

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th July 2007

Present: Councillor Mrs. M Dowling, (Chair)

Councillors Linda Burn, Mrs. E Willis, C Robb, L Rigby, Mrs. M Whitehead and P Quinn

Apologies: Councillors T Threlfall, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough, Mrs. M Foster and Mrs. S Delany

1) **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

2) **An informal discussion with the representatives from the LCC Youth Services.**

(Attended by Francis Walton and John Lewis).

The Chairman informed the representatives that the Parish Council had recently been informed that there were now two Youth groups meeting separately in the Village. She wished to confirm that the LCC was running the 15+ section and the Younger year's committee were running the up to 15 section. John Lewis confirmed that these were the arrangements and the 15+ wished to continue to meet in the Village hall, because the arrangements in the school were not suitable. He indicated that he would like the Parish Council to financially support these sessions, but he had applied for a grant, from the Youth Opportunities scheme, to pay for the new equipment that was required for this group.

He stated that the sessions were held on an irregular basis, because of the availability of the hall and were attended by approximately 15 youths. He felt that more youths would attend if they were held on a regular basis. The Chairman indicated that Friday nights may be available and he should discuss the booking of the room with Harry Robinson. John Lewis suggested that they would make a contribution towards the rent of the hall, by charging subscriptions, if they met on a regular basis.

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

Carol Thomas informed the meeting that their intention was to start the sessions in the school at the start of the new school term (i.e early September) and would like the Parish Council to pay 50% of the rental costs of the room. The Younger years had drawn up a revised "wish list" (see appendix A) with an approximate cost of £695.

The Clerk emphasised that the Rawstorne grant, that was available for the current financial year, would have to cover the rental costs as well as the purchase of some of the new equipment.

Councillor Mrs. Whitehead suggested that the Younger Years committee should apply to the Freckleton Charitable trust for a donation towards the cost of the equipment.

It was agreed that the Council would consider the request for financial support and let the Younger year's committee know their decision as soon as possible.

The Younger years then left the meeting.

There followed a general discussion on how best to allocate the £1,000 grant from the Rawstorne trust fund. The Clerk suggested that the cost for renting the rooms would be £130 for the junior section and £200 for the over 15 section. This left a balance of £670 for the equipment.

Resolved: That the rental costs for both sections be paid from the Rawstorne fund, up to a maximum of £200 for the 15plus section and the equipment on the revised wish list, up to a value of £695, be purchased.

Proposed by Councillor Linda Burn, seconded by Mrs. L Willis and unanimously accepted.

4) An informal discussion with Representatives from the Rawstorne committee

(Attended by Gary Baxter, Secretary)

The Clerk reported that the Council was concerned about the state of the All Weather Surface area, because of the amount of litter and empty cans that had been left and weeds were growing around the edge of the area. In addition, it has been noticed that the gate is still being left open and Youths were gaining access by climbing over or under the fencing.

Gary informed the meeting that a new steward had recently been appointed and there was to be a meeting shortly to decide who should do the bookings for the AWS. He thought that, in the past, the gardener had been responsible for keeping the area tidy, but he would arrange for the area to be cleaned-up as soon as possible.

He indicated that one of the key holders (a user from BAE) was responsible for leaving the gate open. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and inform him that if the gates are not locked after use the key will be withdrawn from him.

The Clerk reported that the amount of electricity used at the centre had increased considerably over the last 6 months. He stated that the Open Spaces committee would be visiting the centre on Wednesday, 11 July to check out the electricity usage.

It was agreed that court and electricity charges should be reviewed after the findings of the Open Spaces review. In addition, the Booking Clerk's contract should be reviewed to include keeping the AWS area tidy.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

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

Appendix A

Wish list for Freckleton Younger Year's charity
Younger year's temporary youth club @ Freckleton C of E primary school.

PS2 Console Free Buzz or Sing-star when you buy PS2, mega pack & game.	£99.97
Bush TV/DVD Combi 21".	£99.97
5 assorted games	approx. £100.00
Sound system Bush SCDOTIJSBXCI D Radio Cassette MP3 Playback	£39.99
Dancing Mat with 10 Songs and 2 Games	£9.99
BCE 5ft Ronnie O Sullivan - The Rocket Snooker Table.	£199.79
Butterfly Compact Table Tennis Table.	£149.79
 Total	 £697.50