

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007

#### Present:

Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Mrs M Dowling, Mrs L Willis, L Rigby, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough and C Robb.

**Apologies:** Councillor M/s D Morriss.

**1. To read and approve the minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006.**

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

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S Delany, seconded by Councillor C Robb and unanimously accepted

**2.** There were no matters arising from these minutes.

**3. Chairman's report.**

The Chairman reported that:-

Some progress has been made within the Village. The web-site and the new central Notice board is a better way of keeping a broad spectrum of people informed of the activities of the Council. These two initiatives are the result of the Parish plan.

New trees have been planted, on the edge of Bush lane playing fields and the old ones removed, much to the residents' joy. In addition, the work carried out on the playing fields, over the last few years, has seen a big improvement to the football and cricket pitches. This has been rewarded by the Football Association best kept pitch award.

The Balderstone/Mill View, grass verge area, where controversy took place, has been planted with laurel and copper beach hedgerows, to the satisfaction of the residents in this area.

The Bunker St. open spaces area has been reinstated and our thanks go to Mr. Allan Butler for sponsoring the new seat. Work will continue to tidy up this area.

The policing in the Village remains a concern to the Parish Council. At every Council meeting during the last 12 months, it has been pointed out that there is a lack of policing. This has resulted in their inability to address the anti-social behaviour within the village, which is supposed to be alcohol free in public areas. It is hoped that another 11.8% increase on the Police charge, within the community tax and the re-opening of the Police house on Lytham road, will lead to better policing in the future.

Concern has also been expressed about the number of accidents at the crossing on the main Preston new road, at the junction of Lower lane. We hope that LCC will look at this cross over with more concern and provide a safer means of crossing, in the near future.

Recently, the Parish Council supported a plaque to be constructed and placed adjacent to the crash site of the air disaster in 1944. The plaque has now been made and arrangements are in hand for it to be installed, in the near future.

In conclusion, he thanked the Vice-chairman, Councillor Mrs. Delany, the Parish Councillors and the respective sub committees Chairmen, for their work, help and support throughout the year. He thanked the Freckleton in Bloom committee for their dedication that reached new heights this year, having been awarded the Winner of the best-kept large village award. He also thanked the people who sponsor the many floral displays that decorate the village.

He thanked the Club day committee for their untiring work in making Club day possible and he was pleased to hear that Freckleton Brass band continues to do well.

He thanked Richard and John Garlick, for their dedication and last but not least, the Clerk for his invaluable work and dedication. It has been a privilege to work alongside him for the past 12 months.

**4. Financial Statements – unaudited.**

The unaudited accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007

**Resolved: That unaudited Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 be approved. – see Appendix A**

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

**Chairman of Finance’s report.**

The Clerk gave a review of the Income and Expenditure for the various accounts. He reported that:-

The Precept account - All expenditure was within or around budget figures, except for the Civic functions. This was overspent by £600 due to the lunch for the BAD2 visit (£400) and the purchase of lanterns for the Carol service (£200).

The Open Spaces account was over spent by £12K. This was due to a shortfall in the grant from FBC (£2.5k), overspending on the Planting out contract (£2,800) and increases in wages and electricity bills. The contracts for the new financial year are all on a fixed price basis and the electricity contracts have been re-negotiated.

Although the Community Development account was in budget, the following major development projects were completed:-

1. New Trees on Bush lane playing fields - £4,500
2. New Notice board - £4,500
3. Demolition of the old Youth club - £3,000
4. Extension to storeroom - £6,000
5. New hedgerow in the Balderstone play area - £850

This year the Council’s expenditure exceeded income by £5,431, mainly due to the overspend in Open Spaces account.

**5. Any other business.**

There was no other business.

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

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

**Date.....07/04/08.....**

**Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2007**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2005-06</b>
<b>Precept</b>	<b>9,450</b>	<b>£9,450</b>
<b>Open Spaces</b>	<b>69,051</b>	<b>£69,051</b>
<b>Allotments</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>£1,077</b>
<b>Community Dev.</b>	<b>36,613</b>	<b>£21,173</b>
<b>Parish Plan</b>		<b>£2,023</b>
<b>Playground fund</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>£1,789</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>118,145</b>	<b>£104,563</b>

**Expenditure**

<b>Precept</b>	<b>9,016</b>	<b>£8,928</b>
<b>Open Spaces</b>	<b>81,147</b>	<b>£85,004</b>
<b>Allotments</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>£1,214</b>
<b>Community Dev.</b>	<b>31,999</b>	<b>£3,055</b>
<b>Parish plan</b>		<b>£4,139</b>
<b>Playground fund</b>		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>123,576</b>	<b>£102,341</b>

Excess of Income over Expenditure (2005-06)		<b>£2,222</b>
<b>Excess of Expenditure over income</b>	<b>5,431</b>	

**Balance sheet as at 31st March 2007**

<b>Fund Balance at 1st April 2006</b>	<b>100,721</b>	<b>£98,499</b>
<b>less Excess of Expenditure over income</b>	<b>5,431</b>	<b>£2,222</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>95,290</b>	<b>£100,721</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>	<b>92,448</b>	<b>£98,025</b>
<b>Prepayments</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>£2,696</b>
<b>Fund balance at 31st March 2006</b>	<b>95,290</b>	<b>£100,721</b>

**The above represents fairly the financial position of the Authority at 31st March 2007 and reflects its income and Expenditure**