

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007

### Present:

Councillor Mrs. M Dowling, (Chair),  
Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Whitehead, Linda Burn, Mrs. E Willis, T Fiddler, T Threlfall, L Rigby, St J Greenhough and C Robb.

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs M Foster and P Quinn.

### 1) Open Forum

#### a) Police Update – attended by PC A Scarisbrick, Inspector Darwin and Sgt. Fowler

PC Scarisbrick informed the meeting that, on Club day there had been one incident on the fair and the incident with the toilets that was reported the following morning. During the last month, there had been two incidents on the park that had been reported by the Clerk and a suicide, by hanging, on the Lower lane estate. The Police had received twenty-four calls from the public regarding anti-social behaviour by Youths and thirteen crimes, of which four were burglaries on Greenfield Park. There had been two incidents of pedal cycles being stolen and two of criminal damage.

Councillor Greenhough thanked the Police for the excellent policing of the half marathon.

Councillor Linda Burn asked the Police why they did not stop the Youths from playing ball games in Memorial gardens. She stated that this area has been set aside as an area of remembrance and villagers have expressed concerns about ball games being played here. The police responded by stating that ball games can be played in this area as there are no signs restricting their use.

Councillor Threlfall indicated that the youths congregated in this area because the seats were there and suggested that the Council might consider removing them.

Councillor Fiddler indicated that it was a sign of the times when we are considering taking away the seats that were installed for people to be able to sit and reflect on the past and cost a lot of money. He indicated that it would be a shame to have to withdraw these facilities.

Councillor Linda Burn suggested that a sign be erected to indicate that this was an area of reflection and no ball games should be played.

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Open Spaces committee.

Councillor Mrs. Whitehead suggested that the Council should publicise the cost of the work required to clean up and repair the effects of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. It was agreed that this information should be shown in the Newsletters, on the web-site and on the noticeboards.

County Councillor Whittle suggested that a Youth shelter should be provided in an area away from the Memorial gardens. He indicated that funding might be available for this type of project.

The Chairman enquired when the Police house would be occupied. Inspector Darwin indicated that work was still ongoing.

#### b) Public participation

A member of the public enquired when the “No Football” signs would be erected on The Mede. County Councillor Whittle stated that the LCC was still progressing this item.

Councillor Mrs. Delany reported that the dike, adjacent to Coopers farm, on Kirkham road, was being blocked by concrete and rubbish left by workmen from the Prison. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Governor asking for the dike to be cleaned out.

### 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> June 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**

**1. Dog Banning Order** – The Clerk reported that the Rawstone Centre had responded by indicating that they supported a ban on dogs on the Cricket and Football pitches. The Clerk suggested that the most practical option was a ban on the north side of the playing fields (i.e. the cricket and football pitches and the play area next to the football pitch.) and to allow dogs to be exercised on the south side, but they must be kept on leads.

It was agreed that FBC should be asked to progress this option.

b) The Parish meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 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.

c) The Finance meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007

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

Proposed by Councillor Linda Burn, seconded by T Fiddler and unanimously accepted.

d) The Planning meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 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 – see Appendix A

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

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

b) Monthly budget statements– see Appendix B.

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

b) To Approve the Playground maintenance contract for 2007/08

The Clerk reported that FBC had issued a new contract because the number of pieces of equipment had changed, in some Parishes. The new contract price for 2007-08 would be £1,659.

**Resolved: That the new contract be accepted and signed by the Clerk.**

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

6. **Correspondence**

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
Half marathon committee	Thank you letter		For information
Email - Julie Armitage	Family Fun day moved from 11/05/08 to 13/07/08.	To Approve	The revised date was approved.
BAE Systems	Increase in harrier flying over next 6 weeks		For information

Holy Trinity Church	Request to use the Guide hut for Sunday school	To Consider	Request approved. Clerk to confirm that the building is owned by the Council and Public Indemnity insurance is in force.
FBC	Core Strategy & interim Housing Policy	To consider	Councillor Fiddler agreed to re-instate the Council's interest in this document.
The Central Lancashire City	The Local development Framework – Local sites	Consider possible sites	It was agreed to respond indicating that this is being progressed with FBC's LDF system
Club day committee	Toilets being vandalised and insurance claim.	To consider	It was agreed that the costs should be claimed back on the Insurance.
Email - Philip Gates	Balderstone Rd. play area – ball games being played at 10:45pm	Consider a sign	It was agreed that a sign should be erected "No ball games after 9:00pm"
BAE	Proposed new development of business park	To view the plans 25/06 & 02/07	Request that all Council members be invited to the presentation.
FBC	Summary Financial Information	Comments	Request that the Salaries and Pension costs be shown separately and the "Other" costs be broken down into headings that are more meaningful.
Land Registry Office	Invite to Open day – 21/09/07	To consider	Councillors Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Delany and St J Greenhough to attend.
LCC	Fylde Parish Charter Road show	Details of programme	For information
FBC	Playground maintenance	To agree the new SLA & price structure	Agreed that the new contract be signed by the Clerk.

c) **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007, starting at 7:00pm, in the Village hall.

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

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

**Date.....03/09/07.....**

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for

June 2006

	Cheque No.	£
<b>Precept Account</b>		
KM Armistead – salary	4347	416.67
L Rowett - Internal audit fees	4350	60.00
K Armistead – Expenses	5358p	100.85
Staples – stationery	4359	38.05
C Robb - half-yearly rental for web-site	4362	21.16
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>		
E4b - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	200.29
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	37.00
S Delaney - wages	4348	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4349	341.77
KM Armistead - salary	4347	435.29
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4345p	1105.83
Grangeland Services -Borders	4345p	387.50
J Garlick - litter picking	4346	458.34
A & SM Singleton - repair to tractor	4351	80.92
Road safety Services - Club day equipment	4352	384.23
Braithwaite hire - Hire & repairs	4354	103.93
R Garlick - general repairs	4355p	530.00
R Garlick - repairs to water system	4355p	90.43
Ribble Fuels - Red Diesel	4356	129.15
Townsend's - New tyre & Puncture repair	5357	65.68
K Armistead - expenses	5358p	67.86
SPN - materials	4360	21.15
T Holling-Hurst - Hanging baskets	4361	1123.20
Battersby Sports - materials for cricket	4363	139.00
Portable conveniences - loss for Club day	4364	1006.98
<b>Allotments</b>		
Croft butts lane - rent	cheque	-15.00
<b>Community Development Account</b>		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-344.31
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-7.46
Charitable trust - donation towards plaque	cheque	-350.00
Cricket club - Contribution towards new roller	cheque	-2000.00
Moore's Ltd - New roller for Cricket section	4353	2350.00
Cubbins - Fair rent	cash	-£600.00
<b>Playground Fund</b>		
<b>VAT</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>6439.35</b>

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**Appendix B**

**Precept Account 2007/2008**

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	June 2006	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£5,000	£417	£1,250	£3,750	25%
Insurance	£650	£0	£630	£20	97%
Stationery	£400	£38	£105	£295	26%
Postage	£700	£119	£232	£468	33%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£563	£37	4%
Audit fee	£650	£60	£60	£590	9%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£150	£0	£0	£150	0%
Civic functions	£400	£0	£0	£400	0%
Grants	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Election	£0	£0		£0	
Reserve	£0	£0	£0	£0	
equipment	£200	£0	£23	£177	11%
Section137	£900	£0	£900	£0	100%
	£0				
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,750</b>	<b>£634</b>	<b>£3,862</b>	<b>£5,888</b>	<b>40%</b>

**Open Spaces Account 2007/2008**

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	June 2006	To date	Outstanding	used
Grass cutting	£17,440	£1,354	£4,984	£12,456	29%
Borders & Plants	£10,302	£1,544	£2,319	£7,983	23%
Watering	£2,659	£0	£0	£2,659	0%
Cleansing	£5,665	£458	£1,375	£4,290	24%
Maintaining Buildings	£8,350	£637	£2,386	£5,965	29%
Outside Contractors	£7,690	£139	£2,331	£5,359	30%
Civic events	£1,413	£1,184	£1,184	£229	84%
Indirect costs	£22,144	£1,113	£3,632	£18,512	16%
Reserves					
<b>Total</b>	<b>£75,664</b>	<b>£6,429</b>	<b>£18,211</b>	<b>£57,453</b>	<b>24%</b>

**Other Accounts 2007/2008**

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£332	£22	£310
Bush lane Allotments	£728	£326	£402
Community Development	£10,153	£12,812	-£2,660
Playground Fund	£482		£482
VAT	£2,838	£2,558	£281
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,532</b>	<b>£15,718</b>	<b>-£1,185</b>