

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008

**Present:** Councillor Mrs S Delany, (Chair),

Councillors, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Mrs L Willis, Mrs M Dowling, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, P Quinn, T Threlfall and Linda Burn.

**1) To consider a request to produce an audio recording of the meeting.**

It was resolved that this request should be declined.

**2) To accept Apologies for Absence.**

Councillors C Robb (visiting sick relative) T Fiddler (Planning seminar in Glasgow).

It was resolved that the reasons for absence should be accepted.

**3) Open Forum**

The meeting was adjourned to receive the representations from the Police and the public

**a) Police Update –Attended by PC A Scarisbrick and Sgt. Mal Harrop.**

PC A Scarisbrick gave the following update:-

The crime figures for July and August 2008 were as follows:-

Freckleton West	28 Incidents	2 Crimes
Freckleton East	26 Incidents	5 Crimes
Lower Lane/The Mede	43 Incidents	7 Crimes

There have been no problems in the park and very few minor incidents during the school holidays.

There has been a small amount of vehicle damage in the village.

There has been a major incident (stabbing) on the Lower lane estate. The offender is in remand.

There have been a number of break-ins into garages. The offender is on police bail.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008, Inspector Darwen is moving to Blackpool and Inspector Sue Swift will replace him.

The following were reported:-

1. The Police were unable to respond to a incident at Grange farm where a number of people were using 7 dogs to chase hares in the field. A female resident, at the farm, was terrified. A number of sheep and cattle were distraught. Despite several calls to the Police, they were unwilling to attend the incident because nobody was available to assist. PC Scarisbrick indicated that all the available resources were attending a burglary.
2. Members of the Council were still having difficulties getting through to the Police by telephone. Sgt. Harrop indicated that the number to use was 01253 293933.

As a result of the above incident, concern was again expressed regarding the shift patterns worked by the Police covering the village. It was again stressed that the Police are needed in the Village during the evenings and at weekends.

**b) Public participation**

The following were reported by the public:-

1. Why was the number of dog fouling incidents not shown in the latest newsletter?  
Response: The figures have been displayed on the notice boards for the last three months.
2. There was a request for the Dog owners to contribute to the discussions relating to dog fouling on Bush lane.  
Response: They will be invited to comment when the item is debated.

The meeting was reconvened.

- 4) **To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 5) **To read and approve the minutes of The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008.**  
It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 6) **To receive the Clerk's report.**  
The comments in the Clerk's report, previously circulated, were noted.
- 7) **Finance**
- a) **Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk in July and August 2008 (Appendix A).**  
It was resolved that the Accounts be approved.
- b) **Monthly budget statement (Appendix B)**  
The monthly statement was noted.
- c) **To consider the quotation for re-surfacing the AWS area.**  
It was resolved that quotation for £12,753.22, from Abacus, be accepted, subject to a written guarantee and confirmation that the surface being applied will be porous.
- d) **To review the Fixed assets register, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.**  
The Fixed assets were noted
- e) **To consider the request to pay for a "Faculty" in order to allow test digging in the churchyard.**  
It was resolved that the fee of £200, for the faculty, should be paid.
- 8) **To approve the revised Standing Orders**  
It was resolved that the revised Standing Orders should be adopted.
- 9) **To approve the revised Financial regulations**  
It was resolved that the revised Financial regulations should be adopted.
- 10) **To consider the reports from the Dog warden, Football and Cricket sections, on the dog fouling on Bush lane playing fields.**  
The meeting was adjourned to allow the dog representatives to make comment.  
The following points were made:-
1. No criteria for success of the Community watch scheme has been adopted. It was suggested that this should be a significant improvement, rather than no fouling at all.
  2. Two signs still need to be erected at the entrance to the park.
  3. The owner of the white van, seen bringing dogs onto the field in the early morning, has not been identified.
- The meeting was reconvened.  
The following suggestions were made:-
1. That the football field should be roped off to stop dogs fouling on the pitch.
  2. That a dog warden should be employed to catch the offenders.
- It was resolved that this matter should be referred to the Dog control working party to recommend a way forward.
- 11) **To consider adopting a piece of land for a permanent memorial to local servants of the Village.**  
It was resolved that no further action should be taken on adopting a piece of land as a permanent memorial.
- 12) **To consider the Parish Council's name and style as a result of the Local Government & Public Involvement Health Act 2007.**

It was resolved that the Council name should not be changed.

**13) To consider the request to register an “in principle” interest in providing funding for the continued provision for swimming within the Fylde Borough.**

It was resolved to register an “in principle” interest in providing funding for the provision at **Kirkham baths** only.

**14) To consider support for the proposed Fylde food co-operative.**

It was resolved not to support the proposed Fylde food co-operative.

**15) To consider the report of the meeting with the Rawstorne centre, held in August ‘08.**

It was resolved not to allow the Rawstorne centre to take casual bookings for the AWS area.

**16) To agree the date of next meeting.**

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

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

**Date.....07/10/08.....**

**Freckleton Parish Council**

**Appendix A**

**Schedule of payments for July '08**

	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>		
KM Armistead - Salary	4,660	1,022.28
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4,661	260.96
KM Armistead - expenses	4659	142.26
Mrs. S Delany - Chairman's allowance	4646	100.00
Mrs. L Rowett - Internal audit fees	4650	77.70
C Robb - rent for web-site	4656	10.58
Rowland & Hames - cricket insurance	4665	818.02
C Robb - maintenance web-site	4668	22.73
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>		
E4b - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	349.71
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4648p	1139.00
Grangeland Services -Borders	4648p	475.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4647p	500.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	23.00
J Garlick - watering	4647p	815.50
J Garlick - additional watering	4649p	82.40
J Garlick - additional borders	4649p	103.00
J Garlick - building maintenance	4649p	10.30

SMS - repair to Kubota	4651	64.63
Premier Hose - new pipe for Kubota	4652	116.25
Ribble Fuels - red diesel	4653	396.06
Portable Conveniences - portaloos for club day	4654	1126.83
L J Quirke - Security for club day	4655	350.00
Braithwaites - repairs to machinery	4657	601.66
Road safety barriers - club day equipment	4658	475.88
Woodys warehouse - materials	4663	27.50
Chubb - annual contract - storeroom	4664	101.78
Quality windows - repair at Rawstorne centre	4666	152.75
A & SM Singleton - repair to machinery	4667	88.12
J Townsend - petrol & diesel	4669	165.00
A Watkinson - repair to cenotaph	4670	85.36
J & B Cartmell - bedding plants	4671	3482.30
Banister Hall - - hanging baskets	4672	601.60
<b>Allotments</b>		
J Garlick - cleaning up - Croft Butts	4649p	30.90
Po ltd - croft Butts water charges	4662p	85.84
Po ltd - Bush lane water charges	4662p	146.66
Croft Butts - rent	cheque	-20.00
<b>Community Development Account</b>		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-349.32
R Cubbins - fair rent	cash	-600.00
AWS - rent	Cheque	-34.95
<b>Playground Fund</b>		
Bank of America	D/P	-549.42
<b>VAT</b>		
HM Customs - VAT Refund		-751.46
<b>Total</b>		11746.41

**Freckleton Parish Council**

**Appendix A**

**Schedule of payments for August '08**

	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>		
KM Armistead - Salary	4,678.00	1,022.08
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4,679.00	361.16
KM Armistead - expenses	4685	100.50
FIB - Traders combined insurance	4680	6,811.22
Staples - back up computer	4681p	349.99
KM Armistead - contribution towards back up computer	cheque	-297.86
Staples - Stationery	4681p	10.48
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>		
E4b - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	349.71
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4676p	1139.00
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Grangeland Services -Borders	4676p	475.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4677p	500.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	23.00
J Garlick - watering	4677p	815.50
Brackenwood - shrubs for memorial gardens	4673	199.50
Kwik-skip - club day rubbish	4674	150.00
J Garlick - plant shrubs	4675	103.00
E4B - electric - refund of overpayment	D/D	-836.77
Rawstone Centre - contribution to electricity	cheque	-519.87
Braithwaites - repair to machinery	4682	133.66
Fylde coast towing - repair to machinery	4683	129.25
KM Armistead - cleaning materials	4684	28.74
Woodys warehouse - materials for painting	4687	81.92
Ribble fuels - red diesel	4688	198.03
A & SM Singletons - Repair to ransome mower	4686	147.95

### Allotments

#### Community Development Account

Natwest - Interest	D/P	-378.34
LCC - Grass cutting contract	cheque	-5481.29
AWS area - rent	cheque	-19.97

#### Playground Fund

#### VAT

<b>Total</b>		<b>5595.59</b>
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## Precept Account 2008/2009

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	August	To date		
Wages	£17,000	£1,383	£6,816	£10,184	40%
Insurance	£8,016	£6,811	£8,942	-£926	112%
Stationery	£400	£9	£136	£264	34%
Postage	£800	£101	£673	£127	84%
LAPTC	£600		£556	£44	93%
Audit fee	£650		£78	£572	12%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training	£100		£220	-£120	220%
Civic functions	£2,156			£2,156	
Election	£1,817		£1,818	-£1	100%
Reserve					
equipment	£200		£128	£72	64%
Section137	£900		£900		100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,591</b>	<b>£8,304</b>	<b>£20,367</b>	<b>£12,372</b>	<b>104%</b>

**Open Spaces**

Grass cutting	£19,591	£1,478	£9,376	£10,215	48%
Borders & Plants	£11,580	£862	£6,662	£4,918	58%
Watering	£2,729	£926	£2,131	£598	78%
Cleansing	£6,201	£500	£2,500	£3,701	40%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,062	£70	£1,148	£3,914	23%
Outside Contractors	£7,727	£150	£5,567	£2,160	72%
Indirect costs	£5,322	-£911	£796	£4,526	15%
<b>Total Precept (inc Open Spaces)</b>	<b>£90,951</b>	<b>£11,377</b>	<b>£48,547</b>	<b>£42,404</b>	<b>53%</b>

**Other Accounts**

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane		£515	£926	-£411
Bush lane Allotments		£761	£285	£476
Community		£9,016	£1,224	£7,792
Playground Fund		£1,097	£819	£278
VAT		£1,224	£2,187	-£963
<b>Total</b>		<b>£12,613</b>	<b>£5,442</b>	<b>£7,171</b>