

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Extra Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006

#### Present:

Councillor T Fiddler, (Chair)

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. M. Dowling, Mrs M Foster and Mrs M Whitehead.

#### 1) Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 2) The financing of the new Youth Centre.

The Chairman invited Carol Thomas, from the Younger year's committee, to give an update on the progress they have made in securing funds for a new Youth centre.

She informed the meeting that there were now 12 volunteers who wished to be trained as Youth leaders and John Lewis would shortly be arranging a course for them.

The younger year's committee was registering as a charity and applying for a grant of £50,000 from the Peoples Millions.

She had visited the Inskip Youth centre and her initial plans would be based on the design of this building. She stressed that the final design may be modified.

She reported that she has secured the free services of an Architect and a Solicitor and the Fire service had approved the proposed site, around the back of the band hut.

She has also received promises of donations from local businesses, once the Council has approved the land for developing a Youth Centre.

She stressed that she would be unable to apply for a grant to the Peoples millions without the Council intention to support the application. The new charity would like a letter indicating that land would be made available for building a new Youth centre.

The Chairman thanked Carol for all the work that had been put in so far and requested that the final plans for the new building be submitted to the Fabrics committee, for review, before final costings are obtained.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the land on the south side of the Guide hut would be a more suitable site for the new building.

**Resolved: The Parish Council agree in principle to the concept of providing land for a new Youth centre, once fundings are available for building it. Further, the Council would adopt the building when completed.**

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor T Threlfall and unanimously accepted.

It was agreed that a letter of intent should be sent, by the Clerk, to the Younger Years Charity indicating that the land will be made available for a Youth centre, on a 100-year lease and the Council will adopt the building in line with Council's policy.

There then followed a discussions as to whether the Council should also progress the funding of the youth centre, just in case the Younger years were not successful with their bids.

**Resolved: The Parish Council do not progress the raising of funds for the new Youth centre, in parallel with the Younger Years charity.**

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

#### 3) To discuss the financing of the new Multi Sports

The Chairman referred to the correspondence from Councillor Robb that had been circulated with the agenda. Councillor Robb had recommended two options for raising the funds for a new Multi-sports centre.

- 1) To follow the recommendation of the Community Futures and use an extended Village hall Committee Charity to apply for a grant. Or
- 2) The Council should raise the money themselves by borrowing, increasing the precept bill or using some of the Rawstorne Trust annual grant money.

After a lengthy discussion, it was suggested that the Council should decide whether they still wished to pursue a Multi-purpose Sports centre.

**Resolved: The Parish Council agree in principle to building a multi-purpose Sports centre on land on Bush Lane**

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor L Rigby and accepted by a vote of 4 for and 3 against.

The method of financing the new sports centre was discussed.

**Resolved: The Parish Council should not borrow money to fund the new Sports centre.**

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor S Delany and accepted by 8 votes for and none against.

The Chairman then suggested that a business plan would prove whether it was viable to **build and run** a Sports centre. The Council should seek professional advice on drawing up such a plan before deciding on how the funds should be raised.

**Resolved: The Clerk should seek a business plan, by a professional person, and report back to the Council.**

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor T Threlfall and unanimously accepted.

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

**Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....**

**Dated .....10/05/06.....**