

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2008

Present:

Councillor Mrs M Dowling, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Mrs L Willis, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, P Quinn and C Robb.

Apologies: Councillors T Threlfall (bereavement), T Fiddler (holiday) and Linda Burn (other commitments).

1) Open Forum

a) Police Update – attended by PCSO Vicki Jackson.

PCSO Vicki Jackson informed the meeting that the village had been fairly quiet during the last month. There had been one incident of anti-social behaviour (graffiti and a rubbish fire) on the Lower lane estate and this was being investigated.

She reported that the Youth shelter would be installed, on the Memorial park, by mid-April.

In addition, she was organizing a “clean sweep” campaign in the village and she hoped that all the community would participate to make the campaign a success.

Councillor Mrs. Willis reported that older youths were congregating on the park and allowing a dog to wander in the children’s play area. The Police agreed to investigate.

b) Public participation

A member of the public enquired why the streets were not swept on a regular basis. Councillor Greenhough stated that all the areas of the village should be swept every two weeks. He had previously reported this problem to Fylde Borough Council and anyone who feels there are areas that have not been swept should report it to him.

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 Wednesday 5th March 2008.

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

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S Delany, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M Foster and unanimously accepted.

The Clerk reported the following:-

a) **Burial ground** – Eve Munro has reported that the seismograph has been completed and it indicated that there are the remains of an air raid shelter in the area plotted. It was agreed that the sub-committee should meet to consider alternative sites.

b) **Opening Fair on Club day Sunday** – The Half marathon committee have responded by indicating that they are still concerned that there is too much risk to have the fair open on Sunday. If the Council decides to allow the fair to be open they have asked for a written confirmation that the fair will not start before 6:00pm and the Council will describe how the area will be supervised to ensure the fair does not interfere with the race.

Resolved: That the fair should not be allowed to open on the Sunday, of Club day weekend, this year. That the situation will be reviewed on the Sunday and a decision made for next year.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. S Delany, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M Foster and unanimously accepted.

- c) **Bush lane allotments** – Investigation are ongoing to try to identify the leak.
- d) **Rawstone Centre - Netball section** – Jackie Finch has written to confirm that the netball section is still operating and they are playing friendly matches at Carr Hill. The Clerk has responded requesting that they reconsider the AWS area when the surface has been repaired.
- e) **Village hall donation** – A thank you letter has been received from the Committee for the £6.5k donation.
- f) **Rawstone Centre – meeting** – Gary Baxter has suggested Tuesday 29th April 2008 as the date for the meeting. The Clerk indicated that he would not be available on that night (first Quality Status seminar). It was agreed that an alternative date should be requested.

b. The Planning meeting held on Monday 18th February 2008

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

Proposed by Councillor Linda Burn, seconded by Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

The Clerk reported the following:-

Planning application 07/0463 – A copy of the Certificate of Lawfulness has been received from FBC.

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 Mrs. M Foster, seconded by Councillor P Quinn and unanimously accepted.

- b) **Monthly budget statements– see Appendix B.**

The Monthly budget statements were noted

- c) **Annual grants –**

Resolved that the following grants be paid:

- 1) **Parochial Church Council** **£500**
- 2) **Air Ambulance** **£200**
- 3) **The Fylde Hospice** **£200**
- 4) **Freckleton Bowling Club** **£1,800**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M Foster and unanimously accepted.

- d) **To consider the estimate for the bi-annual verti draining of the Football pitch.**

The Clerk reported that he had received an estimate for £1,360 from the firm that had agreed to undertake this work.

Resolved: That the bi-annual verti draining of the football pitch should be carried out at a cost of £1,360.

Proposed by Councillor L Rigby, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S Delany and unanimously accepted.

6. Correspondence

Sender	Subject	Requirement	Action Agreed
C Thomas – Younger years	Request to use the Rawstone Centre for the Younger years	To Consider	Noted
LCC - Environment	Rights of Way Improvement plan – funding sources	To consider	Councillor Greenhough to review
Kirkham Town Council	Kirkham Baths – request for an annual	To consider	Support in principle, but more information is required

	subsidy to support the Trust fund		before the PC make a firm commitment. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to FBC requesting that estimates for running the baths should be released.
Club day committee	Request for security guard on Club day weekend.	To consider	It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a quote before considering this request.
Government Office – North West	Draft NW Regional Spatial Strategy proposed changes	Comments	No action
NALC	Sustainable Communities Act 2007 – Consultation of Draft regulations	Comments	No action
West Lancs. Local development framework	Draft Skelmerdale Town centre Plan	Comments	No action
Email S Keating	Media relations workshop	To consider	No action
Allan Parsons, Cambridgeshire	Support for Petition to exempt smaller Parish Councils from the ever increasing bureaucracy from Central government	To consider	It was agreed that this campaign should be supported
Brian Butterworth	Request for new dog fouling signs on Greenacres	To Consider	It was agreed that this should be referred to the Open spaces committee.
LAPTC	Survey on Community Issues	To Consider	No action
LAPTC	Training Survey for LCC	To Consider	No action

7) Update from the Rawstrone Centre meeting

Councillor Mrs. Delany reported that she attended the last meeting of the Rawstrone Sports Centre committee and the following items were noted:-

1. The Tennis section complained that it was unfair for them to have to pay for sessions in advance when they may not be able to use them if the weather was inclement. The Clerk stated that he had arranged with another section to obtain a credit for sessions not used and this is working satisfactorily.
2. The Rawstrone committee indicated that the Constitution was the responsibility of the committee and not the Parish Council.
3. Concern was expressed that committee members were signing blank cheques.

It was agreed that it was important to have a meeting, as soon as possible, to resolve these and previously reported items.

Councillor Rigby reported that he was progressing the roof repair.

8) Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 12th May 2008, commencing at 7:00pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed.....Mrs. S Delany, Chairman

Date.....12th May 2008.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for March 2008

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - salary	4572p	416.67
KM Armistead - expenses	4582p	54.97
C Robb - web-site costs	4565	17.26
Lancs county training - Planning Workshop	4566	60.00
Lancs county training - chairmanship Workshop	4574	40.00
Staples uk - Ink cartridges	4580	50.97
Open Spaces Account		
E4B - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	467.58
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	33.00
KM Armistead - salary	4572p	435.29
PO Ltd - Tax & N/I	4573	324.61
K Armistead - Expenses	4582p	43.97
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4570p	1105.83
Grangeland Services -Borders	4570p	387.50
J Garlick - litter picking	4571	458.34
Rawstorne Centre - contribution to Electric	Cheque	-229.61
Grangeland Services - repair to AWS fence	4567	80.00
Braithwaites hire - Gang mower service	4568	1338.92
Woodys warehouse - materials	4575	51.56
J Townsends - Diesel & MOT	4576	114.90
Lancs. Best kept village comp - entry fee	4578	15.00
Grangeland Services - Service Kubota & new water box	4581	412.00
Allotments		
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-372.24
Rawstorne - rent for AWS	cheque	-124.84
Rawstorne - rent for AWS	cheque	-29.96
Village memorial hall charity - grant	4579	6500.00
Rawstrone centre - AWS Electricity	cash	-117.00
Playground Fund		
VAT		
Total		11534.72

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Appendix B

Precept Account 2007/2008

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	March 2008	To date		
Wages	£5,000	£417	£5,000	£0	100%
Insurance	£650	£0	£630	£20	97%
Stationery	£400	£43	£391	£9	98%
Postage	£700	£70	£807	-£107	115%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£563	£37	94%
Audit fee	£650	£0	£610	£40	94%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£150	£100	£172	-£22	115%
Civic functions	£400	£0	£720	-£320	180%
Grants	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Election	£0	£0		£0	
Reserve	£0	£0	£0	£0	
equipment	£200	£0	£185	£15	93%
Section137	£900	£0	£900	£0	100%
	£0				
Total	£9,750	£630	£10,078	-£328	103%

Open Spaces Account 2007/2008

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	March 2008	To date		
Grass cutting	£17,440	£2,657	£18,413	-£973	106%
Borders & Plants	£10,302	£388	£11,509	-£1,207	112%
Watering	£2,659	£0	£2,585	£74	97%
Cleansing	£5,665	£458	£5,500	£165	97%
Maintaining Buildings	£8,350	£124	£5,428	£2,922	65%
Outside Contractors	£7,690	£0	£5,744	£1,946	75%
Civic events	£1,413	£0	£1,414	-£1	100%
Indirect costs	£22,144	£1,125	£19,920	£2,224	90%
Reserves		£0	£0	£0	
Total	£75,664	£4,752	£70,513	£5,151	93%

Other Accounts March 2008

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£347	£908	-£561
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£1,185	-£424
Community Development	£27,612	£22,765	£4,847
Playground Fund	£2,036	£0	£2,036
VAT	£6,807	£5,394	£1,413
Total	£37,563	£30,252	£7,311