

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2006

Present:

Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs M Foster M/s D. Morriss, Mrs. J. Maguire and County Councillor B Whittle.

1) Open Forum

a) Police Update

Inspector Darwen informed the meeting that the crime rate, in Freckleton, was down this summer compared with the same period last year. However, he did recognize that the anti social behaviour of the Youths in the village has caused great concern. He indicated that he was currently reviewing the policing in Freckleton and Warton to see how improvements could be made. Also, he stated that the Finance officer was looking at how the Police house could be best utilised.

Councillor M Whitehead reported that the residents of Freckleton were paying, through the Precept rate, approximately £4,600 per week for policing in the village and she felt that they were not getting value for money.

Councillor T Fiddler stated that at the recent listening day held in the village no one had a good word for the Police.

Inspector Darwen noted the comments.

b) Public participation

1. Balderstone Play area – The Clerk reported that the result of the recent questionnaire indicated that there was an overwhelming majority for the land to be retain as a play area, but with time restrictions (i.e. not to be used before 9:00am and after 9:00pm).

Councillor Fiddler indicated that the Council has no authority to impose time restrictions. The residents had clearly expressed their views, therefore, it was upto all of them to abide by this decision and ensure that the area is only used during the times agreed.

2. A member of the public asked if was possible to have a dog bin installed in Memory close because of the number of incidents of dog fouling. Councillor Threlfall indicated that he would ensure that Memory Close was put on the Fylde Borough Council's list.

3. It was reported that FBC were not emptying the bins at 13, School lane. Councillor Threlfall agreed to progress this.

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 10th July 2006

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

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

Matters arising

The Clerk reported the following:-

1. **Lamaleach Bridge** – County Councillor B Whittle has confirmed that the fence will be repaired by LCC.
2. **Band Room roof** – Minor repairs had been completed, but the Contractor had indicated that a new roof was required. His estimate was £2,100. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain another estimate.
3. **Bunker St.** – A definitive plan has been received from LCC and the Garlick brothers will be tidying up this site in the near future. Mr A Butler has offered to donate a seat for this site. The Chairman and Clerk will progress this with him.
4. **Road repairs** – Councillor Whittle has done a tour of the village, with Chris Craven, the Area Highway engineer and he has agreed priority maintenance items for both footways and roads. Councillor Rigby reported that there were cracks in the recently re-surfaced footpaths, on Lytham road. In addition, water was still standing in places. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the LCC to complain about the state of these recent repairs.

b) **The Fabrics meeting held on Monday 24th July 2006**

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

Proposed by Councillor L Rigby, seconded by Councillor St J Greenhough and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising (These minutes were discussed in closed session).

Concern was expressed regarding the height of the Sports hall. It was suggested that the proposals for the new building were moving away from the concept of a Youth centre and were more in keeping with a Sports centre. It was agreed that the building should be along the lines of the Scout/Guide buildings.

c) **The Open Spaces meeting held on Wednesday 26th July 2006**

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

Proposed by Councillor L Rigby, seconded by Councillor St J Greenhough and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

1. **Balderstone play area** – See notes in Public participation above. The Clerk reported that the change to the hedgerow was being progressed.
2. **Playground maintenance** – The Clerk reported that FBC would take over maintenance of the equipment from 01/10/06. The costs have increased to £838.77 (previously £812.66) for remainder of this year and £1585.26 (previously. £1,316.34) for full year commencing April 2007.

Resolved: That these costs be accepted and the Clerk signs the agreement on behalf of the Council

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

3. **Bush lane Allotments** – The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with Peter Rawstrone (Chairman of Allotment Holders Association), the Chairman and the Clerk.

After a discussion, it was agreed that:-

- a) Barry Proctor's allotment should be allocated to next on list. Peter suggested that, if asked, the Association would help to tidy-up this allotment.
- b) J Dickinson's allotment was not sub-letting because there was no financial gain. This has now been resolved because the hens have been taken off the allotment. Councillor Fiddler indicated that financial gain should not be the only criteria for determining whether a plot was being sub-let.
- c) **Asbestos** – The Clerk reported that during August he had received two complaints, from members of the public, about asbestos on the allotments. Investigations indicated that sheets of asbestos were being stored on plot 3a, Mr Rawcliffe's allotment. Discussions with the tenant and Peter Rawstrone indicated that this was low level asbestos that is currently used in buildings.

Peter had indicated that the allotments holders would be responsible for removing any asbestos from their allotments.

4. **Croft Butts lane allotments** – The Clerk reported that one tenant had been issued with a notice to quit, by the end of September. The plot will be re-let to Mr Taylor, from Greenfield Park. The Chairman has contacted the family of the other allotment and this has now been let to Annette Little, Wades Croft.

5. **The Lancashire best kept Village competition** - The Chairman reported that Freckleton have won the large village category. Councillor Fiddler congratulated the Freckleton in Bloom committee, and their Chairman Councillor Threlfall, for all the hard work that had been put in to make the village so colourful. This was endorsed by the remainder of the Council.

d) **The Planning committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st August 2006**

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

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

Councillor Fiddler suggested that a representative from the Council should attend the FBC’s planning meetings to explain the reasons for the decisions made. He felt that this would be helpful to see how the Planning applications are progressed. Councillor Greenhough agreed to attend.

6. **Finance**

a. **Ratification of accounts approved by the Chairman of Finance and paid by Clerk** during the months of July and August 2006 – see Appendix A

Resolved: That the payments be ratified.

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, 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 circulated the external auditors report. The only comments in the report related to the Internal auditors report and all the points had been actioned.

Resolved: That the report be accepted and approved.

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

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 Plans were actioned:

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision	
06/0629	Hillock Cross farm, Hillock lane	Change of use of Poultry House to Storage units	Undecided	Insufficient information given to give a judgement, but with the information available there is concern about the access to and exit from the site. Frequency of visits to site for delivery of materials would assist.
06/0772	Land at rear of 33-43 Kirkham Road	New garage to replace existing	No objections	
06/0751	East view Cottage, Bunker St	Dormer to front elevation	Support	
06/0731	60, Rydal Ave,	Conservatory to rear.	Support	
06/0724	69B, Lytham road	Change of use from A3 to A2 – use as Estate Agents	Support	
06/0723	Ashley Nurseries, Preston New Road,	1 st floor extension to existing building	Object	This is more than a 45% enlargement to a building that is in a countryside area.

8. Correspondence.

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
David Iddon, 25 Summit Drive	Poor condition of roads and footpaths in Summit drive	Consider	Clerk to refer to LCC Highways dep't.
P & A Hogarth 59 Bush lane C & R Davis, 57 Bush lane	Trees on Bush lane	Cut back the trees fronting the playing Fields	Clerk to obtain an approximate price and report to selected Councillors.
Community Futures	Questionnaire	To be completed	C Robb to action
Fylde community learning Partnership	Meeting 06/09/06 – at Carr Hill	delegate	No action
Brownies & guides	Request for Parish Council to take over the paying of bills.	Comments	Clerk to check if Guides/Brownies can continue to do this work.
Fylde Civic Awareness Group	Civic awareness seminars	Request for Financial support	No action
Cricket Club	Praise for the condition of the outfield and surrounding area	For information	Comments noted
Football Club	Request to install a dug out and perimeter fence	Consider	Dug out agreed. Perimeter fence refused.
Fylde NHS	Invite to AGM – 06/09/06 at Fylde Rugby Club	To consider	No action
Email – Dave Copson	Gate post at Ivanhoe, Green lane	For consideration	Councillor Rigby to investigate and report to Clerk.
Email C Robb	Parish plan: Neighbourhood watch: Deaf PACT	For consideration	Councillor Robb to attend
Rural Fylde community Learning partnership	Open event 14/10/06	Any course providers	None available.
Kirkham & Rural Fylde CAB	Request for Financial support	To consider	Clerk to write to LCC requesting support for Kirkham as they do with others CAB offices.
FBC	Draft Statement of Community Involvement	For Information	No action
Kirkham in Amounderness Museum	Request for Financial support	Consider	No action
LCC	Sand & Gravel Study	Documents available to purchase	No action
LCC	School bus fares increase from Sept. '06	For information	Noted
The Wildlife trust for Lancashire	Invitation to become a Group member	consider	No action

9. Quality Status for the Council

The Clerk reported that Lancashire & Merseyside County Training partnership were running a course, this winter, for Clerks to achieve the certificate in Local Administration. The cost would be £150 and would involve between 60 and 100 hours of extra work to complete the course and portfolio. The Council was unable to qualify for Quality status at the moment, because of the number of co-opted Councillors, but the

Clerk enquired whether the Council should consider Quality status in the near future. It was agreed that Quality status should be deferred for 12 months and therefore it was not necessary for the Clerk to attend the course.

10. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd October 2006, commencing at 7:10pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....Cllr. Mrs. S Delany.....

Date.....02/10/06.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for July '06

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4112 & 4114	108.66
KM Armistead - Expenses	4118p	42.48
KM Armistead - software	4120	92.00
Open Spaces Account		
A & SM Singleton - Repairs to tractor	4100	101.64
Portable Conveniences - Club day toilets	4101	959.98
Club day committee - contribution towards toilets	cheque	-300.00
Ribble Fuels - Red diesel	4103	127
Grangeland Services -repairs & painting benches + New drain at rear of band hut	4102	1000
Parkinson's drains - Unblock Rawstone Centre drains	4104	196.22
Woodys Warehouse _ materials for new drain	4105	23.38
KM Armistead - paint for Benches	4106	17.94
PO Ltd - Electric for Rawstone centre	4107p	625.83
J Garlick - watering	4108	895.00
PO ltd - Electric cenotaph	4109	24.77
Road safety Services - barriers	4110	384.23
Woodys warehouse - materials	4111	159.10
KM Armistead - salary	4112p	695.55
Mrs. S Delaney - wages	4113	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4114	322.44
Freckleton Cricket club - Public liability Ins	4115	656.18
Ribble fuels - Red Diesel	4116	170.87
Kwik Skip Hire - Club day rubbish	4117	150.00
KM Armistead - Expenses	4118p	54.30
KM Armistead - Petrol for machinery	4119	19.12
SPN - materials	4122	40.87
G Danson - bedding out	4123	400.00
G Danson -Grass cutting	4124p	1091.66
G Danson - Borders	4124p	100.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4125	458.33
A Watkinson - repairs to Cenotaph lights	4127	25.38
Alpha Amenities - materials	4128	110.92
PO Ltd - Electric for storeroom etc	4133	151.31
Allotments		
PO ltd - Water charges - Croft Butts	4107p	94.66
PO ltd - Water charges - Bush lane	4107p	248.32

Community Development Account

Natwest - Interest	D/P	-290.09
Campey Turf care - Equipment for bowling club	4121	1938.75
Freckleton Bowling club - contribution to equipment	Cheque	-1650.00
Howdens - new Kitchen - Rawstone Centre	4126	2004.18
Village hall memorial Trust - Rent for Youth Centre	4129	126.00
Denhams Electrical - Lights for new storeroom	4130	210.69
J Rayton - Install lights for new storeroom	4131	285.00
R Cubbins - Fair rent	cash	-600.00

Playground Fund

Bank of America	D/P	-461.44
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VAT

HM Customs - VAT Refund		-2663.50
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Total		8208.56
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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for August '06

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
Mrs M Robertson - Buffet for BAD2	4139	400.00
KM Armistead - salary	4142 & 4144	316.66
KM Armistead - Expenses	4149p	57.99
Staples Uk Ltd - Toners & Stationery	4150	146.74
Open Spaces Account		
Fylde Insurance Brokers - Traders Combined policy	4134	5805.52
A & SM Singleton - Repair to gang mower	4135p	55.78
A & SM Singleton - service cricket scarifier	4135p	155.46
J Garlick - watering	4137	1240.00
Grangeland services - tidy-up	4138	180.00
M Benson - hedge cutting	4140	253.80
F Bell - Repair to cricket pavilion	4141	70.00
KM Armistead - salary	4142 & 4144	487.77
Mrs S Delaney - wages	4143	60.84
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4142 & 4144	322.22
KM Armistead - Watering Equipment	4145	73.31
KM Armistead - Watering Equipment	4146	23.46
KM Armistead - repairs to gang mower	4147	44.65
J & B Cartmell - plants	4148	3337.73
KM Armistead - Expenses	4149p	64.01
Smith Hire - Oil	4151	6.40
G Danson -Grass cutting	4152p	1091.66
G Danson - Borders	4152p	100.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4153	458.33

Allotments**Community Development Account**

Natwest - interest	D/P	-289.56
Rawstone centre - contribution to new kitchen	Cheque No	-1705.70

Playground Fund**VAT**

Total		12757.10
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Precept Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage Used
Headings	Allocation	July '06	To date		
Wages	£3,800	£109	£1,266	£2,534	33%
Insurance	£700	£0	£630	£70	90%
Stationery	£400	£0	£100	£300	25%
Postage	£650	£42	£238	£412	37%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£581	£19	97%
Audit fee	£750	£0	£70	£680	9%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£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	£78	£78	£122	39%
Section137	£1,000	£0	£900	£100	90%
Total	£9,450	£229	£3,964	£5,486	42%

Open Spaces Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage Used
Headings	Allocation	July '06	To date		
Grass cutting	£18,926	£1,568	£7,442	£11,484	39%
Borders & Plants	£8,567	£500	£2,496	£6,071	29%
Watering	£2,625	£895	£895	£1,730	34%
Cleansing	£5,500	£458	£1,833	£3,667	33%
Maintaining Buildings	£11,550	£1,396	£3,131	£8,419	27%
Outside Contractors	£5,809	£0	£4,427	£1,382	76%
Civic events	£1,135	£972	£972	£163	86%
Overheads	£15,000	£2,490	£6,678	£8,322	45%
Reserves	£2,011	£0	£0	£2,011	0%
Total	£71,123	£8,279	£27,874	£43,249	39%

Other Accounts 2006/2007

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£317	-£236	£553
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£230	£564
Community Development	£9,763	£14,970	-£5,207
Playground Fund	£473	£0	£473
VAT	£808	£3,740	-£2,932
Total	£12,155	£18,703	-£6,549

Precept Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage Used
Headings	Allocation	August '06	To date		
Wages	£3,800	£317	£1,583	£2,217	42%
Insurance	£700	£0	£630	£70	90%
Stationery	£400	£125	£225	£175	56%
Postage	£650	£58	£296	£354	46%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£581	£19	97%
Audit fee	£750	£0	£70	£680	9%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£150	£0	£0	£150	0%
Civic functions	£600	£400	£400	£200	67%
Grants	£200	£0	£0	£200	0%
Election	£0	£0		£0	0%
Reserve	£300	£0	£0	£300	0%
equipment	£200	£0	£78	£122	39%
Section137	£1,000	£0	£900	£100	90%
Total	£9,450	£900	£4,864	£4,586	51%

Open Spaces
Account

2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage Used
Headings	Allocation	August '06	To date		
Grass cutting	£18,926	£1,189	£8,631	£10,295	46%
Borders & Plants	£8,567	£2,941	£5,437	£3,130	63%
Watering	£2,625	£1,337	£2,232	£393	85%
Cleansing	£5,500	£458	£2,292	£3,208	42%
Maintaining Buildings	£11,550	£180	£3,311	£8,239	29%
Outside Contractors	£5,809	£418	£4,845	£964	83%
Civic events	£1,135	£0	£972	£163	86%
Overheads	£15,000	£6,740	£13,418	£1,582	89%
Reserves	£2,011	£0	£0	£2,011	0%
Total	£71,123	£13,264	£41,137	£29,986	58%

Other Accounts 2006/2007

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£317	-£236	£553
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£230	£564
Community Development	£11,758	£14,970	-£3,212
Playground Fund	£473	£0	£473
VAT	£808	£4,329	-£3,521
Total	£14,150	£19,292	-£5,142