

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2007

Present:

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

Apologies: Councillor St J Greenhough and County Councillor B Whittle.

1) Open Forum

a) Police Update – attended by Sgt. Melanie Harry and PCSO Vicki Jackson.

PCSO Jackson informed the meeting that the Police house was now open.

Councillor Threlfall expressed his concern about the amount of vandalism that had taken place in and around the Memorial park over the last weekend. He stated that signs and drainpipes had been trashed and this could only have happened over several hours. He indicated that this sort of anti-social behaviour has been occurring over the last two to three years and he was very disappointed in the lack of Policing in the village. Sgt. Manny agreed to investigate and suggested that the incidents should be reported to the Blackpool help desk to ensure a speedy response and that the incidents are logged. Councillor Threlfall requested that they report the problem to their superiors.

Councillor Fiddler stated that this sort of anti-social behaviour is costing the Council a large sum of money to clear up and it should be stopped. Sgt. Harry apologized and agreed that the village would be policed at night.

b) Public participation

1. Dog banning Order – Bush lane

There was a general discussion with members of the public as to why it had been necessary to introduce the dog banning order. The arguments for and against the ban were discussed and the Chairman emphasised that it was essential that any comments about the new orders should be made to Ian Curtis, at Fylde Borough Council before the 14th December 2007. As there was a difference of opinion on the merits of the banning orders, it was agreed to hold a public meeting in January 2008. The Clerk agreed to arrange the meeting.

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 5th November 2007

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

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

Matters arising

The Clerk reported the following:-

a) **Dog Banning Order** – Notices have been circulated in local press, on the notice board, on the web-site and on Bush lane playing fields.

b) **Public right of way –rear of Lamaleach drive** – LCC have responded by indicated that according to the Definitive Rights of way there is no public right of way in this area.

- c) **Footpath between Naze lane and Bunker St** – Nick Bamber, the Network Officer, at LCC has indicated that he will investigate and report back within the next 3 months.
 - d) **Cost of changing electricity supply at Rawstorne centre.** – Most of the costs were in relation to a new supply box that was required. It was estimated that approx £150 was down to re-routing the supply for the cooling system. It was agreed that a separate meeting would be held in January 2008, to discuss all the issue relating to the Rawstorne centre.
 - e) **Electrical repairs to the Bowling club** – Councillor Rigby reported that he had held a meeting with the Bowling club and the internal repairs were of a minor nature. He confirmed that the painting of the lights should be undertaken by an outside contractor and the Bowling section have agreed to contribute the £500 received from the Freckleton charitable trust. The Clerk agreed to ask the Garlick Brothers to undertake the painting.
 - f) **Planning application 07/1086 – Children’s home at Lynton, Kirkham road,** - Bryan Ward, FBC’s Safety Officer has written to the Planning department to object to this application. Councillor Linda Burn reported that three members of the Council had met with Mark Evans, FBC and although he had originally agreed to approve this application he has now agreed to re-examine it. He noted that there was concerns regarding previous approval being given despite the location and size of some of the buildings and whether these buldings have been built outside the original garden area. Councillor Burn agreed to report back to the Council.
 - g) Planning application for Woodys Warehouse, Kirkham road – Councillor Mrs Whitehead reported that the three Councillors had also discussed this application with Mark Evans. He had confirmed that small quantities of building materials had been sold from these premises over the last 10 years. This was the reason the application had been granted. In addition, he confirmed that the signs would have to come down.
- b. The Risk Assessment meeting held on Wednesday Monday 5th November 2007.
Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,
Proposed by Councillor P Quinn, seconded by Councillor Linda Burn and unanimously accepted.
Resolved: That the revised risk assessment document be adopted,
Proposed by Councillor P Quinn, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.
- c. The Finance meeting held on Monday 19th November 2007
Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman,
Proposed by Councillor L Rigby, seconded by Councillor Linda Burn and unanimously accepted.
- d. The Planning committee meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 2007
Resolved: That these be affirmed as a true record, subject to Councillor Linda Burn being added to the attendees and signed by the Chairman,
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S Delany, 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 L Rigby, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M Delany and unanimously accepted.
- b) Monthly budget statements– see Appendix B.
The Monthly budget statements were noted.
- b) The Clerk reported that he had received an invoice from FBC, for £25, for the uncontested election in the West Ward, in May 2007.

Resolved: That that this invoice should not be paid, as the election was uncontested.
Proposed by Councillor L Rigby, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M Delany and unanimously accepted.

6. Correspondence

Sender	Subject	Requirements	Action Agreed
LCC	Climate change strategy & Action plan – Consultation draft	Comments	It was agreed that the results of the enquiry should be obtained. The web-site address is www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/envpolicy/climate/lancs_cc_strategy.asp
LCC development	Rural Lancs. development grant programme – grants available	To consider	It was agreed that the Clerk should enquire if the New community centre would qualify for a grant.
Dave Joy - Email	Parish Council Charter		It was agreed that any comments should be passed to Councillors T Threlfall & Mrs. Dowling
Lancashire locals Climate change fund	Lancashire locals Climate change fund	To consider	No action
C Rob - Email	Generator hum noise - from BAE	Comments	No action
M Thomas	Hedge adjacent to the seat on Kirkham road/Lytham road	Any action	Response from LCC indicates that it is the owner's responsibility. It was agreed that the ownership of the hedge should be established.

7. To consider the response from FBC regarding new Burial ground

The Reverend Jim Percival informed the meeting that there were only fourteen plots left in the existing graveyard. He indicated that there was land available in the Memorial park, adjacent to the Guide Hut, but there was concern that there may be an air raid shelter buried in this area. The Church Council had arranged for a seismograph to be taken of the area and the results should be available in January 2008. He agreed to inform the Council when the results have been received. It was agreed to form a sub-committee to investigate all the areas, within the Village, that may be used for burial ground, in the future.

8. Informal discussions with David Barlow regarding the Open Spaces land adjacent to 9, Preston Old Road.

David Barlow informed the meeting that he wished to extend this property to the rear and the purchase of the Open Spaces land was to ensure he would have pedestrian access to the extension from the service road to the car park. He had no intention of building on the land that is currently an Open spaces area. It was agreed that the Council would discuss this option and get back to David Barlow.

9. To review the response from YMCA regarding the management of the AWS area

The Clerk reported that he had reviewed the booking arrangements and contacted all the regular users. They have all agreed to pay for the bookings in advance and invoices have been sent out to collect the arrears and for the December 2007 bookings. All the regular users have a key to access the area. Only the tennis section has indicated that the fee of £5 per hour was excessive and they would no longer be using the facilities. It was expected that the revenue for the six months from October 2007 to March 2008 would be in the region of £1,200. In addition, he has arranged for J Garlick to keep the AWS area tidy and to check each morning that the gate has been locked.

It was agreed that the letter from the YMCA should be discussed at the meeting to be arranged in

January 2008, to discuss all issues relating to the Rawstorne Centre.

10. To consider Quality Parish status

It was agreed that this item should be deferred until the January 2008 meeting.

11. Remembrance Sunday service – Organisation

It was agreed that this item should be deferred until the January 2008 meeting.

12. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Monday 7th January 2008, commencing at 7:00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed..... ..Councillor L Rigby.....

Date.....07/01/08.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for Nov-07

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4504p	416.67
K Armistead - Expenses	4515p	68.62
In-Trak - Sound system for remembrance Sunday	4512	141.00
Staples - stationery, equipment & mobile phone	4513	118.40
Open Spaces Account		
E4b - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	467.58
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	26.00
KM Armistead - salary	4504p	435.29
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4505	324.61
K Armistead - Expenses	4515p	55.83
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4506p	1105.83
Grangeland Services -Borders	4506p	387.50
J Garlick - litter picking	4507	458.34
T Holling-Hurst - Winter plants	4500	790.40
Kirbys- Plants & materials	4501	773.00
Alpha Amenity - materials for Football	4502	88.13
Battersby Sports - materials fro Cricket	4508	535.27
Grangeland Services - creating new beds	4509p	490.00
Grangeland Services - Repair benches	4509p	336.55
Braithawaites - Hire of digger for Bunker st	4510p	76.95
KM Armistead - Additional key fro AWS	cash	20.00
Ribble Fuels - Red diesel	4511	131.29
Woodys warehouse - Materials	4514	74.30

Allotments

Kwik-Skip - Remove rubbish from allotment 4b	4499	95.00
Grangeland Services - Tidy up allotment 4b	4509p	60.00
Braithawaites - Hire of digger for allotment 4b	4510p	73.92

Community Development Account

Natwest - Interest	D/P	-418.17
Rawstorne - rent for AWS	cash & cheques	-362.00
Rawstorne - Electric charges for AWS	cash	-57.00

Playground Fund**VAT**

Total **6713.31**

Freckleton Parish Council**Appendix B****Precept Account 2007/2008**

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Nov '07	To date		
Wages	£5,000	£417	£3,333	£1,667	67%
Insurance	£650		£630	£20	97%
Stationery	£400	£101	£265	£135	66%
Postage	£700	£69	£552	£148	79%
LAPTC	£600		£563	£37	94%
Audit fee	£650		£610	£40	94%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£150		£72	£78	48%
Civic functions	£400	£120	£200	£200	50%
Grants					
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200		£142	£58	71%
Section137	£900		£900	£0	100%
Total	£9,750	£706	£7,367	£2,383	75.56%

Open Spaces Account 2007/2008

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Nov '07	To date		
Grass cutting	£17,440	£1,233	£12,347	£5,094	71%
Borders & Plants	£10,302	£2,361	£9,049	£1,253	88%
Watering	£2,659	£0	£2,585	£74	97%
Cleansing	£5,665	£458	£3,667	£1,998	65%
Maintaining Buildings	£8,350	£420	£3,662	£4,689	44%
Outside Contractors	£7,690	£541	£5,744	£1,946	75%
Civic events	£1,413	£0	£1,414	-£1	100%
Indirect costs	£22,144	£1,240	£15,082	£7,062	68%
Reserves		£0	£0	£0	
Total	£75,664	£6,253	£53,549	£22,115	71%

Other Accounts Nov '07

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£347	£897	-£550
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£943	-£182
Community Development	£24,595	£15,288	£9,307
Playground Fund	£1,482	£0	£1,482
VAT	£5,423	£4,598	£824
Total	£32,607	£21,726	£10,881