

## **Freckleton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

#### **Present:**

Councillor T Fiddler, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Mrs. J. Maguire Mrs. E Willis, L Rigby, T. Threlfall, St J Greenhough and C Robb.

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs. M. Dowling and M/s D. Morriss.

#### **1) Open Forum**

##### **a) Police Update**

PCSO Danny Porter reported that two weeks ago there had been a number of vehicles broken into. Figure prints have been recovered and the Police were awaiting the results. In addition, they have monitored the traffic using the inside lane to jump the queue on the Bye-pass and in one hour over 200 cars used the mini-roundabout by the Catholic church. BAE Systems have been informed and they have agreed to send a note to all their employees. County Councillor Whittle reported that the Highways department was reviewing the traffic flow at the roundabout to see if two lanes of traffic could be accommodated.

Councillor Threlfall reported that dog owners, using the Bush lane playing fields, must now keep their dogs on a lead and asked if the Police could help to monitor the situation. Councillor Whittle indicated that it would be the Fylde Borough Council's responsibility from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006. It was suggested that the CCTV camera could also be used to monitor the dogs on the playing fields.

##### **b) Public participation**

###### **1. Parking**

It was reported that parking in the village was still causing problems but there had been the Parking attendants had not been seen. In addition, cars and delivery lorries were parking on the zigzag lines near the pedestrian crossing, adjacent to the Co-op. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a strong letter to FBC indicating that despite previous request nothing has happened and requesting a blitz of the village and regular visits in future.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to the Co-op requesting the "in" and "out" signs to the car park should be made clearer.

It was also reported that a number of cars were parking on the pavements on Lytham road, mainly at night and they were causing an obstruction. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Inspector Darwen requesting that the Police take the appropriate action on cars that are parking illegally all around the village.

Councillor Mrs. Foster reported that the Waltons school bus was parking on the yellow lines opposite Lamaleach Drive, when picking up school children. The Clerk agreed to write to Peter Walton requesting that the buses wait further down Lytham road.

###### **2. Land adjacent 2 Bunker St.**

Councillor Whittle reported that the boundary marking the end of the highway had been pegged out and the LCC officials would remove the fence and other obstructions on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006. The Chairman thanked Councillor Whittle for all the work that had been put in to ensure this plot of land was restored to its original status. It was agreed that the Open Spaces committee should review if additional planting is required on this piece of land.

#### **2) Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no gifts or hospitality to declare.

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

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006

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

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

b) The meeting with the Village Hall committee on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2006

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

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

c) The meeting with the LCC Youth Services on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006

**Resolved: Subject to the LCC representative being amended from Mr. J Hutchings to Mr. J Lewis, that these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.**

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

Matters arising.

Councillor Greenhough reported that he was progressing broadband usage with two providers and he was awaiting costs. His initially enquiries indicated that the laptops would cost around £400 and the router would be around £50.

**Resolved: That approval be given for Councillor Greenhough, the Chairman of Finance and the Clerk to progress the installation of the Internet set-up.**

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor C Robb and unanimously accepted.

It was agreed that the laptop usage should be assessed by the use of the LCC machine before any additional laptops were purchased.

Councillor Robb suggested that Peter Armitage should be asked to assist Councillor Greenhough to decide which equipment should be used.

5) **Finance**

a) Ratification of accounts approved by the Chairman of Finance and 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
Email – S Neville	Shrubbery – Balderstone road	What action regarding road safety	Clerk to write to LCC re cost of a rumble strip.
Club day committee	Upgrade drains for toilet	Consider	Drains will be checked out.
Freckleton band	Roof leaking	Financial support	Cllr. Rigby to progress.
LCC - Environment	Community Car Scheme	Volunteers required	Information to be placed on Notice board.
Mrs. Starr, 27, Lamaleach drive	Neighbourhood watch signs	Financial support	Grant of £24 approved
LCC - Environment	Mineral & Waste	Comments	Cllr. T Threlfall to respond.

	development framework		
LCC Highways	Proposed footpath from Lay-by west of Greenfield Park to Freckleton	Original suggestion rejected – consider request	No action - Cost of new footpath cannot be justified.
Email – Mr. & Mrs. Ousby	Land for a Bird of Prey aviary	Consider	No land available.
LCC – Community Services	Questionnaire	Consider who should respond	Cllr. Robb to respond.
Cricket club	Request for another seat. Drains to be reviewed.	consider	New seat to be purchased if original cannot be found. Drains will be checked out.
LAPTC	Public Transport Services	Comments	support

## 7) Planning

The following plans were considered:

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision
06/0127	Norcross Gdns, Preston Old rd; 62, Preston Old Rd; 64, Preston Old rd	Ext and alter to 62, to then be converted to 64 & erect new building and garage in Croft Butts lane	<b>Object – The new building is on a different site and contravenes the moratorium on new buildings.</b>
06/0129	24, Avalon Drive	Re-submit – 05/181 – alteration to dormer, inc new balconies	<b>Support</b>
06/0115	130, Preston Old Road	Pitched roof to replace flat roofed dormer	<b>Support</b>

The action of the Chairman of Planning, for the following plan was ratified.

06/0079	3, Hodgson Ave	Conservatory to rear & Ext. to existing garage.	<b>Support</b>
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## 8) Parish plan update

The action of the Clerk was noted.

It was agreed that Councillor Robb should issue an update to the local press.

## 9) Amenity Cleansing review

The Clerk's report was noted. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should meet with the Finance Officer of Fylde Borough Council to progress this item.

## 10) Clerk's annual salary review.

The Clerk reported there were three more steps to be allocated within the salary band that had been agreed last year. In addition, he had noted an increase in the number of hours he was working each week.

**Resolved: That the Clerk's salary should be set within Scale LC2, at level SCP 32. In addition, the hours should be increased to 18 per week, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006.**

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler seconded by Councillor L Rigby and unanimously accepted

11) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be the Annual assembly, to be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2006, starting at 7:00pm, following by a full Council meeting.

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

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

Date.....10/04/06.....

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>		<b>Appendix A</b>
<b>Schedule of payments for</b>	<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>		
C Robb - web-site registration	4008	23.49
KM Armistead - Expenses	4010p	72.20
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>		
G Danson - wages	3966	867.31
KM Armistead - salary	3977	588.10
Mrs. S Delaney - wages	3998	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	3999	570.42
J Garlick - litter picking January '06	4000	255.00
T Holling-Hurst - Bedding Plants	4001	218.40
A Watkinson - Electrical repair	4002	90.00
Alpha Amenity weed killer & Feed	4003	166.79
Kirby's plants & Christmas tree	4004	526.69
A & SM Singleton - Service & repair to tractor	4005	1,722.33
Brackenwood Nurseries - Shrubs - Balderstone rd	4006	840.77
Ribble Fuel oils - Red Diesel	4007	118.39
C Robb - web-site registration	4009	85.00
K M Armistead - expenses	4010p	60.03
KM Armistead - keys for storeroom	4011	10.00
<b>Allotments</b>		
<b>Community Development Account</b>		
Natwest - Interest	d/p	-281.86
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,993.90</b>

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**Appendix B**

**Precept Account 2005/2006**

<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>used</b>
Wages	£3,800	£0	£2,941	£859	77%
Insurance	£700	£0	£788	-£88	113%
Stationery	£400	£0	£419	-£19	105%
Postage	£650	£72	£664	-£14	102%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£606	-£6	101%
Audit fee	£750	£0	£718	£33	96%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£150	£0	£135	£15	90%
Civic functions	£600	£0	£710	-£110	118%
Grants	£200	£0	£0	£200	0%
Election	£0	£0	£0	£0	0%
Reserve	£300	£0	£0	£300	0%
equipment	£200	£20	£243	-£43	
Section137	£1,000	£0	£900	£100	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,450</b>	<b>£92</b>	<b>£8,222</b>	<b>£1,228</b>	<b>87%</b>

**Open Spaces  
Account**

**2005/2006**

<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>used</b>
Wages	£19,494	£2,087	£18,317	£1,176	94%
Sub Contractors	£10,300	£255	£13,033	-£2,733	127%
Repairs & Maintenance	£15,623	£2,526	£23,159	-£7,536	148%
Energy	£4,944	£0	£3,282	£1,662	66%
Equipment Furniture & Materials	£2,657	£142	£2,730	-£73	103%
Miscellaneous e.g. Insurance	£6,911	£448	£8,085	-£1,173	117%
Sub Total	£59,930	£5,458	£68,606	-£8,677	114%
Freckleton in Bloom	£9,122	£210	£11,327	-£2,205	124%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£69,051</b>	<b>£5,668</b>	<b>£79,933</b>	<b>-£10,882</b>	<b>116%</b>