

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 1st October 2007

Present:

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. M Dowling and Mrs M Whitehead

1) Open Forum

a) Police Update – attended by Sgt. Fowler, Inspector Darwin and three PC/PCSO.

The Chairman presented the Police with a mobile phone, so that the Councillors could contact them direct.

PCSO Ian Larmouth informed the meeting of the crime figures for each Ward. He stated that there had been two arrests for drug possession. In addition, they had confiscated 25 litres of alcohol, during the last weekend and a youth referral order had been issued. A multi-agency meeting had been arranged for one youth that had come to the notice of the Police.

Sgt. Fowler stated that they were undertaking test purchases of alcohol at all the off licences within the village.

Inspector Darwin reported that the Police house would be opening in the near future. He also stated that the number of Police officers based at Kirkham was being increased. Councillor Threlfall stated that he was aware that Police had been drawn away from the Village whilst the Conservative conference was being held in Blackpool. Inspector Darwin stated that officers from all over the County were being used to Police the conference.

Councillor Threlfall stated that the site for the new Youth Centre, in the Memorial park, had been agreed. Sgt Fowler agreed to progress the installation of this shelter.

A member of the public informed the Police that Youths, off the Mede, were causing damage to property on the two farms adjacent to Kirkham Prison. The Police agreed to investigate.

b) Public participation

Peter Armitage enquired when the map would be installed on the Notice board. The Clerk reported that the format and the pictures had been agreed and it would be put up in the near future.

He also enquired when the kissing gate would be put back, near the boatyard entrance. County Councillor Whittle indicated that the opening was now too wide for this gate to be of any value.

A member of the public reported that he had noticed that £14k had been spent on tidying up after the vandalism in the park and on Bush lane playing fields and he enquired what action has been done to stop this vandalism. The Clerk indicated that the notice was put up to highlight the problem and it was hoped that the public would assist in identifying the perpetrators of these acts of vandalism and call 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 3rd September 2007

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

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

accepted.

Matters arising

- 1. Repair to the windows in the Scout hut – Councillor Rigby stated that he had been unable to progress this item.
- 2. Yellow lines on Bush lane corner. – Councillor Whittle stated that Karen Galloway was checking this area and he was awaiting her report.
- 3. Calming measures in the centre of the Village – Councillor Whittle suggested that the Clerk write to Karen Galloway requesting that she considers a 20 mph zone on Preston Old road, from the traffic lights to the rear entrance to the school.

b. The Planning committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2007

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,
Proposed by Councillor St J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor P Quinn and unanimously accepted.

Matters arising

- a) Footpath from Naze lane to Bunker St. – Councillor Rigby requested that the Clerk write to LCC to tidy-up this path, as it is overgrown

c. The Planning committee meeting held on Monday 17th September 2007

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,
Proposed by Councillor St J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor P Quinn and unanimously accepted.

d. The Planning committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2007

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,
Proposed by Councillor St J Greenhough, seconded by Councillor P Quinn and unanimously accepted.

e. The Open Spaces meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2007

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,
Proposed by Councillor T Threlfall, seconded by Councillor Linda Burn and unanimously accepted.

Councillor Fiddler stated that the full Council should approve any capital expenditure, proposed in these minutes, before the work is carried out.

The Clerk reported that the Rawstone Centre had suggested the meeting should be held on Wednesday 10th October 2007 commencing at 7:30pm. It was agreed that the meeting should be held on this date at the Rawstone centre.

f. The Communications meeting held on Thursday 27th September 2007

Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Foster, seconded by Councillor Linda Burn 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 Linda Burn, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M Foster and unanimously accepted.

- b) Monthly budget statements– see Appendix B.

The Monthly budget statements were noted.

- c) To approve the External Auditors report

Resolved: That the External Auditors report be approved.

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor P Quinn and unanimously accepted.

6. Correspondence

FBC	Invite to meeting to discuss Interim Housing Policy	To decide on the delegates	Referred to planning meeting 17/09/07
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FBC	Polling Stations review 2007 – 3 stages – 1 st to advertise Notice of intention to review – 2 nd to issue new proposals and receive comments - 3 rd present findings to Council.	For information	Notice placed on Notice board
Email – Lesley Salthouse	Response to decision regarding the repair of the fence, adjacent to the Memorial park.	Consider	It was agreed that this fence is not the responsibility of the PC.
Cricket Club	Request to treat outfield	Consider	Referred to Open Spaces meeting – 25/09/07
Dickson Haslam	To approve the scheme for the sale of the land on Bush lane	To approve	Sale approved in 2005 Clerk & Cllr. Rigby signed the form
FBC	Open spaces study	Complete the questionnaire	Referred to Open Spaces meeting – 25/09/07 – Questionnaire completed by Clerk & T Threlfall and returned 01/10/07
Email – Jane Brunning	Propose Ribble barrage – info from Ribble Fisheries Consultative Association	Comments	The Councils supports this document
FBC	Consider sale of land adjacent to Tom Croft Car park	For information	Referred to Planning meeting – 25/09/07 – The PC strongly objects to the sale.
Mersey basin Campaign	Invite to forum – 01/11/07	Consider	No action
Email - S Wilkinson	Noise from BAE night flights	Comments	T Threlfall indicated that he had arranged a meeting with BAE. By a majority vote, it was agreed that the Council would await the results of this meeting before considering any action.
Holy Trinity Church	Additional Burial ground	Consider	It was agreed that the views of FBC should be sought, as they are responsible for burial grounds.
Email – Ian Curtis, FBC	New Code of conduct – Advertise the adoption	For Information	27/09/07 -Requested that Freckleton be included in the FBC's advert.

7. To approve the Dog banning Order report from FBC

Resolved: That the dog banning report from Fylde Borough Council be approved.

Proposed by Councillor T Fiddler, seconded by Councillor P Quinn and unanimously accepted.

8. To agree a sub-committee to undertake a Risk Assessment

It was agreed that the following Councillors should sit on the Risk Assessment committee
Councillors T Threlfall, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough, C Robb and P Quinn

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th November 2007, starting at 7:00pm, in the Village hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

Date.....05/11/07.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for September 2007

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4473p	416.67
KM Armistead - Expenses	4480p	57.43
Staples - stationery	4477	17.01
BDO Stoy Hayward - Audit fees	4478	646.25
Open Spaces Account		
E4b - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	200.29
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	26.00
S Delaney - wages	4474	60.84
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4475	341.55
KM Armistead - salary	4473p	435.51
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4409p	1105.83
Grangeland Services -Borders	4409p	387.5
J Garlick - litter picking	4410p	458.34
J Garlick - watering	4410p	796.25
K Armistead - Expenses	4480p	49.25
J Townsend - diesel & punctures	4407	78.97
A & SM Singleton - repair to Ransome mower	4408	48.46
Grangeland Services - additional work	4471p	160.00
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Ribble fuels - oil	4472	32.90
Woodys warehouse - materials	4476	32.17
Braithwaites Hire - parts for Kubota	4479	185.49
Allotments		
Grangeland Services - additional work	4471p	60.00
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-446.31
Total		5430.40

Precept Account 2006/2007

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Sept 2007	To date		
Wages	£5,000	£417	£2,500	£2,500	50%
Insurance	£650	£0	£630	£20	97%
Stationery	£400	£14	£164	£236	41%
Postage	£700	£57	£416	£284	59%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£563	£37	94%
Audit fee	£650	£550	£610	£40	94%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£150	£0	£72	£78	48%
Civic functions	£400	£0	£0	£400	0%
Grants	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Election	£0	£0		£0	
Reserve	£0	£0	£0	£0	
equipment	£200	£0	£142	£58	71%
Section137	£900	£0	£900	£0	100%
Total	9750	£1,039	£6,097	£3,653	62.54%

Open Spaces Account

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Sept 2007	To date		
Grass cutting	£17,440	£1,528	£9,754	£7,686	56%
Borders & Plants	£10,302	£548	£6,300	£4,002	61%
Watering	£2,659	£796	£1,789	£870	67%
Cleansing	£5,665	£458	£2,750	£2,915	49%
Maintaining Buildings	£8,350	£187	£3,287	£5,063	39%
Outside Contractors	£7,690	£0	£3,384	£4,306	44%
Civic events	£1,413	£0	£1,414	-£1	100%
Indirect costs	£22,144	£1,084	£12,846	£9,298	58%
Reserves	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Total	£75,664	£4,601	£41,524	£34,140	55%

Other Accounts

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£347	£22	£325
Bush lane Allotments	£728	£640	£88
Community Development	£18,532	£14,960	£3,572
Playground Fund	£947	£0	£947
VAT	£5,423	£3,967	£1,456
Total	£25,977	£19,589	£6,388