

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2006

Present:

Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs M Foster and Mrs. J. Maguire.

1) Open Forum

a) Police Update

No representative from the Police attended the meeting.

The Chairman expressed concern that there was currently a lack of visible Police presence in the Village. The Clerk reported that there had been a break in at the Rawstone centre the previous night. County Councillor Whittle informed the meeting that he would be meeting with the Chief Superintendent within the next two days and he would ensure that he was made aware of the Council's concern.

Councillor Mrs. Whitehead reported that she had not received any feedback from Sgt. Hirst regarding the crime figures for the Lower lane estate.

b) Public participation

1. Balderstone Play area - A member of the public expressed concern about the state of this play area. In particular, he stated that the Pyracantha shrubs were dangerous and the Council would be liable if a child was hurt. In addition, some of the grass verge area was bald and rocks were protruding. Concern was also expressed about the area being close to the road and no adequate fence was in place to stop the children running into the road.

Councillor Fiddler indicated that whilst this was a designated play area, concerns had also been expressed about the nuisance caused by youths, particularly late into the evening. He suggested that a referendum, from all local residents in the area, might be the solution, to establish the majority view on the future use of this land. It was agreed that should be referred to the Open Spaces committee.

It was suggested that legal advice should be sought. The Clerk agreed to progress.

2. It was reported that ball games were being played on the Memorial park. It was agreed that this should be reported to the Police.

3. New Youth Centre – Carol Thomas reported that the plans for the new Youth centre had been completed. It was agreed that they should be reviewed by the Fabrics committee before being submitted to Fylde Borough Council. The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting.

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 5th June 2006

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.

Matters arising

a) Fence at Lamaleach bridge

The Clerk reported that he had referred this to LCC Highways department, but no action has been taken. County Councillor Whittle agreed to progress.

b) Parking around the Cenotaph

The Clerk reported that he had reported this to LCC Highways department, but their response was to indicate that it was a low priority because no accidents had been reported. County Councillor Whittle agreed to progress

b) The Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 19th June 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.

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. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

b) Monthly budget statements– see Appendix B.

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

c) External Auditors report.

The Clerk reported that the External Auditors had requested that the Bank of America shares be shown as “Cash and Investments” rather than “Fixed and Long Term assets”. It was agreed that this was not the correct way to deal with these shares because they had been given in trust, with the specific instructions that only the income from them should be used for the upkeep and improvement of the Memorial playground. Therefore, the shares should not be treated as an investment. The Clerk agreed to inform the Auditors of the Council’s views.

6) Correspondence.

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
Email – Woodplumton & Catforth Parish Council	Parish Plan Steering committee meeting – 19/07/06	Ideas on setting up a Steering Committee	Cllr. Robb to attend meeting
Email C Robb	Condition of roads within the village	Comments	B Whittle to progress
Isle of Anglesey County Council	Parish plan questionnaire	To Complete	Cllr. Rob to progress
Club Day Committee	Club Day	Thanks for Financial support & For T Threlfall presenting the prizes	For information
LCC – Chief Executive’s office	Library Review	Comments	No comments
LAPTC	Heavy goods vehicles Operator’s Licences – Woody Timber & Building Supplies, Kirkham road	Comments	No comment, but concern about the number of new buildings being erected. (original use was Agricultural now Builder’s yard)
LCC Environment	School bus services	Comments on decision to withdraw services	No comment

Standards Board of England	Complaint re: land adjoining 2 Bunker St.	Review & make comment	No action. Standards Board did not support the complaint.
LCC Environment	Bus Service Failing guidelines	Comments on proposals	No local services affected.
University of Wales	Questionnaire on Quality status Councils		Clerk to progress
Email Philip Gates	Play area Balderstone road	Repairs required	Dealt with under Open Forum – Public participation.
Email Peter Williams	Play area Balderstone road	Why thorn bearing shrubs	Dealt with under Open Forum – Public participation.
Fylde NHS	Application for inclusion in Pharmaceutical list – Preston Old Rd/Kirkham Rd.	For information – Application refused	Object to this decision on the grounds that currently there is only one chemist.
NW Regional Assembly	NW Best Practice design Guide	For information	No comment
LAPTC	John Bottomely, Brook bridge Yard, Lytham road	Heavy goods Vehicle Operators Licences	This is located in Warton not Freckleton.
Bowland Pennine Mountain rescue	Request for a donation		Refer to Finance meeting in November 2006.

7) Planning

Councillor T Fiddler stated that he could not take part in the decision making, but he would be able to give advice on technical matters.

The following plan was actioned.

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision
06/0573	149, Lytham road	Demolition of existing garage & rebuild with conservatory link	Support

8) BA Systems - Aircraft noise

Councillor Dowling reported that she was concerned about the high level of aircraft noise in the village, due to the planes doing maneuvers over the residential areas. She thought that BA systems had agreed not to fly over the village but to restrict maneuvers to over the estuary or out to Sea. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to BA systems to ask if they would stop the movement of aircraft over the village. In addition, it was suggested that BA should meet with the Council to discuss this problem.

9) Date of next meeting.

The Clerk enquired if he should arrange a meeting to discuss Standing orders, as suggested at the last meeting. It was agreed that all Councillors should review the Standing orders and if they require any amendments to write to the Clerk. Any proposed changes would then be discussed at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th September 2006, commencing at 7:10pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....Cllr. T Threlfall.....

Date.....05/09/06.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for June 2006

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4086p & 4088p	420.52
Mrs. L Rowett - Internal Audit report	4092	70.00
Mr. T Threlfall - Chairman's allowance	4097	100.00
KM Armistead - expenses	4094p	89.13
Open Spaces Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4086p & 4088p	383.91
Mrs. S Delany - wages	4087	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4088p	322.22
KC Compost - manure	4089	70.00
Grangeland Services - Practice football pitch repair	4090	170.00
Dave Wensley - Plant hire	4091	102.23
KM Armistead - Petrol & puncture	4093	29.10
KM Armistead - expenses	4094p	55.54
G Danson -Grass cutting	4095p	1091.66
G Danson - Borders	4095p	100.00
J Garlick - littter picking	4096	458.33
G Danson - bedding out	4098	700.00
J Scholes - hanging baskets	4099	900.00
Allotments		
Community Development Account		
NatWest - Interest	D/P	-289.87
NatWest - Interest	D/P	-3.06
layground Fund		
Total		4830.55

Precept Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	June 2006	To date		
Wages	£3,800	£421	£1,158	£2,642	30%
Insurance	£700	£0	£630	£70	90%
Stationery	£400	£0	£100	£300	25%
Postage	£650	£89	£196	£454	30%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£581	£19	97%
Audit fee	£750	£70	£70	£680	9%
Chair Allow	£100	£100	£100	£0	100%
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	£0	£900	£100	90%
Total	£9,450	£680	£3,735	£5,715	40%

Open Spaces Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	June 2006	To date		
Grass cutting	£18,926	£1,116	£5,874	£13,052	31%
Borders & Plants	£8,567	£1,770	£1,996	£6,571	23%
Watering	£2,625	£0	£0	£2,625	0%
Cleansing	£5,500	£458	£1,375	£4,125	25%
Maintaining Buildings	£11,550	£87	£1,734	£9,816	15%
Outside Contractors	£5,809	£170	£4,427	£1,382	76%
Civic events	£1,135	£0	£0	£1,135	0%
Overheads	£15,000	£823	£4,188	£10,812	28%
Reserves	£2,011	£0	£0	£2,011	0%
Total	£71,123	£4,424	£19,594	£51,529	28%

Other Accounts 2006/2007

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£317	£13	£304
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£230	£564
Community Development	£7,223	£11,024	-£3,801
Playground Fund	£473	£0	£473
VAT	£808	£2,664	-£1,856
Total	£9,615	£13,929	-£4,315