

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th February 2007

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall (Chair),

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs M Whitehead and Mrs M Foster.

1. Open Forum

a) Police Update - attended by PC A Scarisbrick

PC Scarisbrick informed the meeting that there had been two incidents of anti-social behaviour on the Memorial park but there had been no incidents reported on the Bush lane playing fields. In addition, the road traffic officers were looking into a number of reported incidents of speeding on Kirkham road.

He also reported that PCSO Danny Porter will be leaving Freckleton, on 12th February 2007, to take up duties elsewhere and there will be two new PCSOs to cover Warton and Freckleton. He stated that Inspector Darwin sends his apologies and he will attend the next meeting.

The Chairman asked why there were so many broken bottles and beer cans found in the park when Freckleton is supposed to be an alcohol-free zone. PC Scarisbrick stated that they relied on the public reporting these incidents and there had been no calls on the night that the youths had congregated.

The Chairman also asked what action was being taken to stop the car being driven onto the football pitch and dogs fouling the pitch. Again, PC Scarisbrick indicated that he had not received any calls from the public about these incidents. He indicated that the Police would monitor the situation. County Councillor Whittle indicated that the Fylde Borough, Environment department should be notified about incidents of dog fouling.

Councillor Mrs. Willis suggested that the Police/dog wardens should target the Bush lane playing fields in the afternoons because she regularly sees dog owners allowing their dogs to run freely on the playing fields at this time of the day.

The Clerk reported that Jamie Dixon, FBC Environment department, had reported back, on the request to consider a dog banning order for the playing fields. He had indicated that he was progressing the matter with the legal department, but it would be a requirement of the Order to provide an alternative site for dogs to be exercised. His team had identified an area on the Bush lane playing fields and this would have to be fenced off. He had received one quote of £6,000 for fencing this area and this cost would have to be stood by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the Open Spaces committee should consider alternative sites for dogs to be exercised.

Councillor Mrs. Delany enquired what action was being taken to stop the school buses from speeding on Kirkham road. PC Scarisbrick stated the Traffic patrol was monitoring the situation. Councillor Fiddler suggested that the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph in the area of the junction with Strike lane.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the LCC. In addition, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Walton's transport service to ask if their drivers would take extra care when going down Kirkham road.

b) **Public participation**

1. Eric Cross informed the meeting that there were no instructions on how to use the dog bins situated on the grass verge in the Memory Close. Consequently, there was a large volume of dog dirt on the grass verges and pavements.
2. A member of the public complained that FBC were not emptying the grey bin of an elderly man, at number 113, Lytham road, because he could not bring his bin to the

pavement. Councillors L Rigby and T Threlfall agreed to progress this with FBC.

3. Peter Armitage enquired when the fence, at the Lamaleach bridge, would be repaired and the remaining hedges cut on Naze Lane. Councillor Whittle stated that the work on the bridge had been scheduled within the LCC workload. He agreed to progress this. He also stated that the Clerk and Councillor Mrs. Willis have been trying to assist the LCC in identifying the owner of the land adjacent to the uncut hedges.
It was agreed that the hedges should be cut by the Parish Council contractor.
4. A member of the public enquired if “No Football” notices could be displayed on the lampposts in The Mede, as children are playing in the street and a serious accident may occur. Councillor Whittle agreed to progress.

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 8th January 2007

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.

b) The Planning meeting held on Thursday 18th 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.

c) The Communications meeting held on Wednesday 31st January 2007

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

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

5. Finance

- a. **Ratification of accounts approved by the Chairman of Finance and paid by Clerk** during the months of January 2007 – see Appendix A

Resolved: That the payments be ratified.

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

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

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

- c. **Replacement of the Cricket score box roof** – The Clerk reported that he had received two estimates for this work.

Resolved: That the estimate from Michael Worden, St Annes, for £1,510 + VAT, be accepted.

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

- d. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Fylde Borough Council indicating that the Parish Council would have to contribute £3,283 towards the costs of the May 2007, if the Parish seats are contested.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to FBC, indicating that the Parish Council object to the amount of money being charged as it is disproportionate to the work involved.

6. Correspondence.

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
Allan Butler	Donation received for new seat –		Chairman to respond thanking him for the cheque and setting out

	Bunker st		proposal for this piece of land
Gayle Brown	Polytank – Licence for driving trucks through village – Support for a petition	To consider	This industrial site was approved by the Council. The Council cannot support individual petitions
FBC	Election costs	To consider	Object most strongly. Costs disproportionate to the work involved.
Email Lee McCarthy	Dead tree overhanging the Children’s play area	To consider	Cllr. Threlfall to speak to the owners, then the tree will be removed by Council.
Graham Watson - email	Complaint about the Strike lane school sign	Do they support FIB?	The school is funding the border on the corner of Strike lane.
LCC	Consultation paper on engaging communities & Neighbourhoods	Comments	No action
LCC	Scrutiny review of Bus shelters -	request to complete questionnaire	Cllr. Greenhough to progress.
Carol Thomas - Younger years	Notification that the youth centre will be meeting fortnightly, in the School.	For information.	Clerk to write to Carol Thomas & LCC indicating the Council will support the Youth centre when the location has been finalised.
Lancs Police	Community meeting for Fylde – 05/02/07	Any items for Agenda	For information. Same date as monthly Council meeting.
LCC	Local Transport plan 2006/07 to 2010/11		For information
LCC	School Bus services – Lower lane to Kirkham Primary schools being cut.	Comments	Clerk to write to LCC - The Council does not agree with this decision. LCC should make every effort to make alternative arrangements
Mr. & Mrs. Airey	Land adjacent to 2, Bunker St.	Request to stop-up the land.	This area is being enhanced for the benefit of the Community as a whole. Money from the LBKVC to be used to provide additional colour.

7. To consider the points raised in The Rawstone Trust fund meeting held on 15th January 2007.

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

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

1. Lower lane community Centre

The Clerk reported that the letters had been issued to the Housing Associations and the Vicar of the Holy Trinity church, requesting that they support the meetings of the Community centre.

2. The Younger year’s committee

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the LCC, Youth services, regarding a Broadband connection and they had suggested two alternatives:-

- a. To link in with the service from the Library. Whilst the running costs would be reasonable, (approximately £200 per annum), the installation costs would be around £2,000.
- b. To use the existing facilities in the school, if the Youth club decides to meet in the school.

The prioritised “wish” list was also considered.

It was agreed that a decision should not be made on the Broadband connection or on the “wish” list until the Youth centre has decided where they will be meeting.

The Clerk agreed to write to the LCC and the Younger year’s committee asking them to confirm when they have agreed on a meeting place.

3. Rawstorne centre

a. Creating a function room upstairs

It was agreed that there were no funds available to build an extension upstairs.

b. Frequency of events

The Clerk reported that the original agreement stated that there should not be more than 12 functions held each year. It was agreed that this clause should be wavered.

c. All weather surface area

The Clerk reported that this item would be discussed at the Open Spaces meeting, to be held on Wednesday 7th February 2007.

8. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th March 2007, commencing at 7:10pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....07/03/07.....

Schedule of payments for January 2007

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
Grantham signs - Update the noticeboard	4228	94.00
KM Armistead - salary	4232p	316.67
KM Armistead - Expenses	4240p	57.87
Staples - Stationery	4246	17.77
Open Spaces Account		
Scottish power - Electric charges	D/D	37.00
E4B - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	200.00
Braithwaites hire - machine for tree planting	4226	676.80
Alpha amenity - materials	4227	83.19
A Singletons - service gang mower	4229	1321.53
KM Armistead - salary	4232p	487.76
Mrs S Delaney - wages	4233	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4234	322.22
J Garlick - litter picking	4236	458.33
G Danson - grass cutting	4235p	1091.66
G Danson - Borders	4235p	100.00
SMS - New roof - band room	4238	2808.25
Smith Hire - materials for Christmas tree	4237	63.50
KM Armistead - New tyres & Battery for Kubota	4239	207.01
KM Armistead - Expenses	4240p	62.29
Ribble fuels - Red diesel	4242	129.15
Woody Warehouse -locks for cenotaph	4243	17.10
Garrett electricals - repair to Rawstorne centre	4245	543.75
Grangeland services - repair wall and new base for green waste area	4247p	721.00
G Danson - remove xmas tree & weed beds	4249	270.00
Allotments		
PO Ltd - Water charges - croft butts	4225p	10.79
PO Ltd - Water charges - Bush lane	4225p	181.82
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-362.99
FBC - donation - Christmas tree	cheque	-300.00
Braithwaites hire - machine for tree planting	4224	62.79
Mark Garner - Tree felling	4230	3525.00
Brackenwood -Trees - Bush Lane	4231	766.10
FIB - Insurance claim for Youth Centre	cheque	-9876.00
Glasdon - new seat - Bunker st	4241	810.65
SPN - Materials for trees - Bush lane	4244	24.55
Grangeland services - Plant new trees -Bush lane	4247p	420.00
Brackenwood - Guards for new trees	4248	429.81
Playground Fund		
Bank of America		-481.76
VAT		
HM Customs - VAT Refund		-1474.42
Total		3884.03

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Precept Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	January 2007	To date		
Wages	£3,800	£317	£3,166	£634	83%
Insurance	£700		£630	£70	90%
Stationery	£400	£15	£271	£129	68%
Postage	£650	£58	£620	£30	95%
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		£1,193	-£593	199%
Grants	£200		£0	£200	0%
Election	£0			£0	0%
Reserve	£300		£0	£300	0%
equipment	£200	£80	£158	£42	79%
Section137	£1,000		£900	£100	90%
Total	£9,450	£470	£8,239	£1,211	87%

Open Spaces Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	January 2007	To date		
Grass cutting	£18,926	£2,516	£15,786	£3,140	83%
Borders & Plants	£8,567	£424	£10,944	-£2,377	128%
Watering	£2,625		£2,582	£43	98%
Cleansing	£5,500	£458	£4,583	£917	83%
Maintaining Buildings	£11,550	£4,164	£9,585	£1,965	83%
Outside Contractors	£5,809	£71	£6,206	-£397	107%
Civic events	£1,135		£1,183	-£48	104%
Overheads	£15,000	£1,139	£19,784	-£4,784	132%
Reserves	£2,011		£0	£2,011	0%
Total	£71,123	£8,772	£70,653	£470	99%

Other Accounts 2006/2007

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£317	£338	-£21
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£961	-£167
Community Development	£34,906	£25,613	£9,293
Playground Fund	£1,920	£0	£1,920
VAT	£5,406	£7,330	-£1,924
Total	£43,343	£34,242	£9,101