

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2008

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Mrs M Whitehead, (visiting relatives) P Quinn, (Holiday).
It was resolved that the reasons for absence should be accepted.

2) Open Forum

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

a) Police Update –Attended by Inspector S Swift and Sgt. Mal Harry.

The Chairman introduced Inspector Swift to the meeting and indicated that the Police would like to be given prior notification of the items to be brought up at the meetings. In addition, they will endeavour to produce a written progress report of incidents that have been reported to them since the last meeting.

The Clerk read out the following update:-

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

Freckleton West	38 Incidents	5 Crimes
Freckleton East	35 Incidents	2 Crimes
Lower Lane/The Mede	31 Incidents	3 Crimes

Damage to roller on Bush Lane playing field. – 2 youth's from Warton have been spoken to in front of their parents. They both deny causing any damage. The results from Crime Scene Investigation regarding footprints are inconclusive.

Road Traffic accident on Bush Lane – The officer that attended has been spoken to. He indicated that speed could have been a causation factor in the accident. Due to the number of parked cars and the nature of the bend on Bush Lane, the matter of general speeding is one of perception, as in reality the majority of drivers are well within the 30mph speed limit.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Lancashire County Council's highways department requesting that they re-consider double yellow lines on this corner.

Dog Incident on Bush Lane playing fields – An incident of assault has been reported to the Police. This matter is currently under investigation.

Caravan damaged/broken into on Bush Lane allotments – The caravan in question was subject to a break-in where tools have been taken and graffiti written on the inside and outside of the caravan. Crime Scene Investigations are attending to take fingerprints and investigations are continuing.

Complaints regarding peak BAE traffic – Complaints have been received from villagers regarding traffic in the mornings leaving the by-pass at the Warton roundabout and re-entering the main road via the mini-roundabout. This is an issue which has been monitored previously by the Police. These drivers are NOT committing any offences. LCC highways have been liaised with previously they are not planning any road alterations or improvements. Since BAE expansion plans have been put on hold, no private money is available for road improvements. It is suggested that representatives from the council meet with PC

Andy Scarisbrick to discuss the matter further. This incident will be discussed at the Fylde Officers road safety group meeting to be held in January 2009.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Lancashire County Council's highways department requesting that the mini roundabout should be replaced with a T junction, with a no right turn.

b) Public participation

1. An update was requested on the previous request for a litter bin on Memory Close.

Response: It has been ordered and will be installed when FBC has the resources.

2. A member of the public enquired what action was being taken regarding the appeal by BAE to the refusal to grant planning permission for a commercial development on the Marconi site.

Response: This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

The meeting was reconvened.

3) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

There were no declarations of interest.

4) To read and approve the minutes of The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st September 2008.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 1st September 2008, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

5) To receive the Clerk's report.

The comments in the Clerk's report, previously circulated, were noted.

6) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk in September 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 response from Peter Lacey, NALC, regarding the financial procedures for the two allotments.

The Clerk reported that both parcels of land, for the allotments, had been donated to the Parish Council and they were registered as a charitable trust with the Charities commission. As such, all discussions and decisions relating to the allotments should be made through a meeting of the Charitable trusts and not via the Parish Council meetings. In addition, the income and expenditure, from both of the allotments, should be processed through a separate bank account.

It was resolved that in future Trustee meetings will be held for allotment matters.

In addition, it was also resolved that a separate bank account should be set up for the allotments.

d) To consider the request for payment of the Council members' Annual subscriptions to the Rawstorne centre.

The Clerk reported that Council monies should not be used to pay for subscriptions for membership to a sports centre.

It was pointed out that the members of the Parish Council are trustees of the centre and the centres constitution states that the Parish Council is a section within the Centre and has four members on the general committee.

It was resolved that the annual membership, for members of the Parish council to the Rawstorne sports centre, should be paid for by the Parish Council.

e) To consider the FBC's Scrutiny review of capital expenditure programme criteria document

Councillor Rigby agreed to review this document and let the Clerk have his comments before 31/10/08.

7) To consider the report from the Dog control working group meeting on 24th September 2008

It was resolved that the report should be accepted and the revised dog orders be progressed. (See appendix C)

It was noted that the Parish Council appreciated the positive response from the responsible dog owners which helped with reaching a decision on this issue.

The Clerk agreed to obtain costs for a suitable fence for the area to the south of the car park.

8) To consider the report for the revised procedures for Remembrance Sunday

It was resolved that the report be accepted.

In addition, it was resolved that refreshments should be laid on, in the village hall, prior to the service at the Cenotaph.

9) To consider the response from LALC regarding providing additional burial ground.

It was agreed that a further meeting should be held with Parochial Church Council committee before a decision is taken on this issue.

10) To consider the plans for the new extension at the Rawstorne centre

It was agreed that this should be referred to the Planning meeting, scheduled for 13th October 2008.

11) To consider the request to provide financial support for the new fencing at the rear of 28, Astley Crescent.

It was resolved that the fence is not the property of the Parish Council

The Clerk agreed to respond indicating that the fence was erected when the properties were built.

12) To consider a response to the "making and enforcing byelaws consultation" document

The Clerk reported that these proposals would make byelaws easier to implement and enforce, because, in most cases, there would be no requirement to consult with the Secretary of State and fixed penalties could be issued to offenders.

It was resolved that the Clerk should respond to this document indicating the Council's support for the proposals.

13) To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 3rd November 2008, in the Rawstorne centre, commencing at 7:00pm.

It was reported that Freckleton Parish had received the runners-up award in the Small towns section of the Britain in Bloom competition. Strike Lane school had received the Environmental award for schools in the same competition.

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

Date.....03/11/08.....

Schedule of payments for

September '08

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - Salary	4695p	1,022.08
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4695p	361.16
KM Armistead - expenses	4705	114.36
Freeola.com(C Robb)	4700	10.58
Lanc. Training - Chairmanship course - M Whitehead	4702	20.00
FBC - grants	D/P	-45,476.00
Open Spaces Account		
E4b - Electric charges - Rawstorne centre	D/D	349.71
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4692p	1139.00
Grangeland Services -Borders	4692p	475.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4693p	500.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	23.00
J Garlick - watering	4693p	815.50
M Benson -- Hedge cutting	4690	381.87
J Townsend - Petrol diesel & punctures	4691	174.67
J Garlick - moving grass cuttings	4694	82.40
Club day committee - contribution towards security	Cheque	-100.00
Contribution from Freckleton in Bloom	cheque	-600.00
Contribution from Freckleton in Bloom	cheque	-200.00
Townsend's - diesel	4706	87.70
Woodys warehouse - materials	4698	21.00
Ribble fuels - red diesel	4699	236.57
KM Armistead - new lock for AWS area	4704	26.50
Braithwaite's - equipment repairs	4703	231.55
Allotments		
Kwik Skip - Rubble for bush lane	4689	85.00
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-342.37
AWS - rent	cheque	-80.00
AWS - rent	cheque & cash	-39.95
FBC - grant	D/P	-504.00
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-5.83
Playground Fund		
FBC - playground maintenance	D/P	818.00
VAT		
Total		-40372.50

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Appendix B

Precept Account 2008/2009

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Sept. '08	To date		
Wages	£17,000	£1,383	£8,199	£8,801	48%
Insurance	£8,016		£8,942	-£926	112%
Stationery	£400		£136	£264	34%
Postage	£800	£123	£797	£3	100%
LAPTC	£600		£556	£44	93%
Audit fee	£650		£78	£572	12%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training	£100	£20	£240	-£140	240%
Civic functions	£2,156			£2,156	
Election	£1,817		£1,818	-£1	100%
Reserve					
equipment	£200		£128	£72	64%
Section137	£900		£900		100%
Total	£32,739	£1,527	£21,893	£10,846	67%

Open Spaces Account

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Sept. '08	To date		
Grass cutting	£19,591	£1,867	£11,243	£8,348	57%
Borders & Plants	£11,580	£293	£6,955	£4,625	60%
Watering	£2,729	£216	£2,346	£383	86%
Cleansing	£6,201	£500	£3,000	£3,201	48%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,062	£23	£1,170	£3,892	23%
Outside Contractors	£7,727	£225	£5,792	£1,935	75%
Indirect costs	£5,322	£321	£1,116	£4,206	21%
Total Precept (inc Open Spaces)	£90,951	£4,970	£53,517	£37,434	59%

Other Accounts September '08

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£515	£926	-£411
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£370	£391
Community Development	£9,974	£1,224	£8,751
Playground Fund	£279	£1,637	-£1,358
VAT	£1,224	£2,376	-£1,152
Total	£12,753	£6,534	£6,220

Revised Dog Control Order

Appendix C

1. **The field to the north of the car park** (i.e. the Cricket and football area and the training area) – A complete ban of dogs, except for a two meters area adjacent to the perimeter fence, where dogs must be kept on leads.
2. **The field to the south of the car park** (i.e. the area adjacent to the AWS area and the allotment access road) - Dogs to be allowed off the lead.
3. In both areas it will be an offence not to pick up after a dog has fouled.

It is recommended that area 2 (the field south of the car park) is fenced off, by the car park and the road, to prevent an accident if a dog inadvertently strays. This area will be identified as the “dog exercising” area.