

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2006

Present:

Councillor T Fiddler, (Chair)

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

Apologies: PCSO D Porter

1) Mr. Les Turner, the Head of Freckleton C of E school, was invited to address the meeting

Mr. Turner gave a brief background to his previous employment and his involvement in youth work.

He indicated that it was the Government's agenda that by 2008 Primary schools should be opening for longer hours, to provide support for children. The Governors of the C of E School, in partnership with a private individual, were looking to provide a Children's centre in Freckleton. The Centre would be housed within the existing buildings but would have to be separate and independent of the existing school arrangements. He emphasised that a Children's centre would cater for deprived children, whereas the existing out of school facilities catered for childcare, whilst the parents were at work.

The new proposals would not provide facilities for a Youth centre.

The Chairman thanked him for the information he had provided.

2) Election of Officials

Chairman - Councillor T Threlfall

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

Vice Chairman - Councillor Mrs. L Delany.

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

The new Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman (Councillor T Fiddler) for all the work that he had put in during the last twelve months.

Committee members

Finance

The Chairman reminded the Council that the positions should be rotated, on an annual basis, to ensure every Councillor has an understanding of the Finances of the Council.

Chairman - Councillor Mrs. J Maguire.

Vice- Chairman – Councillor Mrs. M Foster,

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

Open Spaces

Chairman - Councillor T Threlfall.

Members – Councillors, Mrs. J Maguire, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. M Dowling, Mrs. L Willis, T Fiddler, St. J Greenhough and C Robb.

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

Fabrics

Chairman - Councillor L Rigby

Members – Councillors Mrs. M Dowling Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Whitehead, M/S D Morriss and St. J Greenhough.

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

Planning

Chairman - Councillor St. J Greenhough.

Members – Councillors T Fiddler, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Dowling, Mrs. E Willis and M/S D Morriss.

Proposed by Councillor T Threlfall, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L Willis and unanimously accepted.

Communications

Chairman – Councillor C Robb

Members - Councillors L Rigby, St J Greenhough, Mrs. S Delany, and Mrs. L Willis.

Proposed by Councillor T Threlfall seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Robb for the work that had been carried out in the last 12 months.

Members on other committees:

Rawstone Sports Centre Management – All members of the Council.

Old Peoples' Welfare - Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead and Mrs. J Maguire.

LAPTC - Councillors M/s. D Morriss and Mrs. M Dowling.

Village Hall Management - Councillors Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Dowling, Mrs. M Foster and Mrs. J Maguire.

Lower Lane Community Centre - Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead and T Threlfall.

CAB- Councillor St. J Greenhough.

Strike Lane School Governors – Councillor T Threlfall.

C of E School Governors – Councillor C Robb

Freckleton Charities Trust - Councillors Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Whitehead and Mrs. M Foster.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

3) Open Forum

a) Police Update

In the absence of PCSO Danny Porter, the Clerk gave an update.

PCSO Porter and PC Scarisbrick were monitoring the Bush lane playing fields for vehicles illegally driving on the Football pitch. He will ask the residents, who over look the field, to obtain the registration number and to phone in on the 0845 125 33 45, if it happens again.

Last week he cleared a few broken bottles from Goe Lane, he will monitor the area and will deal appropriately with anyone who is drinking alcohol.

A number of fixed penalty notices have been issued, in relation to drinking alcohol on the streets on Lower Lane estate, to local youths and youths that have been travelling in from the Larches estate in Preston, Also, they have issued a section 59 warning notice to one of the drivers of the vehicles visiting the estate, for using his vehicle in an anti-social manner. This now gives them the power to seize the vehicle if it happens again.

They are still monitoring the traffic at the roundabout on the junction of Freckleton and Warton. Andy has been collating e-mails and observations from members of the public and will be passing these onto the Highways department.

b) Public participation

1. It was reported that vehicles were still illegally parking on the kerb and around the shops in Lytham road. The Clerk agreed to again report this to the Police and Streetwise. Councillor Threlfall agreed to speak to Inspector Darwen.
2. It was reported that dog fouling was still causing a problem throughout the village. The Clerk indicated that new powers have been given to Parish Councils, under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act. The options available to the Parish

Council will be discussed later in the meeting. It was agreed that note should be placed in the next Newsletter.

3. Lamaleach Bridge.

The Clerk reported that no progress had been made with this problem but he would be progressing it.

4. Councillor Rigby reported that holes in the road, in Bush lane and Green lane, had been filled in, but he thought the problem had been caused by the sewers collapsing. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to United Utilities.

4) **Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no gifts or hospitality to declare.

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

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th April 2006

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Councillor Mrs. Whitehead being replaced by Councillor Greenhough in the last paragraph of item 1,a – Police Update.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. J Maguire, seconded by Councillor St J Greenhough and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

Item 4, b) Open Spaces meeting – 3rd April 2006.

3) The Clerk reported that land, at the rear of the band room had been cleared, but Peter Rawstone and Stephen McGinty have both claimed it belongs to them. He has requested the land registry registration number from both of them before any further work is undertaken.

4) The Clerk reported that two items of play equipment were in need of urgent repair and would be condemned if action was not taken before the annual inspection in June '06. It was suggested that Fylde Borough Council should be asked to do these repairs. Councillor Threlfall agreed to progress.

Item 6 Correspondence – Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005 – The Clerk reported that he had obtained the guidelines, issued by DEFRA and the information and options available to Parish Councils were quite comprehensive. It was agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to study the guidelines and come up with recommendations.

Councillors T Threlfall, Mrs. L Willis, St J Greenhough and Mrs. S Delany were co-opted onto the committee. It was suggested that they should meet before the next full Council meeting and a representative from Fylde Borough Council should be invited to attend. The Clerk agreed to contact Claire Platt.

- b) The extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2006

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

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S Delany, seconded by Councillor St J Greenhough and unanimously accepted.

7) **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.

8) **Correspondence**

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
NW regional assembly	Plan consultation events	Delegate required	No action
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister	Local Authority Byelaws – a discussion paper	Comments	No action
LCC	Bus Service Contracts failing Guidelines	Comments	No local services affected.
Email – C Robb	Grant of £24 for Neighbourhood watch scheme – Delany-Sedgeley Photographs for web site Regular road sweeping Road repair Lytham road.		No action New photographs to be obtained Referred to FBC Referred to LCC – Allan Burrows
Email – Save the Ribble campaign	Barrage on the Ribble	Comments	Object most strongly to a barrage being constructed

9) **Planning**

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision
06/0367	Lamaleach caravan estate	Proposed variation of use of land	Support
06/0312	123, Lytham road	2 storey ext. to rear & conservatory	Support- providing the new extension does not block light to the adjoining properties
06/0321	Brailsford, Lower lane	Conservatory to rear	Support
06/0226	88, Lytham road	Change of use of ground floor from Chemist to Offices	Support

- 10) **Standing Orders** –A general discussion on the protocol and procedures to be followed.
This item was deferred until the next meeting.

11) **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th June 2006, starting at 7:10pm, in the village hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....5th June 2006.....

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - Stationery	4037	25.85
Staples UK Ltd - Toner & Stationery	4044	70.48
LAPTC - Annual subscription	4042	581.03
KM Armistead - Expenses	4047p	53.69
Parochial Church Council - grant	4050	500.00
NW Air ambulance - grant	4051	200.00
Fylde hospice - Grant	4052	200.00
Staples UK Ltd - Stationery	4058	21.51
FBC - half yearly grant	cheque	-4,725.00
Open Spaces Account		
SPN - materials	4024	13.57
Mrs Starr - Neighbourhood signs	4026	24.00
KM Armistead - salary	4032	737.19
Mrs. S Delaney - wages AWS	4033	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4034	389.46
Fare Bros - Hedge cutting	4038	288.02
FBC - rates on storeroom	4039	212.50
Zurich Insurance - Employers liability	4043	525.00
PO Ltd - Electric- Rawstorne Centre	4045p	338.74
PO Ltd - Electric- Cenotaph	4045p	25.54
KM Armistead - Expenses	4047p	59.72
Batterby Sports - materials for cricket	4048	267.77
Bowling Club - Open Spaces grant	4053	1,800.00
KM Armistead - petrol for machines	4054	15.67
FIB - Cover for club day	4055	157.50
NFU Mutual - Tractors' Insurance	4056	607.33
PO Ltd - Electric - storeroom	4057	343.87
A & SM Singletons - service gang mower	4059	1,999.16
G Danson - Grass cutting	4060p	1,091.66
G Danson - Borders	4060p	100.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4061	458.33
FBC - half yearly grant	cheque	-51,788.00
Allotments		
PO Ltd - Bush lane water charges	4035	229.61
Rents - Croft Butts	cheques	-272.00
Rents - Bush lane	cheques	-728.00
PO Ltd - Croft butts - water	4046	12.64
Rents Croft butts	cheques	-45.00
Rents - Bush lane	cheques	-66.00
Community Development Account		
Synergy Products Ltd	4031	4,061.40
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-289.73
Structural Man Services - Extension Storeroom	4036	6,026.58
Staples Delivery - New Chairs - Rawstorne	4041	542.77
Rawstorne Centre - Chairs	cheque	-461.93
Bowling club - new equipment	cheque	-1,155.13
Grangeland services - New floor for extension	4049	500.00
FBC - half year grant	cheque	-4,551.00
Playground Fund		
Bank of America - dividends	d/p	-473.30
VAT		
HM Customs - VAT Refund	D/P	-807.57
Total		-42,821.23

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	April 2006	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£3,800	£0	£0	£3,800	0%
Insurance	£700	£0	£0	£700	0%
Stationery	£400	£100	£100	£300	25%
Postage	£650	£54	£54	£596	8%
LAPTC	£600	£581	£581	£19	97%
Audit fee	£750	£0	£0	£750	0%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Training	£150	£0	£0	£150	0%
Civic functions	£600	£0	£0	£600	0%
Grants	£200	£0	£0	£200	0%
Election	£0	£0		£0	0%
Reserve	£300	£0	£0	£300	0%
equipment	£200	£0	£0	£200	0%
Section137	£1,000	£900	£900	£100	90%
Total	£9,450	£1,635	£1,635	£7,815	17%

Open Spaces Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	April 2006	To date	Outstanding	used
Grass cutting	£18,926	£3,416	£3,416	£15,510	18%
Borders & Plants	£8,567	£100	£100	£8,467	1%
Watering	£2,625	£0	£0	£2,625	0%
Cleansing	£5,500	£458	£458	£5,042	8%
Maintaining Buildings	£11,550	£36	£36	£11,514	0%
Outside Contractors	£5,809	£2,281	£2,281	£3,528	39%
Civic events	£1,135	£0	£0	£1,135	0%
Overheads	£15,000	£2,799	£2,799	£12,201	19%
Reserves	£2,011	£0	£0	£2,011	0%
Total	£71,123	£9,090	£9,090	£62,033	13%

Other Accounts 2006/2007

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£317	£13	£304
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£230	£564
Community Development	£6,458	£11,044	-£4,586
Playground Fund	£473		£473
VAT	£808	£2,633	-£1,826
Total	£8,850	£13,919	-£5,069