

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st December 2008, in the Village hall.

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

None

2) Open Forum

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

a) Police Update –Attended by PC A Scarisbrick.

PC A Scarisbrick gave the following update:-

Figures: (From 01/11/08 to 30/11/08)

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	26	3
Freckleton East	44	4
Lower Lane/The Mede	22	0

News:

In general there has been a significant drop in crime throughout the month of November with the Lower Lane estate in particular having had no crimes reported to Police whatsoever. Police have been working closely with New Fylde Housing over recent weeks in a joint effort to target any anti-social behaviour on the estate. It has sent out a strong message around the estate that this will not be tolerated and that action will be taken.

Freckleton Memorial Park has, on recent Friday evenings, become a popular meeting point for a lot of youths from all areas including Kirkham, Wesham, Lytham, and Warton. Police are showing a strong presence on the park and on Fri 14th November recovered almost 60 cans of lager from youths at various points in the village. This (along with the cold weather) appears to have deterred a lot of the youths from choosing Freckleton as their Friday night destination, however we will continue to show a strong presence and take appropriate positive action.

A minor incident occurred overnight earlier last week whereby some newspapers had been taken from the rear of the shops on Naze Lane and then set on fire at two locations by the Memorial Park. This is likely to be a one off incident caused by youths, however Police believe the incident was seen by various residents but not reported. Leaflets have now been issued to all Naze Lane shops and the flats above asking residents to report any suspicious activity in the area.

In the early hours of Mon 29th Nov, a break in was reported to Police at the Rawstone centre on Bush Lane whereby electrical equipment and cash had been taken. Police are currently in the process of investigating this crime and are awaiting results from CSI. In the meantime, the local Neighbourhood Policing team will show a strong presence in the area whilst on patrol and hope for a positive result in the matter.

It was reported that the cricket storeroom had been broken in to and over several weeks it was thought that it was being use as a “drug den”. Police stated that they were aware of this incident and the area was being monitored.

b) Presentation by Rural Splash – by Raymond Green and Councillor Richard Nulty.

It was reported that Rural Splash had produced a business plan that would allow Kirkham baths to be used for other social and sporting activities, as well as swimming. The emphasis was in making it available to all the communities within the rural areas and the Parish Councils would be part of the management structure. This is why they were trying to encourage the local Parish Councils to give financial support. It was hoped that eventually the YMCA would manage the project.

c) Public participation

A number of comments were made about the revised dog control Orders.

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 :-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2008.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 3rd November 2008, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman

b) The Finance meeting held on Monday 17th November 2008

It was resolved that the minutes of the Finance meeting held on the Monday 17th November 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 November 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 Financial support for the Village Hall committee.

It was resolved that, in principle, financial support will be given to the Village Hall committee.

The amount to be donated each year will be agreed after further meetings with the Village hall committee.

d) To consider the request from The Croft Butts lane allotment Association for financial support for a notice board.

It was suggested that the Open Spaces committee meet with Ian Pye to resolve this matter.

e) To consider setting up a Parish Council email domain as an extension to the

PC web-site.

The Clerk reported that he had been reviewing the existing set-up and the email system would be more secure if a separate domain was set up for all Council members' emails. The annual cost would be £24.

It was resolved that a Council email domain should be set up at an annual cost of £24.

7) a. To execute the revised dog control orders.

The clerk reported that the following issues should be considered before the Control Order is formally executed. These were:-

1. To agree the amount of the fixed penalty

It was resolved that the penalty amount should be £75.

2. To decide on who should enforce the Order

It was resolved that the dog wardens, the local PC and PCSOs should be asked to enforce the Order.

3. To arrange for a fence to be erected around the exercise area.

This item was referred to the Open Spaces committee for them to inspect the arrangements at the Wesham play area.

It was resolved that the introduction of the Control order should be delayed until the fence has been erected.

b. To consider a response to the various emails from Dog Owners.

The Clerk reported that he had sought legal advice and pointed out that to release personal information, held by the Parish Council, would contravene the Data Protection Act. Therefore, the information requested by Mr. Begg, regarding the details of the persons from the football and cricket sections, should have the names and addresses blanked out.

It was resolved that the Clerk should release the information requested in Mr. Begg's emails with any personal information blanked out.

The Clerk reported that the issues raised in Mrs. Begg's email, regarding access to the two metres strip around the perimeter of the field would be addressed and the site plan would be amended. (i.e. to show that this walk area would go in front of the cricket scoreboard, practice nets and the Rawstone centre).

It was further resolved to that the Clerk should thank Mrs. Begg for bringing these issues to the attention of the Council.

8) To consider the response from the Parochial Church Council regarding the land that could be made available for additional burial ground.

It was resolved that this matter should be deferred until the Clerk had obtained costs for the re-design of this area to make it suitable for a burial ground.

The Clerk agreed to obtain costs for the legal fees; for transferring the land to the PCC; a more secure structure around the perimeter; easy access from the existing graveyard and an alternative entrance to the bowling green.

9) To consider a request from Mrs. Bailey, USA to make a contribution to the Memorial park

It was resolved that a donation towards a pot or bench would be acceptable.

10) To consider the Community Control – Consultation document.

It was resolved that no action should be taken.

11) To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 5th January 2009, in the Village hall, commencing at 7:00pm.

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

Date.....12/01/09.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for November 2008

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - Salary	4735	1022.28
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4736	360.96
KM Armistead - expenses	4744	145.14
K Armistead - hard drive (web site backup)	4729	47.22
BDO - External auditors fees	4732	646.25
Staples - stationery	4739	10.98
In-Trak - PA system - Remembrance Sunday	4742	152.75
Open Spaces Account		
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4733p	1139.00
Grangeland Services -Borders	4733p	475.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4734	500.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	23.00
Kwik Skip - Drain rubbish from Bowling green	4730	140.00
M Worden - Roof repair Rawstone centre	4731	2150.00
J Garlick additional work	4737	484.10
J Amor - web-site fees - not presented	4601	-17.63
Braithwaite's - new wheelbarrow	4740	33.01
Townsend's - Diesel & battery	4741	170.72
Sherriff Amenity - materials for football	4743	83.30
Rawstone centre - donation towards electric	cheque	-393.06
Allotments		
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-377.75
The-B-all ltd - Football kit	4728	1221.36
Football section- donation towards kit	cheque	-1039.45
Toys -r-us - equipment for younger years	4738	784.33
Donation from Younger years	cheque	-667.55
AWS - rent	cheques	-159.83
AWS - rent	cheque	-19.98
Total		6914.15

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Appendix B

Precept Account 2008/2009

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	November 2008	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£17,000	£1,383	£12,536	£4,464	74%
Insurance	£8,016		£8,942	-£926	112%
Stationery	£400	£9	£293	£107	73%
Postage	£800	£145	£1,044	£456	70%
LAPTC	£600		£556	£44	93%
Audit fee	£650	£550	£628	£22	97%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100		£240	-£140	240%
Civic functions	£2,156	£130	£1,794	£362	83%
Election	£1,817		£1,818	-£1	100%
Reserve					
equipment	£200	£47	£175	£25	87%
Section137	£900		£980	-£80	109%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£19,591	£1,284	£13,873	£5,718	71%
Borders & Plants	£11,580	£987	£11,122	£458	96%
Watering	£2,729		£3,162	-£433	116%
Cleansing	£6,201	£500	£4,000	£2,201	65%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,062	£2,150	£3,390	£1,672	67%
Other Contract work	£7,727	£211	£5,004	£2,723	65%
Electric & rates	£5,322	£401	£1,838	£2,784	40%
Total	£90,951	£7,798	£71,495	£19,457	79%

Other Accounts November 2008

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£515	£949	-£434
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£423	£338
Community Development	£12,826	£2,979	£9,848
Playground Fund	£1,726	£1,637	£89
VAT	£2,824	£3,450	-£626
Total	£18,652	£9,438	£9,214