

## **Freckleton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2006 with Community Futures**

#### **Present:**

Councillor T Fiddler (Chair),  
Councillors Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, M/s D. Morriss, Mrs. E Willis, L  
Rigby, T. Threlfall, St J Greenhough and C Robb.  
Donna Carney and a colleague from Community Futures

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs. M. Dowling and Mrs. J. Maguire

The meeting was called to discuss the options available to form a Village trust to progress the requirements of a new Multi-Purpose centre, as part of the Parish plan.

Donna Carney indicated that:-

- a) The Parish Council would be seen as a Statutory body and therefore would not be eligible for grants. A new Charity would have to be formed comprising representatives from the Parish Council and other organisations within the village.
- b) Three types of charities can be formed:-
  1. Corporate ownership – set up as a Limited Company with articles. Not recommended.
  2. Constitutional membership – members of the Community & representatives of organisations.
  3. Charitable trust – Run by trustees for the benefit of the Community. Would be made up of members of the Parish Council and members of other “fixed” organisations (i.e. Churches or schools). Members would be elected for a given period of one to three years and membership could be staggered to allow for continuity.
- c) Overall, the existing facilities within Freckleton will hinder any application for a new grant.

#### **Youth Centre**

The way forward would be to provide facilities within the Village hall on a temporary basis. The Village Hall committee would be able to apply for grants to accommodate a youth centre. This could either be for improvements to existing facilities and or for an extension to the building.

It would help the case for a new Multi-purpose centre if it could be proved that the existing facilities did not cater for the numbers wanting to use the Youth centre, once it is up and running,

#### **Multi-Purpose centre**

Long term, this should be the objective of the village. All the Organisations within the village must work together and apply for a grant on the basis that additional facilities will be provided that are not already in existence within the immediate vicinity.

Donna recommended that one course of action would be to sell the Village Hall and to put the monies towards the new centre. The Village Hall Trust committee would have to be enlarged to include representatives from other organisations and bodies within the village. The new committee would be responsible for applying for the grants.

There would have to be a business case prepared to prove that the centre, when built, could be run as a viable unit.

The Parish Council, as trustees of the Bush lane land, would lease to the new Trust sufficient land for the new building and car park to be built.

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

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

**Date.....06/02/06.....**