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th February, commencing at 7:10pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....06/02/06

Schedule of payments for Dec. 2005	Cheque No.	Appendix A £
Precept Account		
M Robertson - buffet for carol service	3975	400.00
In-Trak -Sound system for carol service	3976	123.37
KM Armistead- Expenses	3977p	52.91
Open Spaces Account		
G Danson - wages	3962	1,081.78
KM Armistead - salary	3963	588.10
S Delaney - wages	3964	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	3695	733.61
T Hollings-Hurst - bedding plants	3967	1,248.00
KM Armistead - petrol for machines	3968	15.00
SPN - wood & goal posts	3969	69.70
Wareings - Preservative	3970	142.27
Allthread - Clothing for Glyn	3971	97.71
Smith Hire - Gloves for Glyn	3972	5.88
Braithwaites - hire of excavator	3973	74.55
Grangeland Services - repairs to fence & surrounds	3974p	520.00
Grangeland Services - litter picking	3974p	90.00
KM Armistead- Expenses	3977p	62.72
G Danson - wages Jan '06	3978	887.50
Kwik-Skip Hire Ltd - Removal of rubbish	3982	85.00
Alan Watkinson - Electrical repairs	3983	69.78
Community Development Account		
NAT West - Interest	d/p	-270.26
AWS - Fees	cash	-207.50
NAT West - Interest	d/p	-5.76
Total		5,925.20

Precept Account 2005/2006

Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Dec. 2005	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£3,800		£2,353	£1,447	62%
Insurance	£700		£788	-£88	113%
Stationery	£400		£411	-£11	103%
Postage	£650	£53	£540	£110	83%
LAPTC	£600		£606	-£6	101%
Audit fee	£750		£718	£33	96%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£150		£135	£15	90%
Civic functions	£600	£505	£710	-£110	118%
Grants	£200		£0	£200	0%
Election	£0		£0	£0	0%
Reserve	£300		£0	£300	0%
equipment	£200		£223	-£23	111%
Section137	£1,000		£900	£100	90%
Total	£9,450	£558	£7,481	£1,969	79%

Open Spaces Account 2005/06

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Dec. 2005	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£19,494	£3,415	£15,517	£3,977	80%
Sub Contractors	£10,300	£610	£12,778	-£2,478	124%
Repairs & Maintenance	£15,623	£155	£20,514	-£4,891	131%
Energy	£4,944	£0	£2,819	£2,125	57%
Equipment Furniture & Materials	£2,657	£339	£2,588	£69	97%
Miscellaneous e.g. Insurance	£6,911	£0	£7,637	-£725	110%
Sub Total	£59,930	£4,519	£61,853	-£1,923	103%
Freckleton in Bloom	£9,122	£1,200	£10,467	-£1,346	115%
Total	£69,051	£5,719	£72,320	-£3,268	105%