

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on Monday 18th June 2007

Present: Councillor Mrs. M Dowling, (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillors T Threlfall, Mrs. M Whitehead and P Quinn.

1) **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

2) **An informal discussion with the Younger years committee**

Carol Thomas informed the meeting that there were now two sections within the youth club (11-14 year old and 15+years) and the sections wished to meet separately. The 15+ section was being run by the LCC and the Younger Years committee will be running the 11-14 years group. She enquired why the Younger Years committee could not be given the £1,000, allocated to them by the Rawstone trust fund, so that they could purchase equipment for the sections.

The Clerk pointed out that it had previously been agreed with them that the grants would be used to pay the rental fee for the hire of the rooms and the money that was left over would be available to purchase equipment, from the "wish list".

Councillor Fiddler indicated that the Council was not aware that there were now two sections within the Youth club and LCC was responsible for running the older group.

Councillor Rigby enquired how many members were there in each group. Carol Thomas indicated that there were 15 members in each group.

It was agreed that representatives from the LCC should be invited to a meeting, in early July, to discuss their intentions for running the two groups and the funding arrangements. The Younger Years would also be invited to attend the second part of this meeting

3) **To review the Council's Reserves.**

The Clerk reported that it was a requirement of this year's external Auditors report to explain why the Council was holding more than twice the amount of the annual Precept, in the reserves.

Councillor Fiddler informed the meeting that this Parish council was not like other smaller Parish councils, because we were responsible for maintaining the Rawstone centre, the All Weather Service area and a number of other buildings, used by the various organizations within the village. The Reserves were needed to ensure the buildings were kept in good repair.

It was agreed that the reserves of £92K were required to ensure that all the Council assets (i.e. buildings and playing areas), with a current value of £670K, were maintained to required standard.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....Mrs. M Dowling, Chairman.....

Date.....02/07/07.....