

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006

#### Present:

Councillor T Fiddler, (Chair)

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

#### Apologies: None

#### 1. To read and approve the minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

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

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

#### 2. There were no matters arising from these minutes.

#### 3. Chairman's report.

The Chairman reported that:-

With regard to the land adjacent to 2 Bunker St, all the members of the Council had been reported to the Standards board for standing up to the owners of this land for what was right. Although it had taken 12 months to resolve, the correct conclusion had been reached and the land will revert back to being Highways land.

The Parish Plan was adopted in June 2005 and some of the smaller issues raised have now been addressed. A plan of action has been agreed for the remainder of the items.

The Youth club has been found accommodation in the Village hall, as an interim arrangement and it is hoped to build a more permanent arrangement in the near future. The building of a multi-centre sports hall will be more expensive to finance.

The Council has progressed well this year with communicating with the public. The web site is now established and newsletters are being distributed at regular intervals. A new notice board, incorporating a map of the village, will be constructed this year. He thanked Councillor Robb for all the work he had put in to make this important facility available.

The village received several prestigious awards in last year's Lancashire Best Kept village competition. He thanked the Freckleton in Bloom committee, and in particular, it's Chairman, Councillor Threlfall, for all the hard work that had been put in. The gardener had been off sick for several months and he proposed a vote of thanks to Richard and John Garlick for all the hard work that was put in during the gardener's absence, as without them the village would not have been kept so nice.

He reported that the Rawstorne fund had grown to over £550K due to the sound investment of the Stockbrokers and over the last 12 months interest of £23k had been received.

In conclusion, he thanked the Council for their help and support throughout the year and thanked the Clerk for all his help.

#### 4. Financial Statements – unaudited.

The unaudited accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006

**Resolved: That unaudited Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 be approved. – see Appendix A**

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

**Chairman of Finance's report.**

The Chairman of Finance gave a review of the Income and Expenditure for the various accounts. She reported that:-

The Precept account - All expenditure was within or around budget figures. There was an overall saving on budget of £522, due to a reduction in the amount paid out in grants and an annual sum of £300 being set aside for election purposes.

The Open Spaces account was over spent by £16,188. This was due to providing cover whilst the gardener was off sick, (£6,240) and a major review of the maintenance of all the buildings (£8,157).

The Council decided that, from March 2006, the Open Spaces workload would be undertaken by a number of Contractors rather than by the one gardener. This has meant that contracts have been drawn up for fixed amounts so that the expenditure can be controlled more efficiently.

This year the Council has set up a separate account for the Children's playground fund. £1,789 was received from dividends from the Bank of America shares. The money from this fund will be spent for the benefit of the children of the village, in future.

Despite the overspend on Open Spaces, the Council's income, for the year, exceeded expenditure by £2,181. This was because there was no item of major expenditure from the Community development fund.

**5. Any other business.**

There was no other business.

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

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

**Date.....10/04/07.....**

**Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2006**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
Precept	£9,450	£9,000
Open Spaces	£69,051	£67,040
Allotments	£1,077	£1,292
Community Development.	£21,173	£21,956
Parish Plan	£2,023	£2,251
Playground Fund	£1,789	
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<b>Total income</b>	<b>£104,563</b>	<b>£101,539</b>
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<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Precept	£8,928	£8,228
Open Spaces	£85,004	£71,862
Allotments	£1,214	£2,812
Community Development.	£3,055	£11,981
Parish Plan	£4,139	£1,535
Playground Fund		
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£102,341</b>	<b>£96,418</b>
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<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£2,222</b>	<b>£5,121</b>
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<b><u>Balance sheet as at 31st March 2006</u></b>		
<b>Fund Balance at 1st April 2005</b>	<b>£98,499</b>	<b>£93,378</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£2,222</b>	<b>£5,121</b>
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<b>Total assets</b>	<b>£100,721</b>	<b>£98,499</b>
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<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>	<b>£98,025</b>	<b>£93,665</b>
<b>Unpresented Cheques</b>		<b>-£6</b>
<b>Prepayments</b>	<b>£2,696</b>	<b>£4,840</b>
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<b>Fund balance at 31st March 2006</b>	<b>£100,721</b>	<b>£98,499</b>