

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2009, in the Village hall.

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Mrs M Dowling and P Quinn (sick)

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 Sgt Karen Sanderson, PC A Scarisbrick and PCSO Brian Simpson

The Chairman welcomed Sgt. Sanderson to the meeting.

PC A Scarisbrick gave the following update:-

Figures: (From 01/01/09 to 31/01/09)

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	27	7
Freckleton East	25	3
Lower Lane/The Mede	15	3

News/Updates:

The parking problems on Memory Close.

Police have monitored the area on several occasions and at different time periods. The majority of vehicles parking there are registered to residents on Lytham Rd. The area of Lytham Rd. is covered by various parking restrictions, and a large percentage of the properties have no private driveways and therefore nowhere else to put their vehicles other than nearby roads such as Memory Close. All the cars checked on Memory Close were parked legally, and no obstructions were noted. However, we will continue to monitor this area and if any vehicle obstructions are reported they will be dealt with.

Regarding the issue of morning traffic at the mini roundabout at the Warton end of the village.

Vehicles are leaving the by-pass, turning around at the mini roundabout and re-joining in order to skip the traffic built up in the outside lane of the by-pass. This causes a build up of traffic on Lytham Rd Freckleton and inconvenience to residents trying to exit the village. We have monitored this and shown a visible presence in the area. As it currently stands, these vehicles are not breaking any road traffic laws, although causing great frustration to residents. Previously, an email regarding considerate driving has been sent out to all staff at BAE (believed to be the main culprits) by Police and LCC Highways have been spoken to regarding changes in the road lay-out at this location. It is not foreseen any changes will be made to the road until the issue of BAE expansion is decided one way or the other. A possible solution to the issue would be if both ends of Lytham Rd at the junction with the roundabouts were made "Access Only". This would give some powers to the Police to take action against the people using the mini

roundabout or the village as a shortcut. If the Council wish to pursue this solution further they could put a request in to LCC. From previous monitoring of the area, it would suggest that this issue is a seasonal problem with the early part of the year (Jan, Feb, Mar) the main problem as staff at BAE predominantly building up flexi-time hours.

The Parish Council Dog Control Order

Inspector Sue Swift is in agreement with the PCSO's Ian Larmouth and Brian Simpson being authorised by the Parish Council to be able to issue tickets on their behalf. It is important to stipulate that the Dog Warden service is to be the first point of contact regarding these issues.

Sgt. Mel Harry has now left the team on maternity leave and we are pleased to welcome Sgt. Karen Sanderson as our new temporary CBM Sergeant.

b) Public participation

A number of residents of Bush lane complained about the new "dog exercising" area, created on the south side of the playing fields. The main concerns were the fencing that had been used and the visual impact this had on the houses opposite. Concern was also expressed about the impact on children playing in or around this area.

The "responsible" dog owners raised a number of issues relating to the area around the perimeter of the north side of the playing fields.

All the comments were noted. The Council agreed to consider the points raised and to hold a meeting with the residents of Bush lane later in the month.

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 12th January 2009.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 12th January 2009, 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 January 2009 (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 report from the working group regarding replacing the Kubota tractor

It was resolved that the John Deere tractor, with a 72 inch cutting deck and grass box, should be purchased for a price of £16,150, with a trade in of the Kubota machine.

It was reported that as a result of the efforts from Councillors T Threlfall and T Fiddler, Councillor Small, FBC Cabinet member, has indicated that financial support will be available for this project, from the FBC capital funding.

d) To consider a cost of living increase for the work undertaken by the Contractors.

It was resolved that all the existing contracts should be increased by 5%, with effect from 1st March 2009.

- e) **To consider the quotations for the phased removal of the trees at the western end of the Bush lane playing fields.**
 It was resolved that the quotation from Mark Garner, for £2,495 be accepted.
 It was further resolved that the trees should be replaced with trees more suitable for the location.
 The Clerk agreed to obtain some prices.
- f) **To consider the quotation for the new water supply for the Croft Butts allotments.**
 It was resolved that the quotation from Disleys Plumbers, for £3,395 be accepted.
- g) **To consider the email regarding bank closures in the Village.**
 It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Halifax Building Society and the franchise holder, to express the Council's concern at the bank being closed.
- h) **To consider purchasing photo frames for the Parish Council's photographs and certificates to be displayed in the Village hall.**
 The photos and certificates will be presented to the next meeting in order to select the ones for display.
- 7) **To hold informal discussions with the Chairman of the Rawstorne centre, to progress the proposed extension.**
 Frank Towers reported that he had called a meeting of all the organization that would be interested in using the facilities at the club and there was very little support. He suggested that the Council should consider giving approval to the original proposal for an additional room upstairs and the requirement for a multi-purpose centre be progressed at a later date.
 It was resolved that Council would meet with the Rawstorne centre committee to agree the way forward.
- 8) **To receive an update on the BAE Planning application.**
 It was reported that Fylde Borough Council had now withdrawn their objections to this application. A resume was given of the decisions that had been taken by F.B.C. Planning department and the various consultations that had been sought. It was stated that the FBC had originally voted against the proposals, but are currently supporting it because of information contained in the Consultants reports.
 It was stressed that it was imperative that the Parish Council make proper representation, to support the shops in Freckleton, at the appeals inquiry, to be held on 10th March 2009.
 It was resolved that this matter should be referred to the Planning committee meeting, scheduled for 09/02/09, so that the representation to be made to the inquiry can be fully considered.
- 9) **To consider and approve the report from the Risk Assessment working group**
 It was resolved that this should be deferred to the next meeting.
- 10) **To consider setting up a working group to progress the portfolio for a Quality Status Council.**
 It was resolved that a working group, consisting of Councillors C. Robb and St. J Greenhough, assisted by the Clerk, should progress the portfolio for Parish Council's quality status.
- 11) **To consider a response to the communication regarding "Transforming Public Services through Partnership. Empowerment and Engaging the third Sector"**
 It was resolved that this should be deferred to the next meeting.
- 12) **To agree the date of next meeting.**

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

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

Date.....02/03/09.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for January 2009

	Cheque No.	£
Precept Account		
KM Armistead - Salary	4768	1022.08
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4769	361.16
KM Armistead - expenses	4775	91.33
C Robb - web-site rental	4771	6.90
Staples - stationery	4776	95.88
Open Spaces Account		
British Gas - Rawstorne electricity	D/D	0.00
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4766p	1139.00
Grangeland Services -Borders	4766p	475.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4767	500.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	23.00
NIG Insurance - claim for Rawstorne centre doors	cheque	-2021.25
A & SM Singleton - service cricket machinery	4770	464.29
A Watkinson - repair to cenotaph lights	4772	45.30
J Townsend - diesel for pick-up	4773	75.00
Allotments		
Bush lane - water charges	4744p	42.43
Croft Butts lane - water charges	4744p	15.25
Community Development Account		
Natwest - Interest	D/P	-80.26
AWS - rent	cheques	-54.95
AWS - rent	cheques	-65.03
AWS - rent	cheques	-59.89
Playground Fund		
Bank of America	D/P	-447.81
VAT		-1,687.35
Total		-59.92

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Item 6.b

Precept Account 2008/2009

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Jan 2009	To date		
Wages	£17,000	£1,383	£15,303	£1,697	90%
Insurance	£8,016		£8,942	-£926	112%
Stationery	£400	£82	£374	£26	94%
Postage	£800	£98	£1,288	£212	161%
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		£2,125	£31	99%
Election	£1,817		£1,818	-£1	100%
Reserve					
equipment	£200		£175	£25	87%
Section137	£900		£980	-£80	109%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£19,591	£1,204	£16,379	£3,213	84%
Borders & Plants	£11,580	£475	£13,447	-£1,867	116%
Watering	£2,729	£0	£3,162	-£433	116%
Cleansing	£6,201	£500	£5,000	£1,201	81%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,062	-£1,976	£4,785	£277	95%
Other Contract work	£7,727	£404	£5,408	£2,319	70%
Electric & rates	£5,322	£23	£1,462	£3,160	27%
Total	£90,951	£2,193	£82,171	£8,780	90%

Other Accounts January 2009

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£515	£1,007	-£492
Bush lane Allotments		£761	£423	£338
Community Development		£13,350	£2,979	£10,372
Playground Fund		£2,173	£1,637	£536
VAT		£4,511	£4,176	£336
Total		£21,311	£10,221	£11,090