

## **Freckleton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2006**

#### **Present:**

Councillor (Chair) Mrs S Delany,  
Councillors Mrs. E Willis, Mrs M Foster M/s D. Morriss, L Rigby, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough and C Robb.

**Apologies:** Councillors T. Threlfall, Mrs. M. Dowling, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs. J. Maguire.

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

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

PC Scarisbrick informed the meeting that overall the anti-social behaviour had diminished. There had been isolated incidents on the Bush lane playing fields and the Memorial park. Youths from out of town had been identified and he had spoken to their parents. There had been one incident of a car being damaged and one incident of a house being burgled in Lytham road. Both incidents have been dealt with. Youths have broken into Strike lane school. They have been caught and action has been taken against them.

Councilor Mrs. Willis reported that a youth has been driving a full size motor bike on the Memorial park, mainly on a Friday evenings. PC Scarisbrick agreed to check it out.

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

1. The Trees on Bush lane – The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting the report from the tree expert.

Councillor Fiddler reported that an initial meeting had been held with the tree expert and the findings were that the trees should be replaced on a gradual basis. Some trees were distressed and would need to be removed immediately; others needed to be pruned back to about 20 feet. Some trees were overhanging onto the highway and these would have to be trimmed back. However, once the trees were cut back they would create growth from the bottom, but would be unable to repair the damaged caused by the cut to the main trunk. Over a period of between three to five years the trees would rot from inside and would have to be replaced. It was suggested that the new trees should be planted behind the existing row of trees, on a phased basis, and be allowed to become established before the old trees were removed. The Tree officer would provide a list of trees that would be suitable to plant in this area.

It was agreed that once the Plan was received it should be discussed at the next Open Spaces meeting and the Garlick brothers be asked to quote for the first phase of work to be completed.

2. A member of the public reported that the local paper had indicated that the Council tax may be reduced in some rural areas of the Fylde, but Freckleton was not mentioned.

Councillor Fiddler stated that this was an on going exercise, being conducted by Fylde Borough Council, known as the Equitable taxation exercise and as yet, no decision has been agreed. The Parish Council was aware of this and if implemented the residents of Freckleton would benefit.

3. The Clerk reported that he had received an email requesting an update on the repair of the Lamaleach bridge. County Councillor Whittle agreed to progress this.

4. The Clerk reported that he had received an email requesting that the hedge on the south side of Naze lane east be cut back. He reported that he was endeavouring to establish who owned the hedge so that they could be requested to cut it back. Councillor Mrs. L Willis and St J Greenhough agreed to assist with 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 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

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

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

**Matters arising**

The Clerk reported the following:-

- a) **Band Room roof** – he was still awaiting an estimate from SMS to supply a new boxed roof. The estimate for re-felting, from Dickinson's was £2,100.
- b) **2, Bunker St.** – The area has been cleaned up and land recovered. A meeting was held with A Butler and he has offered to fund a new seat. It was agreed that the Garlick brothers should be asked to install the seat and replace the planters. The remainder of the area will be kept as a grass verge.

The Clerk reported that he and Councillor Mrs. Delany attended the Parish Liaison meeting on 28/09/06 and the following items were reported:-

- a) The Playground equipment maintenance contract starts from 01/10/06. The Parishes will be invoiced in the near future.
- b) Jim Robson, LCC Highways, indicated that reports were being produced of inspections of highways, where work was required. He will consider releasing these to the Parishes when they are in a suitable format.
- c) Staining Parish Council was considering buying a speed indicator machine and asked if the other Parishes would share the cost. The machine would be sited by the Police, in approved locations, and would have to be set on an approved post. Guidelines have been produced, by LCC, and these will be distributed. It was agreed that the Parish would not participate in this scheme. Councillor Fiddler enquired when the electronic displays would be installed on the A585. Councillor Whittle indicated that they were being progressed.

**5. Finance**

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

**Resolved: That the payments be ratified.**

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

b. **Monthly budget statements– see Appendix B.**

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

c. **Rats on Croft Butts lane allotments.**

The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint from, a nearby resident, that rats have been seen on the allotments. He had requested FBC to eradicate these rats and they have indicated that it would require at least three visits and the cost would be approximately £100.

**Resolved: That FBC be asked to remove the rats.**

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

d. **Budgets for 2007-08**

The Clerk reported that he had received a request, from FBC, to submit the 2007-08 budgets by 20/10/06. After a telephone call to Dave Joy, the completion date was revised to the end November 2006. In addition, the Parish Councils will be asked to submit two Precept budgets, one as in previous year and one including the Open

spaces budget.

The Clerk suggested that if the Council agree to submit the Open Spaces expenditure, as part of the Precept budget, there may be some workloads that are being undertaken on behalf of FBC and they should be recharged (e.g. grass verges adjacent to residential areas). He suggested that the Open spaces workloads be reviewed in detail to establish which areas may be subject to re-charging. It was agreed to hold a Finance meeting on Monday 16/10/06 and all Councillors will be invited to attend.

Councillor Fiddler suggested that once the meeting had been held the Clerk and a number of Councillors should meet with Brian White, Finance Director, FBC, to progress the responsibility for these workloads.

## 6. Planning

Councillor T Fiddler stated that, at present, there was insufficient information supplied with the Plans for the Parish Council to make a sound decision. He recommended that the Chairman of Planning attends the seminar being held by FBC on 13/10/06. He should also attend the Planning meetings and get involved in the public participation section. In addition, he should sit through the debates on the Planning applications and listen to the professional advice.

He indicated 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
06/0912	3, The Crescent	Single storey front & rear extension. Remove existing flat roof & replace with pitch.	<b>Support</b>
06/0885	205, Kirkham road,	2 storey side extension	<b>No objections</b> , but in the absence of any information on the percentage volume increases, the Council cannot come to a decision.

## 7. Correspondence.

Sender	Subject	Requirement	Action Agreed
Fylde vision	Website Course	Delegate required	No action
FBC	Invite to planning Training seminar – 13/10/06	Delegate required	Cllr. Greenhough to attend
Fylde Insurance brokers	New Fire regulations	Action required	It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Fire brigade.
LCC	Consultation on routes for an improved road to serve the Fylde	Any comments	No action
Lancs. Police authority	Community meeting	Any issues for meeting	2 issues for the agenda:- 1. Concern over anti-social behavior to public and private property in the village. 2. Why do we not have the CCTV camera on the pole in the Memorial park

LCC Highways	Invitation to presentation – 29/09/06	Consider	Cllr. Greenhough attended. Agreed to invite LCC's Portfolio Manager and area Supervisor to attend a meeting, in the future.
Email Circus romani	Ground to rent in May 2007	Consider	Offer Bush lane with a rent of £250.
Fylde rural Community Learning partnership	Next meeting – Carr Hill – 2 <sup>nd</sup> October '06	Delegates	No action
Email–Peter Scholz	Wheelie Bins chipped	Comments	Agreed that this should be referred to D Jenkinson, FBC
Lancashire partnership	Older people Strategy Consultation draft	Comments by 16/10/06	No comments
The Mayor's office	Invite to charity lunch – 22/10/06		No action
The Army presentation team	Invite to presentation on 18/10/06	Delegates required	No action
Lancs Best kept Village Competition	Invite to Presentation day – on 21/10/06	Delegates required	Cllr. Threlfall or the Vice Chairman to attend.

**8. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006, commencing at 7:10pm.

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

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

**Date.....06/11/06.....**

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# Appendix A

## Schedule of payments for September 2006

	Cheque No.	£
<b>Precept Account</b>		
BDO Stay Hayward - External Auditors fees	4161	646.25
KM Armistead - salary	4163 & 4165	316.66
KM Armistead - Expenses	4170p	47.06
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>		
LS Systems - repairs to watering system - roundabout	4154	355.66
KM Armistead- petrol for machinery	4155	15.00
J Garlick - watering	4156	1150.00
G Danson - weeding beds	4157	350.00
A Watkinson - repairs to cenotaph lights	4159	22.50
A & SM Singleton - tractor repairs	4160	99.68
KM Armistead - salary	4163 & 4165	487.77
S Delaney - wages	4164	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4165	322.22
Ribble Fuel Oils - diesel	4162	10.08
G Danson -Grass cutting	4167p	1091.66
G Danson - Borders	4167p	100.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4166	458.33
E Threlfall - Borders & Bedding out	4168	450.00
Grangeland services - Borders (Bunker st. & Balderstone)	4169p	260.00
Grangeland Services - Painting Buildings	4169p	926.50
KM Armistead - Expenses	4170p	56.88
<b>Allotments</b>		
<b>Community Development Account</b>		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-329.14
FIB - Donation towards watering system	Cheque	-302.69
The-b-all ltd - football materials	4158	773.15
LCC - Grass cutting	cheque	-5069.51
<b>Playground Fund</b>		
<b>VAT</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>2295.66</b>

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## Appendix B

### Precept Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	September 2006	To date	Outstanding	Used
Wages	£3,800	£317	£1,900	£1,900	50%
Insurance	£700		£630	£70	90%
Stationery	£400		£225	£175	56%
Postage	£650	£47	£343	£307	53%
LAPTC	£600		£581	£19	97%
Audit fee	£750	£550	£620	£130	83%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training	£150			£150	
Civic functions	£600		£400	£200	67%
Grants	£200			£200	
Election	£0			£0	
Reserve	£300			£300	
equipment	£200		£78	£122	39%
Section137	£1,000		£900	£100	90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,450</b>	<b>£914</b>	<b>£5,777</b>	<b>£3,673</b>	<b>61%</b>

### Open Spaces Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	September 2006	To date	Outstanding	Used
Grass cutting	£18,926	£1,211	£9,842	£9,084	52%
Borders & Plants	£8,567	£1,160	£6,597	£1,970	77%
Watering	£2,625	£1,150	£3,382	-£757	129%
Cleansing	£5,500	£458	£2,750	£2,750	50%
Maintaining Buildings	£11,550	£1,252	£4,562	£6,988	39%
Outside Contractors	£5,809		£4,845	£964	83%
Civic events	£1,135		£972	£163	86%
Overheads	£15,000	£928	£14,346	£654	96%
Reserves	£2,011			£2,011	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£71,123</b>	<b>£6,159</b>	<b>£47,296</b>	<b>£23,827</b>	<b>66%</b>

### Other Accounts 2006/2007

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts Allotments	£317	-£236	£553
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£230	£564
Community Development	£17,463	£15,628	£1,835
Playground Fund	£473		£473
VAT	£808	£4,599	-£3,791
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,855</b>	<b>£20,220</b>	<b>-£366</b>