

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 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, , L Rigby, St J Greenhough, C Robb, Mrs M Dowling and P Quinn.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors T Threlfall (working)

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

PC A Scarisbrick gave the following update:-

Figures: (From 01/02/09 to 28/02/09)

Freckleton East, 63 incidents 6 crimes reported.

Freckleton West, 21 incidents 6 crimes reported.

Lower lane and Mede, 21 incidents 8 crimes reported.

Incidents of Note

Theft of gate - Negative enquires so far.

A number of the crime reports relate to damage to Vehicles, theft of milk, domestic related assaults and one arson, where a car had been set alight.

Memorial park toilets - a number of youths have been spoken to and warned in front of their parents.

Vandalism at the Naze lane flats – This was an isolated incident and was not related the vandalism at the toilets.

Youth Drinking on Lytham road – The Police are aware of this problem and are monitoring the situation.

Young man asking for money on behalf of churches – The police agreed to investigate.

b) Public participation

Queries were raised regarding the proposed dog exercising area and the storage of the cricket covers.

An enquiry was made about the effectiveness of the new speed control signs on the A584, coming into Freckleton from Preston. It was confirmed that a camera would not be installed, but it was suggested that the Clerk should write to LCC Highways regarding the effective of the new signs.

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 2nd February 2009.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 2nd February 2009, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

b) The Dog Fence meeting held on 16th February 2009.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 16th February 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 February 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 re-appointing Lynne Rowett as the Internal auditor for 2008/09 accounts.

It was resolved that Lynne Rowett should be appointed Internal auditor for the 2008/09 accounts.

d) To ratify that the Council's internal audit procedures have been carried out for the 2008/09 accounts.

It was confirmed that the Council's internal audit procedures would be completed before the 31st March 2009

e) To approve the transfer of £500, from the Community development fund to the Croft Butts allotment account to cover the shortfall.

It was resolved that £500 be transferred, from the Community development fund to the Croft Butts allotment account, to cover the shortfall.

f) To consider the list of improvements to the Guide hut

It was resolved that the electrical repairs and the blocked toilets should be undertaken.

The remainder of the work will be referred to the Fabrics committee for consideration.

7) To consider and approve the report from the Risk Assessment working group

It was resolved that the risk assessment report should be adopted.

8) To consider a response to the communication regarding "Transforming Public Services through Partnership, Empowerment and Engaging the third Sector"

It was resolved that no action should be taken with this document.

9) To consider entering the Lancashire best kept Village competition.

It was resolved that the Council should enter the Lancashire best kept village competition.

Councillors Mrs. Delany and Mrs. Whitehead agreed to assist with the completion of the entry form.

10) To consider a nomination for the ballot to attend the Buckingham Palace garden party on 14th July 2009.

It was resolved That Councillor Mrs. Delany should be nominated.

11) To authorise the signatories to sign the deed for the sale of land adjacent to the sub-station on the Bush lane allotments.

It was resolved that Councillors Mrs. Delany and Mrs. Whitehead should sign the deed.

12) To consider the request from RE Cubbins to hold the Club day fun fair on the Bush lane playing fields.

It was resolved that RE Cubbins should be allowed to hold the Club day fair on the Bush lane playing fields.

It was suggested that the Clerk should send him a copy of the new dog control Order so that all his staff can be made aware of the Order before they arrive on the field.

13) To consider what action to take regarding the state of the roads around the Marquis estate.

It was reported that the problems in this area were notified to the LCC Highways department in August 2008, together with all the other road/footpath problems in the village.

The Clerk agreed to send a reminder to the Highways department.

14) To consider erecting additional signs for the Dog control order on Bush lane playing fields.

It was resolved that only the signs required to publicise the Dog order should be erected.

Councillors Rigby and Threlfall, together with the Clerk agreed to a site visit to establish where the signs should be erected.

15) To consider the issues raised by the “responsible” dog owners

It was resolved that the sign relating to the byelaw (i.e. No dogs, no horses or golf) should be removed.

16) To review the Clerk’s salary.

It was resolved that the Clerk’s salary, on SCP 38, should be increased by 5%

In addition, it was resolved that the Clerk’s workload should be reviewed with a view to appointing a committee clerk to assist the Clerk.

Councillors Mrs. Delany and Mrs. Whitehead agreed to review the workload and report back at the next meeting.

17) To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be the Annual assembly, to be held on Monday 6th April 2009, in the Village hall, commencing at 6:30pm, followed by Council meeting starting at 7:00pm.

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

Date.....06/04/09.....

Schedule of payments for**Feb-09**

KM Armistead - Salary	4785	1022.28
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4786	360.96
KM Armistead - expenses	4790	157.31
C Robb - Web-site rental	4789	4.83

Open Spaces Account

Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4777p	1139.00
Grangeland Services -Borders	4777p	475.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4778	500.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	23.00
A & SM Singleton - repair to mowers	4729	289.80
Disleys Plumbers - Repair to leak at Storeroom	4780	195.00
Parkinson's drainage - clear blocked drains	4781	1519.67
Bowling club - contribution towards drain repair	Cheque	-100.00
Rawstorne centre - Contribution towards electric	cheque	-418.40

Allotments**Community Development Account**

Natwest - Interest	D/P	-39.77
Main Event - railings for dog area	4782	3898.31
Andy Davies - erect dog area fence	4783	607.7
J Garlick - erect dog area fence	4783	659.2
Woody Warehouse - materials	4787	977.21
SMS - welding	4788	138.00
AWS - rent	cheques/cash	-114.31

Playground Fund

VAT

Total**11,294.79**

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Appendix B

Precept Account 2008/2009

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Feb-09	To date		
Wages	£17,000	£1,383	£16,686	£314	98%
Insurance	£8,016		£8,942	-£926	112%
Stationery	£400		£374	£26	94%
Postage	£800	£162	£1,449	£51	97%
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	£1,391	£17,770	£1,822	91%
Borders & Plants	£11,580	£475	£13,922	-£2,342	120%
Watering	£2,729	£0	£3,162	-£433	116%
Cleansing	£6,201	£500	£5,500	£701	89%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,062	£195	£4,980	£82	98%
Other Contract work	£7,727	£1,221	£6,630	£1,098	86%
Electric & rates	£5,322	-£395	£1,067	£3,555	23%
Total	£90,951	£4,932	£87,103	£3,848	96%

Other Accounts Feb '09

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£515	£1,007	-£492
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£423	£338
Community Development	£13,491	£8,533	£4,958
Playground Fund	£2,173	£1,637	£536
VAT	£4,511	£5,103	-£592
Total	£21,451	£16,703	£4,749