

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th April 2009, in the Village hall.

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors T Fiddler, (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 PC A Scarisbrick.

PC A Scarisbrick gave the following update:-

Figures: (For the month of March 2009)

Freckleton East,	40 incidents	3 crimes reported.
Freckleton West,	19 incidents	3 crimes reported.
Lower lane and Mede,	10 incidents	1 crime reported.

Incidents of Note

There has been an incident of criminal damage on the Lower lane/Kirkham road area. As a result, the CCTV equipment will be re-instated for this area.

A robbery/burglary on the Naze lane is being investigated.

Some cars have been damaged in the village.

The theft of garden gates and wood from the bottom of Bush lane playing fields are being investigated.

The incident on the park, the previously Saturday, where glass bottles were broken and litter thrown all over the park, is being investigated.

It was requested that the Police should patrol the park during the evenings at the weekends. It was suggested that the Council should write to Inspector Swift for this request.

b) Public participation

A vote of thanks was proposed for the effort made by the Council to get the Youth club up and running. It is now proving to be a great success.

It was reported that there was an excessive amount of dog excrement on the footpaths in the village and it should be cleaned up. The Clerk agreed to write to FBC requesting that the footpaths are cleaned regularly and the dog warden should make regular visits to try to catch the culprits.

An update was requested on the management of the trees at the rear of Polperro drive. County Councillor Whittle stated that this was being progressed with a senior Manager from LCC.

It was reported that the footballers were using bad language when training near to the Bush lane properties. Councillor Threlfall agreed to progress.

It was requested that the cricket field be tidied up, as the sight screens and covers were tipped up and left out on the field. It was reported that the cricket section were currently working hard to get the ground ready for the new season and these pieces of equipment would be sorted out. It was suggested that a letter should be sent to the cricket section congratulating them for all the hard work that has been put in to clear the drains and

improve the grounds.

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 7th March 2009.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 7th March 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 March 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 paying the annual subscriptions for the Lancashire Playing Fields association (£17).

It was resolved that the annual subscription of £17, to the Lancashire playing fields association, should be paid.

d) To approve the transfer of £1,073, in the 2008-09 accounts, from the Community development fund to the Precept account to cover the shortfall.

It was resolved that £1,073 should be transferred from the Community development fund to the Precept account.

7) To consider the request, from Jim Percival, Vicar Holy Trinity Church, to inform him of the number of Councillor who wish to attend the 65th Air disaster anniversary service.

It was resolved that all the Parish Council members should attend the service, which will be held on Sunday 23rd August 2009, at 10:30am, in the church.

The final figure will be notified to Jim Percival nearer the time.

8) To consider what action is required regarding overhanging hedges on Balderstone road

The Chairman agreed to speak to the owners.

9) To consider which pictures and certificates should be displayed in the Village hall committee room.

It was resolved that no action should be taken with the pictures and certificates

10) To consider the following issues relating to the Dog Control Order on the Bush lane playing fields:-

a) From the dog warden:

- Should the Enforcement Officers carry ID cards:

The Clerk reported that he had issued letters of authority to the two dog wardens and they already carry ID cards from Fylde Borough Council. There is no requirement for the PCSOs to carry letters of authority

It was resolved that ID cards should not be issued.

- To display a map showing the areas affected by the Order, on the posts at the entrances to the field

It was resolved that three maps should be displayed on the playing fields. The Clerk agreed to progress.

- Can the Community watch signs show the FBC's general switchboard number rather the dog wardens' number.

It was reported that the FBC's switchboard number was not answered promptly (delays of up to 20 mins. have been experienced)

The Clerk reported that the Community watch signs have been stolen along with the brackets for fixing them on to the post.

It was resolved that both the FBC switchboard and the dog wardens' number should be displayed on the map.

b) From Iain Begg:

- The complexity of the signs;
- The need to issue cautions for the first month, until the public get used to the new Order.
- The Clerk's authority to instruct the Enforcement officers to issue cautions.

The Clerk reported that he was spending an excessive amount of time dealing with enquiries from Mr. Begg (8 pages of emails in two weeks) and from the other group of dog owners.

It was resolved that the Clerk should not waste anymore time responding to this group of people.

11) To consider joining the Lancashire - Campaign to protect Rural England.

It was resolved that the Council should join the Lancashire campaign for rural England at an annual subscription of £32.

12) To consider assistance for the Clerk

It was resolved that the position of Committee Clerk, for 25 hours per month, should be advertised on the web-site and Community Notice board.

13) To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be the Annual Parish Council meeting, to be held on Monday 11th May 2009, in the Village hall, commencing at 6:30pm, followed by Council meeting starting at 7:00pm.

Signed.....Mrs. M Whitehead, Chairman.....

Date.....11/05/09.....

Freckleton Parish Council

Appendix A

Schedule of payments for March '09

	Cheque No.	Gross	Vat	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	4801	£1,022.08		£1,022.08
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4802	£361.16		£361.16
KM Armistead - expenses	4808	£112.04		£112.04
Staples - stationary	4795	£24.94	£3.25	£21.69
c Robb - web-site rent	4807	£10.35	£1.35	£9.00
KM Armistead – Payment towards stationery	cheque	-£4.66		-£4.66
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - Rawstorne electricity	D/D	£177.17	£23.11	£154.06
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4799p	£1,139.00		£1,139.00
Grangeland Services -Borders	4799p	£475.00		£475.00
J Garlick - litter picking	4798	£500.00		£500.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£30.00		£30.00
J Garlick - additional work	4800	£379.60		£379.60

G Beesley - gas safety check - Rawstorne	4792	£92.00	£12.00	£80.00
J Townsend - diesel for pickup	4793	£93.90	£12.24	£81.66
A Watkinson - repair cenotaph	4794	£27.85		£27.85
FIB - donation towards bulbs	cheque	-£454.18		-£454.18
Woodys - materials for painting	4804	£122.38		£122.38
Townsend's - diesel	4805	£50.00		£50.00
Braithwaite's - service machines	4806	£130.34		£130.34
Lancs. Best kept Village - entry fee	4809	£15.00		£15.00
KM Armistead - soil for Play fields	4810	£134.64		£134.64
Parkinson's drainage - repair to Cricket	4813	£531.88		£531.88
J Rayton - electrical repairs	4814	£124.25		£124.25
E4B - electric refund	D/P	-349.71		-349.71

Allotments

Transfer from Com. Dev. account	tfr	-£500.00		-£500.00
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Community Development Account

Natwest - Interest	D/P	-£30.44		-£30.44
KM Armistead - dog Notice - LEP	4791	£110.88	£14.46	£96.42
Glasdon - bench - R Garlick	4796	£859.80	£112.14	£747.66
Polytank - fuel storage station	4797	£1,667.50	£217.50	£1,450.00
FIB & Mrs Garlick - donations for seat	cheques	-£753.53		-£753.53
A Padfield - Planning consultancy fee	4803 & 4812	£4,817.35	£628.35	£4,189.00
AWS - electric rent	cash	-£159.00		-£159.00
J Amor - FIA charge	cash	-£0.05		-£0.05
KM Armistead - printing F. Pen Notices	4811	£57.50	£7.50	£50.00
AWS - rent	cheques	-£104.40	-£13.62	-£90.78
AWS - rent	cheques	-£22.46	-£2.93	-£19.53
Transfer to Croft Butts allotment A/C	tfr	£500.00		£500.00

Playground Fund

VAT

Total		£11,188.18	£1,015.35	£10,172.83
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Precept Account 2008/2009

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	March '09	To date	Outstanding	
Wages	£17,000	£1,383	£18,069	-£1,069	106%
Insurance	£8,016		£8,942	-£926	112%
Stationery	£400	£17	£391	£9	98%
Postage	£800	£121	£1,570	-£70	105%
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	£1,252	£19,022	£569	97%
Borders & Plants	£11,580	£146	£14,068	-£2,488	121%
Watering	£2,729	£0	£3,162	-£433	116%
Cleansing	£6,201	£500	£6,000	£201	97%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,062	£718	£5,698	-£636	113%
Other Contract work	£7,727	£585	£7,215	£512	93%
Electric & rates	£5,322	£192	£1,266	£3,356	27%
Total	£90,951	£4,915	£92,025	-£1,073	101%

Other Accounts March '09

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£1,015	£1,007	£8
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£423	£338
Community Development	£14,544	£15,566	-£1,022
Playground Fund	£2,173	£1,637	£536
VAT	£4,511	£6,239	-£1,728
Total	£23,005	£24,872	-£1,867