

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2006

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall (Chair),

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

Apologies: None

1. Open Forum

a) Police Update

PC Porter informed the meeting that no new leads had developed in respect of the fire at the old Youth Centre. Fireworks have been sent for forensic tests but the results have not been returned. Any additional information from the public would be appreciated.

Councillor Rigby enquired if the Police knew where the fireworks had been purchased. The Police have been unable to ascertain this.

He reported that there has been a decline in the anti-social behaviour in the Memorial park, but the litter bins, on the south side of the park are beyond repair and need replacing. The Clerk agreed to refer this to the Fylde Borough Council. In addition, there had not been any incidents reported on Halloween or Bonfire nights.

b) Public participation

1. **Fire at the Old Youth Centre** - Representatives from the Club day committee expressed their concern over the amount of equipment that had been lost in the fire and the Council's previous reluctance to allow a metal container to be sited on the Bush lane playing fields, to store their equipment. They indicated that they had lost about £7,000 worth of equipment and enquired if the Council had insurance to cover this loss. The Clerk reported that the building was covered, but it was the Council's policy that individual sections should cover the contents.

Councillor Fiddler stated that the building had been on that site for about 50 years and there has only been a problem of vandalism for the last 2 years. The Police have been informed of every incident, but unfortunately, their response has not been adequate.

Harry Latham stated that the Club day committee had agreed to purchase new equipment and enquired if the Council would now allow a metal container to be sited on Bush Lane, for this equipment to be stored.

Councillor Fiddler suggested that there may be sufficient space in the Storeroom at the Rawstorne centre for this equipment.

It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Fabrics committee to decide on the most suitable store area. The committee will meet on site, within the next 2 weeks, and representatives from the Club day committee will be invited to attend.

Resolved: That the Council should give some financial support, to replacing the lost equipment.

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

2. A representative from the Cricket section requested that the Council consider a proposal for the Cricket section to erect cricket nets on the site of the old Youth centre.

It was agreed that this should be referred to the Fabrics committee meeting.

3. It was reported that cars and lorries were still parking next to the Zebra crossing, on Lytham road, and urgent action was required before someone is knocked down. The Police agreed to investigate and take the appropriate action.

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 2nd October 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

The Clerk reported the following:-

- a) **Tree Report** – The report has been completed and the recommendation was for 50% of the trees to be felled and the others pruned back. To replace the trees felled it was recommended that six borders, should be constructed, incorporating a mixture of trees, shrubs and ground covering plants. The Clerk reported that the Garlick brothers did not want to prune the trees, as they did not have the appropriate equipment. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the recommendations should be accepted, except for the construction of the borders. Individual trees would be planted instead. The Clerk stated that he had received a quote for £1,500 for pruning the trees and £1,500 for the trees to be felled. The cost of planting new trees would be approximately £1,000.

Resolved: That the work be undertaken, as per the quotations, as soon as possible.

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

- b) **Band Room roof** – The Clerk reported that he had received an estimate from SMS of £2,390, to supply a new-boxed roof. The estimate for re-felting, from Dickinson's was £2,100.

Resolved: That the estimate from SMS, for a new-boxed roof, be accepted.

Proposed by Councillor L Rigby seconded by Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead and unanimously accepted.

- c) **Circus Romani** – The Clerk reported that the Circus has accepted the charge of £250 for use of the land on Bush lane and suggested dates in mid May 2007.

b) **The Finance meeting held on Monday 16th October 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.

5. Finance

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

Resolved: That the payments be ratified.

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

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

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

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

6. Planning

Councillor Fiddler 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
06/0953	52, Ribble	Conservatory to side	Object , because the new building will be well

	ave		beyond the building line for Orchard Close.
06/0994	Sunnyside Farm, Sunnyside Close	Outline application for Agricultural workers dwelling	Object , because there is no necessity for this building. The business has been running for 25 years without the need for on site support.
06/0992	18 Ribble close	Retrospective application for garage & dog kennels	No Objections
06/0964	Quaker House, Lower lane	Conservatory to rear	Support
06/0950	6 Bramwell rd	Conservatory to rear	Support
06/0764	5, Westway	Retrospective application for new garage & Conservatory to rear	Support
06/0947	52, Kirkham Rd	Detached garage to rear	Support
06/0912	3, The Crescent	Single storey front & rear extension. Remove existing flat roof & replace with pitch.	Support

7. Correspondence.

Sender	Subject	Requirement	Action Agreed
Email – Westminster explained	The coming year in parliament – Conference – 07/12/06	Delegates required	No action
Email Jane Bunning	Ribble barrage	Update on Preston City Council's action.	For information only
Email – Carol Thomas	New Youth Centre	To be built in the grounds of the C of E School	For information only
Email – Brian Porter	Comments on the Youth Centre burning down	To Consider	See item 1, Open Forum, b) public participation –section 1
Eileen wood	School entrance – Preston Old road: Sound signal on traffic lights – Preston Old road/Lytham road	To Consider	Cannot support because this is a goods entrance. LCC do not install audible controls on multi crossing sites.
LCC	Libraries & Information Services task group	Task group report available	No action
Community Futures	Save the village shop meeting – 16/11/06	delegates	No delegate, but suggest they start by saving the Post offices
LCC	Youth	For Information	Passed to Carol Thomas

	Opportunity banking Scheme		
Freckleton Younger years	Notification of alternative site for Youth centre	Comment	Comments noted

8. Consider a need for a CCTV camera in the centre of the Village.

County Councillor Whittle stated that he was not aware of any incidents that had been reported in this area that would warrant the need for a CCTV camera to be installed. Councillor Threlfall stated that there had been numerous incidents during the summer months and the last one was two weekends ago when a number of plant pots had been vandalized and the glass in the notice board had been broken. The Clerk reported that he had reported to the Police over 14 incidents in the months of July and August and a number since. Councillor Whittle agreed to investigate further and report back.

9. Freckleton in Bloom – Awards

Councillor Mrs. Delany reported that she had attended Lancashire best kept village awards and had received the following on behalf of the parish Council:-

1. The Richard Spencer Cup – For the best kept Large village
2. A Plaque to commemorate the award.
3. Garden Vouchers to the value of £100. To be spent on a project within the Village.
4. A certificate for the winner of the large Village award and one for highly recommended special feature – the roundabout.

Councillor Mrs. Delany donated a picture frame for the Certificates and it was agreed that they should be displayed in the Village hall, committee room.

Councillor Threlfall agreed to display the plaque in a suitable place within the village and he would discuss with the Freckleton in Bloom committee what type of project would be progressed.

Mrs. Delany thanked Councillor Threlfall and the Freckleton in Bloom committee for all the hard work that had been put for these awards to have been granted.

10. Parish Plan Update

Councillor M/S Morris suggested that the car park, at the new health centre should be increased in size, as there was insufficient space for safe parking. The Clerk agreed to write to the local Primary Care Trust.

Councillor Mrs. Foster suggested that speed control should be installed in Lamaleach drive to stop traffic speeding down this road. The Clerk agreed to write to LCC Highways department.

11. Date of next meeting.

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....04th December 2006.....

Schedule of payments for

October 2006

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4175p	316.67
FBC - half yearly grant	cheque	-4725.00
KM Armistead _ expenses	4184p	57.59
Open Spaces Account		
Chubbs - Alarm Contract - storeroom	4171	88.10
PO Ltd - Electric - Rawstorne centre	4172	817.81
Disleys - repair to water pipe in park	4173	120.00
KMArmistead - petrol for machines	4174	15.00
KM Armistead - salary	4175p	482.76
Mrs S Delaney - wages	4176	60.87
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4177p	327.22
FBC - half yearly grant	cheque	-17263.20
Battersby Sports - materials for cricket	4178	530.61
M Rigby - Repairs to Guide hut roof	4179	47.00
G Danson -Grass cutting	4180p	1091.66
G Danson - Borders	4180p	100.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4181	458.33
PO ltd - Electric - Cenotaph & Storeroom	4183	161.13
KM Armistead _ expenses	4184p	54.41
FIB - donation towards watering	cheque	-800
Allotments		
PO Ltd - water - Croft Butts	4182p	219.43
PO Ltd - water - Bush lane	4182p	301.63
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-301.79
Inland Revenue - Refund for submitting returns online	4177p	-250
FBC - half year grant	cheque	-4550
Rawstorne centre - AWS fees	cash	-250
Rawstorne centre - AWS Electric	cash	-5
Rawstorne Centre - Electricity refund	cheque	-268.85
Playground Fund		
Bank of America	D/P	-503.55
VAT		
HM Customs - VAT Refund		-1935.04
Total		-25602.21

Precept Account

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	October 2006	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£3,800	£317	£2,216	£1,584	58%
Insurance	£700	£0	£630	£70	90%
Stationery	£400	£0	£225	£175	56%
Postage	£650	£58	£401	£249	62%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£581	£19	97%
Audit fee	£750	£0	£620	£130	83%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£150	£0	£0	£150	0%
Civic functions	£600	£0	£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	£374	£6,152	£3,298	65%

Open Spaces Account

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	October 2006	To date	Outstanding	used
Grass cutting	£18,926	£1,107	£10,949	£7,977	58%
Borders & Plants	£8,567	£100	£6,697	£1,870	78%
Watering	£2,625	-£800	£2,582	£43	98%
Cleansing	£5,500	£458	£3,208	£2,292	58%
Maintaining Buildings	£11,550	£167	£4,729	£6,821	41%
Outside Contractors	£5,809	£466	£5,311	£498	91%
Civic events	£1,135	£0	£972	£163	86%
Overheads	£15,000	£1,863	£16,209	-£1,209	108%
Reserves	£2,011	£0	£0	£2,011	0%
Total	£71,123	£3,361	£50,657	£20,466	71%

Other Accounts

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£317	£327	-£10
Bush lane Allotments		£794	£780	£14
Community Development		£23,051	£15,628	£7,423
Playground Fund		£1,438	£0	£1,438
VAT		£5,406	£4,755	£651
Total		£31,006	£21,489	£9,517