

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2009, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs M Whitehead (Chair),

Councillors Mrs M Foster, Mrs L Willis, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs S Delany, Linda Burn, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, C Robb, Mrs M Dowling and P Quinn.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors T Threlfall, (another meeting)

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 and PCSO I Larmouth

PC A Scarisbrick gave the following update:-

April Incidents:

Freckleton West	35
Freckleton East	41
Lower Lane/Mede	27

April Crimes:

Freckleton West	8
Freckleton East	4
Lower Lane/Mede	5

The crime figures in more detail - 5 relate to damage, 3 relate to shoplifting, and 3 relate to theft.

Other News:

The incident of the male in the area conning members of the church congregation was circulated through Crimewatch and he was later arrested in the Ipswich area and is currently in prison. All the local churches have now been informed.

During April and early May, there have been three Police raids carried out at Freckleton address's resulting in three cannabis factories being discovered and cannabis seized through local intelligence gathered.

Issues regarding the Memorial Park are continually being monitored and remain a PACT priority for the Police throughout this month.

Following on from a spate of incidents around the top end of Kirkham road, the CCTV camera was requested and is now installed by the Kirkham rd/Lower Lane junction.

Also a large amount of alcohol was seized throughout the month (approx 60+ cans/bottles).

It was reported that a 16 year old daughter and friend had arrived home drunk, could the police assist with this problem. Initially the police indicated that it was the parent's responsibility but it was suggested that an alcohol worker from LCC may be able to visit the family.

An update was requested on the incident on Bush Lane playing fields involving a dog and a young child. The Police reported that both parties had been interviewed and the matter had been resolved.

b) Public participation

The problem of parking on Memory Close was again brought up. It was suggested that the Council write to Andrew Burrows at LCC to try and organise a site visit.

An enquiry was made as to whether the weed killer being used in the Memorial Park and Bush Lane Playing Fields was child and animal friendly. It was confirmed that the appropriate weed killer was used by the Councils contractors.

It was reported that a member of the cricket section had been seen not complying with the new dog control order. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the cricket section.

It was reported that the google website was showing a map of Freckleton with sites of dog fouling, fly tipping and rodent sitings.

County Councillor B Whittle reported that this would be the last meeting he attending as he will be retiring after the June elections. A Vote of Thanks was proposed for all the hard work he had done for the village over the past 40 years.

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 6th April 2009.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 6th April 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 April 2009 (Appendix A).

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved.

b) Monthly budget statement (Appendix B)

The monthly statement was noted

c) To review the Internal Auditors report

It was resolved that the internal auditors report be accepted

d) To approve the Audit Statement of Assurance for the 2008-09 Accounts

It was resolved that the Audit Statement of Assurance be approved

e) To consider the request for a donation of £2,000 to the YMCA Rural Splash voluntary organisation

It was resolved that a donation of £2,000 be granted to the YMCA Rural Splash voluntary organisation, by a majority vote

f) To consider whether Kirkham and Lytham should be asked to contribute to the Consultants fees for the appeal against the BAE proposed development

A summary was given of the reasons for the expenditure of £4,000 for a consultant to represent the Council at the appeal.

It was resolved that, once a decision has been made, FBC should be asked to pay the costs of the consultant.

It was further resolved that if the appeal was won the Council should ask Kirkham and Lytham Chambers of Trade to contribute to these expenses.

7) To consider a response to the Heavy goods Operators licence for Grange Farm, Freckleton

It was resolved that no action should be taken

- 8) **To consider the request to support the Skipton-East Lancs. Rail Action Group (SELRAP)**
It was resolved that the Clerk should write a letter of support to the LCC
- 9) **To agree the date of next meeting.**
It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 1st June 2009, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed.....Mrs. M. Whithead, Chairman.....

Date.....01/06/09.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for April 2009

Precept Account	Cheque No.	£	Vat	Net of VAT
KM Armistead – Salary	4827	£1,070.62		£1,070.62
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4828	£378.03		£378.03
KM Armistead – expenses	4838	£163.00		£163.00
LALC - annual subscription	4817	£576.76		£576.76
Zurich - Employers liability insurance	4818	£525.00		£525.00
Parochial Church Council – grant	4831	£500.00		£500.00
Air Ambulance - S137 grant	4832	£200.00		£200.00
The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant	4833	£200.00		£200.00
LALC - quality workshop training	4844	£20.00		£20.00

FBC - Precept grant	D/P	-£47,129.00		-£47,129.00
Open Spaces Account				
Grangeland Services – grass cutting	4824p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services –Borders	4824p	£498.70		£498.70
J Garlick - litter picking	4823	£525.00		£525.00
Scottish power – electricity charges	D/D	£30.00		£30.00
Braithwaites – service ransome & other machines	4816	£1,854.84	£241.94	£1,612.90
Battersby Sports – Cricket materials	4819	£222.05	£20.55	£201.50
Townsend – diesel & petrol	4822	£112.00	£14.60	£97.40
The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant	4825	£534.60	£0.00	£534.60
M Garner - remove trees on Bush lane	4826	£565.17		£565.17
A & SM Singleton – service cricket machines	4820	£73.60	£9.60	£64.00
Bowling club – Grant	4834	£1,800.00		£1,800.00
Woody Warehouse – materials	4835	£331.04	£35.61	£295.43
Ribble fuel - red diesel	4837	£435.13	£20.72	£414.41
PO Ltd - road tax - pick-up	4839	£180.00		£180.00
Lancs. Playing Fields assoc. - annual fees	4843	£17.00		£17.00
A watkinson - repair to cenotaph lights	4845	£56.47		£56.47
NFU mutual - Insurance for tractors & pick-up	4841	£1,113.41		£1,113.41
CPRE - annual subscription	4846	£32.00		£32.00
Allotments				£0.00
Croft Butts – rents	cheques	-£402.00		-£402.00
Bush lane – rents	cheques	-£761.00		-£761.00
Disley Plumbers – upgrade water system	4840	£3,395.00		£3,395.00
Kwik-skip - hire of skip for Croft butts	4842	£190.00	£24.78	£165.22
Croft Butts water charge	4846p	£16.42		£16.42
Bush lane - water charge	4846p	£60.65		£60.65
Clive hurt - Planings for road of Bush lane	4847	£149.50	£19.50	£130.00
Community Development Account				
NatWest – Interest	D/P	-£22.41		-£22.41
Cornthwaites Agricultural - New Tractor	4815p	£27,025.00	£3,525.00	£23,500.00
Cornthwaites Agricultural - old tractor trade in	4815p	-£8,452.50	-£1,102.50	-£7,350.00
M Garner - remove trees on Bush lane	4821	£3,214.25	£419.25	£2,795.00
AWS area – rents	cheque & cash	-£19.55	-£2.55	-£17.00
FBC – grant	D/P	-£505.00		-£505.00
Grantham signs - dog order signs	4836	£235.52	£30.72	£204.80
Playground Fund				
Bank of America – Interest	cheque	-£8.79		-£8.79
FBC - maintenance charge	D/P	£905.00		£905.00
VAT	D/P	-£2,200.67		-£2,200.67
Total		-£11,099.86	£3,257.22	-£14,357.08

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Appendix B

Precept Account

2009/2010

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	April '09	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£17,600	£1,449	£1,449	£16,151	8%
Insurance	£9,000	£525	£525	£8,475	6%
Stationery	£400		£0	£400	0%
Postage	£1,500	£163	£163	£1,337	11%
LAPTC	£600	£577	£577	£23	96%
Audit fee	£650		£0	£650	0%
Chair Allow	£100		£0	£100	0%
Training	£200	£20	£20	£180	10%
Civic functions	£2,200		£0	£2,200	0%
Election	£0		£0	£0	
Reserve	£0		£0	£0	
equipment	£300		£0	£300	0%
Grants	£500	£500	£500	£0	100%
Section137	£480	£400	400	£80	83%
Open Spaces					
Account					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£4,433	£4,433	£16,138	22%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£1,509	£1,509	£10,991	12%
Watering	£2,865		£0	£2,865	0%
Cleansing	£6,511	£525	£525	£5,986	8%
Maintaining	£5,315	£56	£56	£5,259	1%
Buildings					
Organisations	£8,113	£2,066	£2,066	£6,048	25%
Electric & rates	£4,853	646.17	646.17	4206.83	13%
Total	£94,258	£12,869	£12,869	£81,389	14%

Other Accounts April '09

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£402	£3,577	-£3,175
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£191	£570
Community Development	£7,872	£26,500	-£18,628
Playground Fund	£9	£905	-£896
VAT	£0	£3,257	-£3,257
Total	£9,044	£34,429	-£25,386