

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2007

Present:

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs S Delany and T Threlfall.

1) Open Forum

a) Police Update – attended by Sgt. Fowler

Sgt. Fowler informed the meeting that there had been two burglaries in the village, one relating to a house, where they have identified a suspect and one relating to a car, where investigations were ongoing. He reported that there had been an increase in the Police presence in the village to try to eradicate the juvenile drinking and anti-social behaviour. They have confiscated alcohol on more than one occasion and the youths were dispersed. He reported that there had been an increase in the number of calls from the public and this has helped with catching the drinkers. In addition, the CCTV camera will be used. He reported that there was funding for a Youth shelter to be installed on the park and the Police would like some guidance on where it should be located. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Open Spaces committee.

In addition, the Police have spoken to the girl who has been riding the horse in the Memorial park and on the Bush Lane playing fields. Councillor Greenhough reported that the girl had been seen riding on the public footpaths. The Police agreed to investigate.

He reported that the Police house is not yet ready for use but he was pushing as hard as possible for it to be opened, in the near future. When it is opened, PC Scarisbrick should be based there permanently.

He enquired if the Parish Council would consider purchasing a mobile phone (on a pay as you go basis). This phone would be permanently switched on and used solely for the purpose of problems in Freckleton. It was agreed the Parish Council would consider this request.

Councillor Mrs. Whitehead enquired why the Youths were not prosecuted for drinking in a public place. The Clerk reported that he had received an email from PC Scarisbrick indicating that a fixed penalty notice had recently been issued for drinking in public.

Councillor Mrs. Whitehead enquired if the off-licences were visited to discourage sales of alcohol to under age youths. County Councillor Whittle reported that this was being done on a regular basis.

b) Public participation

The Clerk reported that the LCC had indicated that they were unable to erect the “No Football” on The Mede because this would imply that football could be played in all other areas.

A member of the public reported that Youths were regularly drinking on the Bush Lane playing fields. It was suggested that she ring the Police every time they are seen.

An enquiry was made as to why the “horticultural show” banner was allowed on the Cenotaph railings. Councillor Fiddler stated that only two organisations were allowed to put banners on the railings these were the Horticultural show and the Club day committee. All other notices would be removed.

An enquiry was made as to what action the Police were taking regarding the drug dealing within the Village. It was agreed that this should be reported to the Police.

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 2nd July 2007

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

Proposed by Councillor St J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor L Rigby and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

a) **Dog Banning Order** – The Clerk reported that he had held a meeting with Jamie Dixon Senior, Operational Services Manager and Ian Curtis, Legal department. He reported that FBC have agreed to progress the banning orders on behalf of Freckleton PC. The Orders should be implemented by January 2008. The Parish Council will have to stand the costs of publicising the Orders and making the signs. FBC will enforce the orders once they were implemented, with assistance from the PCSOs. All revenue, from fixed penalty notices, will come to the Parish Council. If legal action is required, to enforce fixed penalties, FBC will act on behalf of Parish Council, but they will charge for this service.

It was agreed that there should be a complete ban on the north side of the Bush lane playing fields and the south side, including the car park, should be restricted to dogs on leads. The Clerk agreed to ask FBC to progress the Orders.

The Clerk reported that once the Notices had been approved by the Parish Council, most probably at the October meeting, they would have to be displayed on the noticeboard, Web-site and in the Newsletter.

It was agreed that the Newsletter should be delayed until October to allow this notice to be inserted.

b) **Vandalism costs** – The Clerk distributed a summary of the costs incurred in 2006/07 and the 1st quarter of 2007/08. He indicated the “are you guilty” posters have been produced by Councillor Robb. In addition, that Councillor Robb had suggested the Council should organise a Village exhibition to highlight the facilities that are available for youths, within the Village.

It was agreed that the Clerk’s notice should be displayed on the Noticeboards, on the web-site and in the next Newsletter. The “Are you guilty” notices should be reviewed by the Communications committee.

County Councillor Whittle suggested that a copy of all the notices should be sent to Brain Ward Community Safety Officer at FBC.

It was suggested that the “are you guilty” notices should be sent to the three primary schools, the pubs, the off-licences and other public places.

c) **Repairs to AWS** - The Clerk reported that he had received an estimate of £10k, for repairing the AWS area. Also, the Contractor had suggested that annual maintenance should be carried out. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Open Spaces committee.

b. The Extra Parish meeting held on Monday 9th July 2007

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

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

c. The Open Spaces meeting held on Wednesday 11th July 2007

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the inclusion of reference to a letter being issued to the holder of Allotment 6B, regarding the general untidiness of the allotment.

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

d. The Planning committee meeting held on Monday 16th July 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.

e. The Planning committee meeting held on Monday 13th August 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 P Quinn, seconded by Councillor L Rigby and unanimously accepted.

b) Monthly budget statements– see Appendix B.

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

6. Correspondence

LCC	Parish Charter conference – 15/09/07	To consider a delegate	Councillor Greenhough to attend
Vitalise	Request for a donation to support the work being carried out	Consider	No action
English basketball Association	Basketball nets supplied in 1998 are now owned by the Council	For information	Noted
FBC	Draft Parish & Town Charter	Comments required	Councillors Greenhough & Mrs. Dowling to review.
New housing association	Land at the rear of Bush lane	Conditions relating to the upkeep of the land	For Information. This area will be discussed in detail at the Planning meeting scheduled for 05/09/07.
Lancs. minerals & waste	Framework Update	For information	No action
Email – KD Copson	1. Ivanhoe – hedge obstruction 2. Kimberley Close – rear of house on Bush lane	To consider	1.It was agreed that a letter should be sent to The occupier of Ivanhoe 2. to be dealt with at the Planning meeting on 05/09/07
LCC - Highways	Notification of speed limit alterations – Preston new road.	For information	The proposed action was welcomed.
LCC – Chief Executive	Developing a Parish Charter – Work in Progress document	Comments	Councillor Greenhough agreed to progress.
Community Futures	Rural communities grant programme	For information	It was agreed that this would be placed on the Noticeboard
FBC	Supplementary Planning document – draft Consultation document	Comments	It was agreed that this would be dealt with at a Planning meeting scheduled for 17/09/07
Lancs Fire & Rescue services	Integrated risk Management Action Plan 2008-2011	Comments	No action

FBC	Review of licensing policy statement	Comments	It was agreed that this should be considered by a separate committee consisting of Councillors Rigby, Quinn, Greenhough, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Dowling.
The Lancashire Partnership	Strategy for an Ageing population	Final documents available electronically and in the libraries	For information
CPRE – Fylde District group	Post offices closures - Briefing Document.		For information
Val Borrill	Repair windows in Scout hut and fit bars over windows	Consider	Councillor Rigby to review
FBC	Interim Housing policy - questionnaire	Comments	It was agreed that this would be dealt with at a Planning meeting scheduled for 17/09/07
Chris Bradburn	Hawthorns – sign missing: Open Spaces work	For information	Agreed between Cllr. Threlfall & Clerk - Additional plants to be installed. Sign to be replaced. It was agreed that the two Estate agents should be sent an invoice for the cost of the new sign.
LAPTC	Post office closures	Information from Central government regarding proposals	For information
L Hannan	Problem with Garage foundations adjacent to the Croft Butt allotments.	decision	Councillor Rigby agreed to progress this with Mr. Hannan.
M Thomas	Shrubs & bushes adjacent to the seat on Lytham road/Kirkham road junction	decision	It was agreed that this should be referred to the LCC Highways department.
Mrs. Salthouse - email	Fence, adjacent to the Memorial park, needs repairing.	Decision	This fence belongs to the shops on Naze lane. The Clerk will write and ask that they repair it.
BAE Systems	Notification of night Flying		For information
University of Manchester	Questionnaire regarding NW regional spatial strategy	decision	Unable to respond because the Council has not previously been involved with this process.

7. Junior Football

Councillor Fiddler reported that he was concerned that there are no facilities within the Village for Junior football and he suggested that the Council should consider funding for a separate area for the use of Junior Football. County Councillor Whittle suggested that Fylde Borough Council should be asked to contribute.

8. Yellow lines on Bush lane corner

Councillor Fiddler indicated that this was a dangerous corner because traffic was unable to stay on the correct side of the road because of cars parked on the bend. Councilor Quinn indicted that the parked cars helped to slow down the traffic as they approached this bend. Councillor Whittle agreed to progress this with the LCC.

9. Traffic calming in Centre of village

Councillor Fiddler reported that traffic was traveling too fast around the top end of the Preston Old road and there could be an accident with mothers with young children. Councillor Whittle agreed to discuss this with the LCC.

10. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st October 2007, starting at 7:00pm, in the Village hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed..... L Rigby, Vice-Chairman.....

Date.....1st October 2007.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for

July '07

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4369p	416.67
KM Armistead – Expenses	4383p	60.17
KM Armistead - Accessories for Printer	4375	50.19
LAPTC - Training Cllrs. Robb & Greenhough	4384	72.00
Open Spaces Account		
E4b - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	200.29
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	37.00
S Delaney – wages	4370	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4371	341.55
KM Armistead – salary	4369p	435.51
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4366p	1105.83
Grangeland Services –Borders	4366p	387.50
J Garlick - litter picking	4365p	458.34
J Garlick – watering	4365p	796.25

K Armistead – Expenses	4383p	56.18
J & B Cartmell	4368	3313.25
Kwik-Skip - Skips for club day	4374	150.00
In-Trak - Additional barriers for Club day	4376	94.00
Bowling Club - replace taps	4378	57.00
Grangeland services - additional maintenance work	4377p	210.00
Grangeland services – repair to machinery	4377p	210.00
A & SM Singletons - repair to Ransome	4379	388.69
J Townsend - punctures & new tyre	4380p	61.60
J Townsend -diesel & service for pick-up	4380p	293.29
J Townsend - punctures & new tyre	4381	48.70
woodys warehouse – materials	4382	81.92
SMS - brackets for new planters	4388	82.25
Rawstorne - Electricity refund	cheque	-600.00

Allotments

Croft butts – rents	cash	-15.00
PO ltd - water - Bush lane	4385	314.00

Community Development Account

Natwest – interest	D/P	-370.25
Portable Convenience - insurance claim	4367	684.44
select floor coverings - New Floor for Rawstorne centre	4386	940.00
Rawstorne centre - donation towards floors	Cheque	-800.00
G Walsh - tidying up the Youth centre site	4387	898.88
LCC - grass cutting refund	cheque	-5244.29

Playground Fund

Bank of America	D/P	-465.74
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VAT

HM Customs - VAT Refund		-2584.59
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Total

2226.47

Schedule of payments for August '07

Precept Account

	Cheque No.	£
KM Armistead - salary	4391p	416.67
KM Armistead – Expenses	4403p	66.88
Staples - new printer	4406p	89.98
Staples - stationery & cartridges	4406p	52.45

Open Spaces Account

E4b - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	200.29
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	37.00
S Delaney – wages	4392	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4393	341.77
KM Armistead – salary	4391p	435.29
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4389p	1105.83
Grangeland Services –Borders	4389p	387.50

J Garlick - litter picking	4390p	458.34
J Garlick – watering	4390p	796.25
K Armistead – Expenses	4403p	66.90
Chubbs - annual service for Storeroom security	4394	92.44
PO Ltd - final electric bill – Rawstorne	4395p	192.56
Fylde Insurance - Traders combined Renewal	4396	6427.17
Rowlands & Hames - Cricket Public liability Ins	4398	711.19
M Benson - Hedge cutting	4397	401.85
Grangeland services - clean Cenotaph & Church yard wall	4399p	380.00
Grangeland services - repair Kubota	4399p	150.00
Freckleton in Bloom - donation towards Cleaning village	cheque P	-150.00
Freckleton in Bloom - donation towards watering	cheque P	-600.00
Freckleton in Bloom - donation towards plants	cheque P	-250.00
A Watkinson - repair to cenotaph lights	4400	35.68
Ribble fuels - Red Diesel	4401	258.30
Woodys warehouse – materials	4402	21.86
Grantham signs - "no ball games after 9pm" sign	4405	32.90

Allotments

PO ltd - water Croft Butts	4395p	155.66
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Community Development Account

Natwest – interest	D/P	-376.36
Fylde insurance -Payment for damage to portaloo	cheque	-534.44

Playground Fund

VAT

Total		11464.80
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Appendix B

Precept Account 2007/2008

Headings	Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
	Allocation	July '07	To date			
Wages	£5,000	£417	£1,667	£3,333	33%	
Insurance	£650		£630	£20	97%	
Stationery	£400		£105	£295	26%	
Postage	£700	£60	£292	£408	42%	
LAPTC	£600		£563	£37	94%	
Audit fee	£650		£60	£590	9%	
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%	
Training	£150	£72	£72	£78	48%	
Civic functions	£400			£400	0%	
Grants						
Election						
Reserve						
equipment	£200	£43	£65	£135	33%	
Section137	£900		£900	£0	100%	

Total	£9,750	£592	£4,454	£5,296	46%
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Open Spaces Account 2007/2008

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	July '07	To date		
Grass cutting	£17,440	£1,741	£6,725	£10,715	39%
Borders & Plants	£10,302	£3,277	£5,597	£4,706	54%
Watering	£2,659	£796	£796	£1,863	30%
Cleansing	£5,665	£458	£1,833	£3,832	32%
Maintaining Buildings	£8,350	£337	£2,723	£5,628	33%
Outside Contractors	£7,690	£0	£2,331	£5,359	30%
Civic events	£1,413	£230	£1,414	£-1	100%
Indirect costs	£22,144	£751	£4,059	£18,085	18%
Reserves	£0				
Total	£75,664	£7,590	£25,477	£50,187	34%

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£347	£22	£325
Bush lane Allotments	£728	£640	£88
Community Development	£17,175	£14,960	£2,215
Playground Fund	£947	£0	£947
VAT	£5,423	£3,621	£1,802
Total	£24,620	£19,242	£5377

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Precept Account 2007/2008

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	August '07	To date		
Wages	£5,000	£417	£2,083	£2,917	42%
Insurance	£650		£630	£20	97%
Stationery	£400	£45	£150	£250	37%
Postage	£700	£67	£359	£341	51%
LAPTC	£600		£563	£37	94%
Audit fee	£650		£60	£590	9%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£150		£72	£78	48%
Civic functions	£400			£400	0%
Grants					
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200	£77	£142	£58	71%
Section137	£900		£900	£0	100%
	£0				

Total	£9,750	£605	£5,059	£4,691	52%
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Open Spaces Account 2007/2008

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	August '07	To date		
Grass cutting	£17,440	£1,502	£8,227	£9,214	47%
Borders & Plants	£10,302	£156	£5,753	£4,549	56%
Watering	£2,659	£196	£993	£1,667	37%
Cleansing	£5,665	£458	£2,292	£3,373	40%
Maintaining Buildings	£8,350	£377	£3,100	£5,251	37%
Outside Contractors	£7,690	£1,053	£3,384	£4,306	44%
Civic events	£1,413		£1,414	£-1	100%
Indirect costs	£22,144	£7,703	£11,762	£10,382	53%
Reserves					
Total	£75,664	£11,446	£36,923	£38,741	49%

Other Accounts 2007/2008

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£347	£22	£325
Bush lane Allotments	£728	£640	£88
Community Development	£18,085	£14,960	£3,126
Playground Fund	£947	£0	£947
VAT	£5,423	£3,789	£1,633
Total	£25,531	£19,411	£6,119