

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009, in the Village hall.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs S Delany, (Chair),  
Councillors, Mrs M Foster, Mrs L Willis, Mrs M Whitehead, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, P Quinn and C Robb.

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

Councillors Mrs M Dowling (sick), T Fiddler and T Threlfall (another meeting) and Linda Burn (other commitments).

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 PCSOs Ian Larmouth and Brian Simpson**

PCSO Larmouth gave the following update:-

**Figures: (From 01/12/08 To 31/12/08)**

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	33	8
Freckleton East	24	4
Lower Lane/The Mede	6	0

**News:**

Of the 8 crimes on Freckleton West, 5 of them have already been detected and investigations are still on-going with the other 3. Of the 4 crimes on Freckleton East, 3 have already been detected with investigations still on-going on the other 1. Once again figures show that for the 2<sup>nd</sup> month running, there have been no crimes reported to Police on the Lower Lane and The Mede estates.

As you are probably aware, PCSO Vicky Jackson has now left to become a PC. She has been replaced by Brian Simpson who will be working alongside Andrew Scarisbrick whilst he completes his initial training period.

The build up of youths around the area of the Memorial park on Friday nights in recent months appears to have reduced dramatically, with Police receiving very few calls regarding any anti-social behaviour or under-age drinking.

During the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of December Police conducted a Test Purchasing operation at Bargain Booze, Spar, and Co-op. I am pleased to say that all three off-licences successfully passed. Other similar Operations are already being planned for the coming months and it is hoped this will go along way toward reducing the availability of alcohol to under-age youths around the village.

In an attempt to reduce cycle theft, we shall be conducting a bike coding session later this month at Strike Lane and Freckleton C of E. Children/adults will be able to bring their bikes in and have them marked which will make them more easily identifiable if they were to be recovered after being lost or stolen.

We shall also be conducting talks at both Freckleton C of E and Strike Lane schools in the coming weeks on subjects such as bullying and talking to strangers.

It was reported that a recovery van, with a car on the back, was being parked in Memory Close for long periods of time.

It was reported that there is a build up of traffic on Lytham road, around the Catholic Church roundabout, due to BAE traffic using the slip road as a short cut to work.

The Police agreed to investigate both incidents.

**b) Public participation**

A complaint was made about the dangerous condition of the trees, on the south side of the by-pass, that back on to the rear of Polperro drive

A complaint was made about the number of dangerous pot holes in the road on Kirkham road.

County Councillor Whittle indicated that he would investigate.

*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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to item 2.b - "Richard Green" being changed to "Raymond Green".

**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 December 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 Kirkham baths.**

It was resolved that financial support, up to £2,000, should be given to the Rural Splash organisation, for the financial year 2009/10.

Future support will be considered later.

**d) To consider replacing the Kubota tractor.**

The Clerk reported that he had received three quotes for replacing the tractor, complete with cutting deck and grass box. These were:-

Cornthwaites - John Deere 37.7 hp - £23,500, less trade in £6,500 - net £17,000

Gibsons - Kubota 36hp - £23,434, less trade in £8,257 - net £15,177

Singletons - Kubota 32hp - £19,630, less trade in £3,630 - net £16,000

It was resolved that up to £17,000 should be spent on a new tractor.

It was suggested that the Clerk, Councillor Threlfall and John Garlick should check the machinery from Cornthwaites and Gibsons. They will make a recommendation, on the most suitable machine to purchase, at the next meeting.

**e) To consider purchasing fencing for the dog exercising area.**

The Clerk reported that he had received three quotes for the fencing:-

SMS, Warton - Galvanised steel fencing - £15,400

Contractor - Wooden fencing - £2,500 Plus labour  
Main Event - Galvanised steel barriers - £3,500

He pointed out that the fencing would have to be taken down, during the club day weekend. The barriers could be used by the club day committee, as traffic control measures during the procession (Currently barriers are hired for approximately £100)

It was resolved that £3,500 should be spent on galvanized steel barriers.

In addition, it was resolved that a gate should be purchased.

**f) To consider whether to re-invest the bank of America Shares.**

It was resolved that the Bank of America shares should not be re-invested.

**g) To consider whether to re-invest the money in the savings account.**

It was resolved that money in savings account should be spread amongst more than one account.

The Clerk agreed to check for suitable accounts and report to the next meeting.

**7) To consider whether to execute the revised dog control orders.**

It was pointed out that the fencing should be erected before the Orders are implemented. The Clerk reported that the fencing would be erected before the end of January 2009.

It was resolved that the Orders should be executed with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009

**8) To consider the response to the letter from Michael Jack, regarding the trees at the western side of the Bush lane playing fields.**

The Clerk reported that Tim Scarles, FBC 's tree Officer had indicated that three trees should be removed immediately and the others should be removed in the near future.

It was resolved that three trees should be removed immediately and the others over the next few months.

In addition, it was resolved that new trees, more suitable to the area, should eventually be planted.

The Clerk agreed to obtain quotes.

**9) To consider adopting the Model publication scheme, relating to the Freedom of Information Act.**

It was resolved that the document, previously circulated, should be adopted.

**10) To agree a working group to review the Risk assessment procedures.**

It was resolved that Councilors P Quinn, St. J Greenhough, C Robb and the Clerk should form the working group.

The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**11) To consider the complaint regarding the tree lighting and Carol service.**

It was resolved that the procedures should be reviewed in September 2009..

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

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009, in the Village hall, commencing at 7:00pm.

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

**Date.....02/02/09.....**

**Freckleton Parish Council**

**Appendix A**

**Schedule of payments for December 2008**

	Cheque No.	£
<b>Precept Account</b>		
KM Armistead - Salary	4751	1022.08
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4752	361.16
KM Armistead - expenses	4760	145.31
KM Armistead - Batteries for Xmas lanterns	4748	59.64
C Robb - web-site rental	4754	10.35
Woodys warehouse - materials for Xmas tree	4755	14.76
In Trak - PA system for Carol service	4756	149.50
Smith Hire - Floodlights for Carol service	4764	65.77
 <b>Open Spaces Account</b>		
British Gas - Rawstorne electricity	D/D	418.81
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4749p	1139.00
Grangeland Services -Borders	4749p	475.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4750	500.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	23.00
A Davies - Pruning shrubs - Cenotaph	4746p	480.00
A Davies - repairing & Installing Xmas lights	4746p	120.00
KM Armistead - Repair to rear light on pick up	4747	114.67
G Garlick - additional work Nov '08	4753	247.20
Braithwaites - repair to equipment	4757	25.86
Garratts - repair to AWS lights	4758	811.86
A Watkinson - repair to Cenotaph lights	4759	65.40
Quality windows - replace damaged doors - Rawstorne centre	4761	2271.25
J Townsend - diesel & petrol	4762	76.00
G Pendlebury - replaster ceilings in Rawstorne centre	4763	520.00
 <b>Allotments</b>		
 <b>Community Development Account</b>		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-191.48
AWS _ rent	cheque & cash	-94.87
AWS _ rent	cheque & cash	-9.98
 <b>Playground Fund</b>		
 <b>VAT</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>8820.29</b>

## Precept Account 2008/2009

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	December 2008	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£17,000	£1,383	£13,920	£3,080	82%
Insurance	£8,016		£8,942	-£926	112%
Stationery	£400		£293	£107	73%
Postage	£800	£145	£1,190	£310	149%
LAPTC	£600		£556	£44	93%
Audit fee	£650		£628	£22	97%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100		£240	-£140	240%
Civic functions	£2,156	£331	£2,125	£31	99%
Election	£1,817		£1,818	-£1	100%
Reserve					
equipment	£200		£175	£25	87%
Section137	£900		£980	-£80	109%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£19,591	£1,301	£15,174	£4,417	77%
Borders & Plants	£11,580	£1,850	£12,972	-£1,392	112%
Watering	£2,729		£3,162	-£433	116%
Cleansing	£6,201	£500	£4,500	£1,701	73%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,062	£3,371	£6,761	-£1,699	134%
Other Contract work	£7,727		£5,004	£2,723	65%
Electric & rates	£5,322	£387	£1,439	£3,183	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£90,951</b>	<b>£9,269</b>	<b>£79,978</b>	<b>£10,973</b>	<b>88%</b>

## Other Accounts December 2008

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£515	£949	-£434
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£423	£338
Community Development	£13,109	£2,979	£10,130
Playground Fund	£1,726	£1,637	£89
VAT	£2,824	£4,091	-£1,267
<b>Total</b>	<b>£18,934</b>	<b>£10,079</b>	<b>£8,855</b>