

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2007

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall (Chair),

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

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

1. Open Forum

a) Police Update - attended by Sgt. Shuck, PC A Scarisbrick and PCSO Vicki Jackson.

PC A Scarisbrick informed the meeting that work has started on converting the Police house and it should be completed by the end of March 2007. The CCTV camera has been installed in the park to try to monitor the youths who are drinking in the park and creating litter. The Police would welcome being informed when the youths are in situ so that they can check it out. There has been an incident of damage in the western side of the village and two bikes have been stolen, but overall the village has been quiet during the last month.

Councillor Threlfall enquired if there has been any progress regarding the horses being stolen. PC Scarisbrick indicated that one horse had been recovered, from Bolton, but the other was still missing.

Councillor Threlfall stated that he was disappointed about the amount a litter and broken glass left in the park, on the previous Friday night, particularly as Freckleton is supposed to be an Alcohol free zone. Sgt. Shuck stated that they had not received any complaints about this incident and promised to respond if they are notified that the Youths are congregating in the park.

Councillor Rigby stated that he had received complaints, from parents of school children attended the catholic school in Warton, because the Lollipop man has nearly been knocked down on two separate occasions., The Police agreed to speak to the headmaster. Councillor Greenhough enquired if the PACT meetings could be better advertised, so that attendance would improve. It was suggested that the meetings should be switched to Saturday morning. PC Scarisbrick agreed to put up some new notices.

b) Public participation

1. Councillor Threlfall reported that he was progressing a plaque to commemorate the Air disaster and the wording would be agreed with the relatives of the victims. He had received an estimate of £750 and Harry Latham has agreed to share these costs.

Resolved: That the Council support this project by providing the balance of the cost of this plaque.

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

2. The Clerk reported that the LCC had indicated that they had given permission for the occupiers of 2 Bunker Street to have vehicular access, across the Open spaces area, under the terms of the Highways Act 1980.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to LCC, expressing the Council's disappointment that they have made this decision, without prior consultation with the Parish Council, particularly as they were aware what had gone on in the past. In addition, to ask if they would confirm that the boundary line is as was originally agreed. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. & Mrs. Airey informing them that when this piece of land was restored to an Open Spaces area the grass verge was not taken back to the agreed boundary line because we did not wish to disturb the herbaceous border. However, if the herbaceous border is removed the grass verge will be taken back to the agreed boundary line.

3. Councillor Mrs. Dowling reported that the Youth club had used a burner in the

kitchen and burnt a hole in the work service. Peter Armitage stated that this was due to them cooking hot dogs, for a fund raising event and any damage would be put right. It was agreed that the Village hall committee should progress this with the Youth club.

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 5th February 2007**

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

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

Matters arising:

The Clerk reported that:-

a) **Youth Centre** – Carol Thomas has had a meeting with LCC. They will now run two venues for the youths. The existing older youth group will continue to meet in the Village Hall. The Younger years will meet once a fortnight, at the School, on a Tuesday evening, between 6:30 & 8:30pm. She had indicated that a wireless internet connection was available at the school. In addition, storage space was available in the school, for equipment and it will be kept locked at all times. She stated that insurance was required for the Youth group and enquired if the Council would stand the costs. She has also asked when the items from the wish list would be available.

It was agreed that the expenditure for the new equipment would be met from next years Rawstone fund grant. The Clerk agreed to find out how many sessions would be held in the Village hall, as the costs for these sessions would have to be met out of the same grant.

b) **Dog Order** – Jamie Dixon Senior, Operational Services Manager is progressing, but he is awaiting comments from Legal dep't.

c) **Election Costs** – Phil Woodward's response was that the estimated costs are the "worst case scenario". True costs will only be available after the election and will depend on whether seats are contested.

d) **20mph on Kirkham Road** – Karen Gallaway's response was that 20mph zones have been trialled throughout Lancashire, with mixed results. The results of these trials were being considered. No further restriction zones will be introduced until the findings of the report have been studied.

b) **The Open Spaces meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2007**

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

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

c) **The Planning meeting held on Thursday 15th February 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. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising:

Councillor Fiddler suggested that the response to the Planning applications should be supported with an explanation for the reason for the decision.

5. **Finance**

a. **Ratification of accounts approved by the Chairman of Finance and paid by Clerk** during the months of February 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. Councillor Rigby informed the meeting that the Cricket section had lost two seats, one in the recent fire and one had been stolen. He enquired if the Council would stand the costs of replacing them.

It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain costs for replacing these seats and report back to the next meeting.

- d. The Clerk reported that he had received a request from the Bowling section to see if the Council would cover the cost of insurance of the equipment used to maintain the Bowling green. It was agreed that the sections should stand the cost of the insurance.
- e. The Clerk reported that he was still waiting for the remuneration, from United Utilities, for the sale of the land adjacent to the Pumping station, on the allotments on Bush lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Sir Richard Evans, the Chairman of United Utilities, asking if he would assist with the completion of this sale.

6. Correspondence.

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
FBC – Housing.	Invitation to an Housing seminar – 29/03/07	Delegate	It was agreed that Cllr. Greenhough should attend
Childline North West	Request for a donation	Consider	No action
Circus romani	New dates for Circus – 9-10/06/07	Approval	These dates are too close to Club day. Offer dates from mid July to end of September 2007.
CPRE, Lancashire	AGM – 21/03/07, United Reform Church, Kirkham.		For Information
West Lancs. District Council	Statement of Community Involvement	Comments	No comments
LAPTC	Heavy goods Vehicle Operator’s licences – Polytank ltd.	Any comments	After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that there would be no objections to this application.
RE Cubbins	Fair on Club day	Request to use Bush lane	It was agreed that this was acceptable.
Communities & local Government	Revise model of the Code of Conduct.		For information
Email -Sara Moreton	State of the car park at the rear of the Co-op.	Any comments	It was agreed that this was private land and she should contact the owners direct.
NALC	Disability & Discrimination Act 2005	Impact on Parish Councils	For information
NALC	Local Government & Public Involvement in health bill (second brief)	Changes to Parish Councils procedures & structures	For information
Email – Phil Gates	Plants on the corner of Balderstone Rd.	To consider	The copper beach will be checked out and if necessary will be replaced. The three trees will be re-staked. There are no resources

			for the hedgerow to be extended.
Email – Mr. & Mrs. Airey	Land adjacent to Bunker St.	To consider	This land is being developed for the benefit of the residents of the village.
Email – Mr. Ousby	Dog fouling on Green lane	To consider	As this land has been allocated for Cricket and Football, it was agreed that J Dixon should be asked if dogs can be banned automatically and if an alternative site has to be provided

7. Clerk’s Annual salary review

The Clerk reported there were two more steps to be progressed within the salary band.

Resolved: That the Clerk’s salary should be set within Scale LC2, at level SCP 33

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

8. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be the Annual assembly, to be held on Tuesday 10th April 2007, starting at 7:00pm, followed by a full Council meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

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

Schedule of payments for February 2007

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4254p	316.67
KM Armistead - Expenses	4259p	63.78
Staples - stationery	4264	45.16
Open Spaces Account		
Scottish power - Electric charges	D/D	37.00
E4B - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	200.00
Braithwaite Hire - Machinery for general work	4250	211.78
Grangeland Services - General work	4253	1061.15
KM Armistead - salary	4254p	487.76
Mrs S Delaney - wages	4255	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4256	322.22
Chris Beesley - Boiler service - Rawstorne centre	4257	94.00
Kwik-skip - Waste removal from Green waste bay	4258	180.00
KM Armistead - Expenses	4259p	63.21
J Garlick - litter picking	4260	458.33
G Danson - grass cutting	4261p	1091.66
G Danson - Borders	4261p	100
SPN - Materials	4262	30.74
Woodys Warehouse - materials	4263	593.14
KM Armistead - keys for Storeroom	4265	6.00
G Danson - Additional work on Christmas tree	4266	50.00
Allotments		
FBC - Remove rats on Croft Butts allotments	4251	136.00
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-355.31
Allan Butler - Donation for seat	Cheque No	-689.92
KM Armistead - keys for notice board	4252	7.50
Rawstorne centre - AWS fees	cash	-115.00
Rawstorne Centre - Electricity refund	cheque	-132.00
Bowling Club - donation towards shelter work	cheque	-100.00
Playground Fund		
VAT		
Total		4224.71

Precept Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	February	To date		
Wages	£3,800	£317	£3,483	£317	92%
Insurance	£700		£630	£70	90%
Stationery	£400	£38	£309	£91	77%
Postage	£650	£64	£683	-£33	105%
LAPTC	£600		£581	£19	97%
Audit fee	£750		£620	£130	83%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training	£150			£150	
Civic	£600		£1,193	-£593	199%
Grants	£200			£200	
Election	£0			£0	
Reserve	£300			£300	
equipment	£200		£158	£42	79%
Section 137	£1,000		£900	£100	90%
Total	£9,450	£419	£8,658	£792	92%

Open Spaces Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	February	To date		
Grass cutting	£18,926	£1,092	£16,877	£2,049	89%
Borders &	£8,567	£150	£11,094	-£2,527	129%
Watering	£2,625		£2,582	£43	98%
Cleansing	£5,500	£458	£5,042	£458	92%
Maintaining	£11,550	£2,040	£11,625	-£75	101%
Outside	£5,809		£6,206	-£397	107%
Civic events	£1,135		£1,183	-£48	104%
Overheads	£15,000	£1,139	£20,924	-£5,924	139%
Reserves	£2,011			£2,011	
Total	£71,123	£4,880	£75,533	-£4,410	106%

Other Accounts 2006/2007

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane		£317	£338	-£21
Bush lane Allotments		£794	£961	-£167
Community		£36,281	£25,621	£10,660
Playground Fund		£1,920	£0	£1,920
VAT		£5,406	£7,471	-£2,064
Total		£44,719	£34,390	£10,328