

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2007

Present: Councillor T. Threlfall (Chair),

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

Apologies: Councillors M/s D. Morriss.

1. Open Forum

a) **Police Update - attended by Sgt. Shuck, and PCSO Ian Larmouth.**

Sgt Shuck informed the meeting the Police house, on Lytham road, was being rewired and would not be opened until mid-May. PC A Scarisbrick and PCSO I Larmouth have been allocated to cover the Freckleton area, with support from others if required. Since the last meeting, one drunken women had been arrested, near to the park entrance and another person has been issued with a fixed penalty notice for supplying alcohol to an under 18 year old. There has also been one car crime and seven incidents of criminal damage.

The Chairman reported that the vandalism, in the park and on Bush lane, had increased considerably in the last month and enquired when action would be taken to stop these incidents. Councillor Fiddler suggested that the youths were congregating in Freckleton because of the increase Police presence in Kirkham. Sgt. Shutt stated that there would be an increased presence in the village and improvements should be noticed.

Councillor Mrs. Whitehead enquired when the CCTV camera was being used. Sgt Shutt stated that the camera was on all the time, but the Police need to be informed when there was an incident so that they could check the camera.

Two residents from the Mede reported that the police presence in their area had increased in recent times and this has reduced the incidents of anti-social behaviour. They enquired when the “no football signs” would be put up. Councillor Greenhough indicated that an LCC representative has been to the site and the signs should be installed in the near future.

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 Wednesday 7th March 2007.**

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:

The Clerk reported that:-

a) Youth Centre – Carol Thomas had provided costs for the use of the village hall and the School for the next 12 months. It was estimated that the rental charges would be approximately £700, with the Younger years committee paying half of the school charges. This left £300, from the Rawstone grant for “wish list” expenditure.

Resolved: That the laptop, printer and mouse should be purchased, at a cost of approximately £435, for use by the youth centre.

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor T Threlfall and unanimously accepted.

- b) **Dog Order** –Jamie Dixon Senior, Operational Services Manager had reported that he was still awaiting comments from Legal dep't.
- c) **20mph on Kirkham Road** – Karen Gallaway's had reported that County Councillor Alan Whittaker was progressing this issue and she was unable to attend any meetings until his findings are released.
- d) **The remuneration, from United Utilities, for the sale of the land adjacent to the Pumping station** – A letter has been issued to Sir Richard Evans, the Chairman of United Utilities and as a result UU are in correspondence with the Council's solicitor.

b) The Planning meeting held on Monday 12th March 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.

c) The Open Spaces meeting held on Thursday 5th April 2007

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

Proposed by Councillor St. J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor C Robb and unanimously accepted.

5. Finance

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

Resolved: That the payments be ratified.

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

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

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

- c. **Additional Tractor** – The Chairman reported that he had received an offer of a secondhand tractor, from FBC, for Open spaces work (e.g. pulling the trailer, watering equipment and roller). Unfortunately, the machine was too small for the equipment. He recommended that the Council purchase another tractor to assist with these workloads.

Resolved: It was agreed in principle that the Clerk and the Chairman should look for a suitable tractor and that they use their discretion on how much to pay.

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

- d. **Annual grants –**

Resolved that the following grants be paid:

- 1) **Parochial Church Council** **£500**
- 2) **Air Ambulance** **£200**
- 3) **The Fylde Hospice** **£200**
- 4) **Freckleton Bowling Club** **£1,800**

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

6. Correspondence.

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
The Younger Years committee	Request to hold a family Fun Day, on a Sat. or Sun. in May 2008 (not bank Holidays)	To consider	Agreed in principle, but it will have to be at the top end of the field, because there will be a cricket match
Fylde district Partnership office	The Fylde Bulletin (Bi-monthly)	For Information	
Lancashire Partnership	Revision of the strategy for an Ageing population	For information	

	document.		
LCC	School bus Services – lower lane to Kirkham primary schools	For information	To be continued until end of summer term 2007
Email C Robb	Branches hanging over onto the pavement in Lamaleach drive	Consider writing to the owners of the properties.	Agreed to put a notice on the Noticeboards & in the next Newsletter
The Standards Board for England	Complaint from Iain Begg regarding action by Cllr. Greenhough	For Information	Decision: Not to be referred to an ethical standards officer.
South Ribble Borough Council	Draft Affordable Planning Policy	Comments	No action
Email – Mr. & Mrs. Airey	Land adjacent to 2 Bunker St	Comments	Contents noted
Westminster Briefing	One day Conference – 27/06/07	Delegate	No action

7. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th May 2007, starting at 7:00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....Councillor Mrs. M Dowling.....

Date.....10th May 2007.....

Schedule of payments for March 2007

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4269p	316.67
KM Armistead - expenses	4279p	41.30
Open Spaces Account		
Scottish power - Electric charges	D/D	522.00
E4B - Electric charges - Rawstorne	D/D	200.00
Lancs. Best kept Village comp. -	4267	10.00
A & SM Singleton - service	4268	988.32
KM Armistead - salary	4269p	487.54
Mrs. S Delaney - wages	4270	60.84
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4271	322.44
KM Armistead - new tyre & Puncture	4272	64.45
Braithwaites - new equipment	4273	15.00
Michael Worden - roof repairs	4274	224.42
A & SM Singleton - Cricket machines	4275	542.00
KM Armistead - Petrol	4277	16.00
Grangeland services –Grass cutting	4278p	270.00
Grangeland services - borders	4278p	270.00
KM Armistead - expenses	4279p	60.32
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-321.51
Lakeland construction - New notice board	4276	5631.48
TEU Ltd - Container for Club day com.	4280	981.13
LEW Diecastings - Plaque for Air disaster	4281	881.25
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-9.69
Playground Fund		
VAT		
Total		11,573.96

Precept Account 2006/2007

Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	March 2007	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£3,800	£317	£3,800	£0	100%
Insurance	£700		£630	£70	90%
Stationery	£400		£309	£91	77%
Postage	£650	£41	£725	-£75	111%
LAPTC	£600		£581	£19	97%
Audit fee	£750		£620	£130	83%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training	£150			£150	
Civic functions	£600		£1,193	-£593	199%
Grants	£200			£200	
Election	£0			£0	
Reserve	£300			£300	
equipment	£200		£158	£42	79%
Section137	£1,000		£900	£100	90%
Total	£9,450	£358	£9,016	£434	95%

Open Spaces Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure	Balance	Percentage	
Headings	Allocation	March 2007	To date	Outstanding	used
Grass cutting	£18,926	£1,195	£18,072	£854	95%
Borders & Plants	£8,567	£270	£11,364	-£2,797	133%
Watering	£2,625		£2,582	£43	98%
Cleansing	£5,500		£5,042	£458	92%
Maintaining Buildings	£11,550	£191	£11,816	-£266	102%
Outside Contractors	£5,809	£461	£6,667	-£858	115%
Civic events	£1,135		£1,183	-£48	104%
Overheads	£15,000	£1,608	£22,532	-£7,532	150%
Reserves	£2,011			£2,011	
Total	£71,123	£3,726	£79,258	-£8,135	111%

Other Accounts 2006/2007

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£317	£453	-£136
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£961	-£167
Community Development	£36,613	£31,999	£4,614
Playground Fund	£1,920		£1,920
VAT	£5,406	£8,915	-£3,508
Total	£45,050	£42,212	£2,838