

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007

**Present:** Councillor T. Threlfall (Chair),

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

**Apologies:** Councillors M/s D. Morriss and Mrs M Foster.

### 1. Open Forum

a) Police Update - attended by PC A Scarisbrick, Inspector Darwin and Sgt. Shuck.

PC Scarisbrick informed the meeting that before Christmas there was a number of small thefts from gardens. The Christmas period was quite and there had been one minor incident reported over the New year period. Since New year there have been no problems with the youths or cars being driven on the playing fields. The residents nearby have been asked to keep a look out and to report any cars seen on the playing fields.

Another person has been issued with a fixed penalty notice for allowing their dog to foul the pavement in Clifton Place. It was agreed that a note should be put in the next Newsletter.

Sgt. Shuck reported that PCSO Danny Porter will be leaving Freckleton to take up duties elsewhere, but he will be replaced. The Chairman asked if the sergeant would pass on the Council's thanks to Danny for all the hard work he has undertaken in the village.

Inspector Darwin informed the meeting that the staffing levels within the Fylde are being reviewed and he will report back to the Council when they have been agreed.

b) **Public participation**

None

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006

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

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

#### Matters arising

a) Trees on Bush lane – The Clerk reported that he had received a number of favourable comments about the way the work that had been carried out and the overall effect of the new trees that have been planted.

b) The Order to ban dogs on the Bush lane Playing Fields – The Clerk reported that he had referred this to Fylde Borough Council and it was being progressed by Jamie Dixon.

c) New noticeboard – The new noticeboard has now been installed. Councillor Robb displayed a draft of the map that should be the centre piece of the new board. The format of the map was agreed in principle. The Clerk indicated that he would be placing a note on the board and in the next Newsletter, informing the local organization that there was a section dedicated for them to display information of interest. The contact point would be Councillor Mrs. Delany. The Chairman informed the meeting that David Marquis had made the noticeboard from materials from the old mill. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter to David and his team.

The Chairman also reported that he had received a quote of £100 for an inset for the planter that was in front of the noticeboard.

**Resolved: That the inset should be purchased at a cost of £100.**

Proposed by Councillor St J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

It was agreed that a light for the noticeboard should be reviewed at a later stage.

It was suggested that a plaque should be installed indicated who had made the noticeboard and where the wood had come from.

- d) Complaint from Mr. I Begg - The Clerk reported that he had received a response from the Chief Superintendent Weaver, indicating that he thought the incident was minor and should have been resolved by the two parties concerned.

The Clerk indicated that, whilst he was on holiday, he had received a telephone call, an email and a letter from Mr. Begg, requesting the address of the Standards Board.

**b) The Planning meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 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. M Dowling and unanimously accepted.

**c) The Open Spaces meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

**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.

**5. Finance**

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

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

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

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

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

- c. Repair to Bowling green fence – The Clerk reported that he had received an estimate of £6,384 for a new steel railing fence for the south side of the Bowling green.

It was agreed that the existing fence should be repaired and to re-consider a new fence in the 2008/09 budgets.

- d. The Clerk reported that he had received two estimates for a new roof on the Cricket score hut (both for approximately £1,500) and he was awaiting an estimate from SMS.

**6. Planning**

The Clerk reported that there were now 5 applications to be considered. It was agreed that these applications should be dealt with by the Planning committee.

**7. Correspondence.**

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
Mr. & Mrs. Airey	Land adjacent to 2, Bunker st.	Request to purchase the land designated Highway.	The land belongs to LCC. The Parish Council has plans to develop this site.
Cricket club	Working in partnership with primary schools	Letter & guidance notes sent to the local schools	It was agreed that the Cricket club should be commended.
Central Lancashire City	Workshop for ideas on planning	delegate	Cllr. St J Greenhough to attend.
Lytham Community Information centre	Proposed closure	Comment & Support	It was agreed that Clerk should write in support of this.

**8. Electronic communication**

After a general discussion it was agreed that no action would be taken with the proposals outlined in Councillor Robb's letter.

**9. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007, commencing at 7:10pm.

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

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

**Date.....05/02/07.....**

Schedule of payments for

December  
2006

	Cheque No.	£
<b>Precept Account</b>		
KM Armistead - salary	4207p	316.67
KM Armistead - expenses	4210p	59.41
In-Trak - Sound system for carols	4218	129.25
KM Armistead - ink for printer	4221	27.25
M Robertson - Buffet for carol service	4222	400.00
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>		
E4B - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	200.00
T & E Garlick - Feed football pitch	4203	129.25
T Hollinghurst - Winter plants	4204	936.00
J & B Cartmell - winter plants	4205	817.68
PO Ltd - Electric - security light	4206	3.12
KM Armistead - salary	4207p	487.76
Mrs S Delaney - wages	4208	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4209	322.22
KM Armistead - expenses	4210p	48.23
J Garlick - litter picking	4211	458.33
G Danson - grass cutting	4212p	1091.66
G Danson - Borders	4212p	100.00
Smith Hire - materials	4213	46.32
PO Ltd - electric Rawstorne centre	4214	417.38
Woody warehouse	4216	20.92
Kirbys - Plants & Xmas tree	4217	970.08
KM Armistead - Xmas tree lights	4220	227.25
G Danson - Put up Christmas tree	4223	201.50
Scottish power - Electric charges	D/D	37.00
<b>Allotments</b>		
<b>Community Development Account</b>		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-321.49
Brackenwood - laurels	4215	843.89
Grangeland services - Plant new bushes & move others	4219	540.00
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-3.61
<b>Playground Fund</b>		
<b>VAT</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>8566.91</b>

**Freckleton Parish Council  
Precept Account 2006/2007**

Appendix B

<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Percentage used</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>December 2006</b>	<b>To date</b>		
Wages	£3,800	£317	£2,850	£950	75%
Insurance	£700		£630	£70	90%
Stationery	£400		£256	£144	64%
Postage	£650	£84	£562	£88	86%
LAPTC	£600		£581	£19	97%
Audit fee	£750		£620	£130	83%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£150		£0	£150	0%
Civic functions	£600	£510	£1,193	-£593	199%
Grants	£200		£0	£200	0%
Election	£0			£0	0%
Reserve	£300		£0	£300	0%
equipment	£200		£78	£122	39%
Section137	£1,000		£900	£100	90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,450</b>	<b>£911</b>	<b>£7,770</b>	<b>£1,680</b>	<b>82%</b>

**Open Spaces Account 2006/2007**

<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Balance To date</b>	<b>Percentage Outstanding</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>December 2006</b>			
Grass cutting		£18,926	£1,092	£13,270	£5,656
Borders & Plants		£8,567	£2,723	£10,520	-£1,953
Watering		£2,625	£0	£2,582	£43
Cleansing		£5,500	£458	£4,125	£1,375
Maintaining Buildings		£11,550	£46	£5,420	£6,130
Outside Contractors		£5,809	£110	£6,135	-£326
Civic events		£1,135	£211	£1,183	-£48
Overheads		£15,000	£1,483	£18,646	-£3,646
Reserves		£2,011	£0	£0	£2,011
<b>Total</b>		<b>£71,123</b>	<b>£6,123</b>	<b>£61,881</b>	<b>£9,242</b>

**Other Accounts 2006/2007**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£317	£327	-£10
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£780	£14
Community Development	£24,367	£19,886	£4,481
Playground Fund	£1,438	£0	£1,438
VAT	£1,935	£6,112	-£4,177
<b>Total</b>	<b>£28,852</b>	<b>£27,104</b>	<b>£1,747</b>