

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st June 2009, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs M Whitehead (Chair),

Councillors Mrs L Willis, Mrs S Delany, Linda Burn, T Fiddler, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, and C Robb.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors T Threlfall, (another meeting), Mrs. M Dowling (sick), Mrs. M Foster & P Quinn (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 Sgt C Anderson and PCSO B Simpson

Sgt. Anderson gave the following update:-

Figures: May 2009

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	37	7
Freckleton East	38	4
Lower Lane/The Mede	20	0

Three of the four crimes on Freckleton East, were connected to the same incident.

News/Updates:

The main issue over the month of May was a burglary on Freckleton East which resulted in a cannabis factory being discovered. Offenders to both the burglary and the cultivation of cannabis are currently being dealt with by Police.

Youths gathering on the Memorial Park are continually being monitored by local officers. The amount of anti-social behaviour and issues surrounding alcohol have been very low, however bottles (some of which have been broken) have been reported to Police, as well as 2 damaged lamp posts, in the past week. Officers are aware and will continue to police the area as a priority.

Issues have been raised over traffic problems in the village. Officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing team, for Freckleton and Warton, will be conducting speed checks in different locations over the coming days/weeks. Also, Parkwise are to be requested to monitor any parking offences.

Officers will be attending Freckleton C of E school in June to speak with children who are currently taking their cycling proficiency tests.

In preparation for Freckleton Club day, local officers will be working closely with all off-licensed premises and there will of course be a strong Police presence over the whole weekend to ensure an enjoyable occasion for all residents and visitors to the village.

The Chairman thanked the sergeant for the update.

b) Public participation

It was, once again, reported that people attending cricket matches had been seen not complying with the new dog control order. It was agreed that a notice should be displayed in the Rawstone Centre window, requesting visitors to keep their dogs on a lead and within two

metres of the boundary.

A Rawstorne centre representative requested that the Council give agreement, in principle, to allow the Centre to progress an extension, in order that they may seek funding for the project. It was suggested that a separate meeting is held with representatives from all the Centre's sections to progress this item. The Clerk agreed to arrange the meeting.

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 Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th May 2009.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 11th May 2009, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

b) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th May 2009.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 11th May 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 May 2009 (Appendix A).

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved.

b) Monthly budget statement (Appendix B)

The monthly statement was noted

c) To approve the repairs to Council owned buildings

It was resolved that the repairs should be carried out.

7) To consider the proposed extension to the Band Room

It was reported that the band room, scout and guide halls were not well constructed and the Council should consider demolishing them and replacing with a purpose built building, to accommodate the requirements of all the sections. The new building would be better located adjacent to the Rawstorne centre. In addition, the Council should consider applying to the Government Loan Board to fund the project.

It was resolved that a sub-committee should be formed to progress this item, consisting of Councillors C Robb, L Rigby L Burn, Mrs. L Willis and Mrs. S Delany.

8) To consider the request from the Parochial Church Council to provide additional burial ground

It was reported that there would be considerable financial implications if the Council decided to provide burial facilities and be responsible for the maintenance of new burial land. In addition, the Bowling club has raised concerns about the use of the Memorial gardens, as a cemetery, when the bowling green was in use.

It was resolved that the Memorial gardens should not be offered for burial ground and the Council should not become a burial authority.

In addition, it was resolved that this request should be reconsidered, in the future, if a suitable site became available.

9) To consider a request from the Parochial Church Council for the provision of a condolence book

It was indicated that the Queen is the head of the Church of England and the Council anticipates that Church would take a lead in providing a condolence book, at the appropriate time. The Council would consider what action to take on the death of the Queen or any other

dignitary and would react in the same manner as other Parish Councils.
It was resolved that no action should be taken to provide a condolence book.

10) To consider the letter regarding a cricket ball incident.

It was resolved that boarding should be fitted to the bottom of the safety nets and the netting made more secure.

The Clerk agreed to respond to the letter informing the complainant of the Council appreciation of their concerns and that the netting would be repaired.

11) To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 6th July 2009, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....6th July 2009.....

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Appendix A

Schedule of payments for **May 2009**

	Cheque No.	£	Vat	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	4852	£1,074.74		£1,070.74
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4853	£377.91		£377.91
KM Armistead - expenses	4860	£144.05		£144.05
FIB - Fidelity Guarantee insurance	4854	£630.00		£630.00
L Rowett - Internal audit	4858	£81.50		£81.50
Staples - Cartridges	4859	£121.49	£15.85	£105.64
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - electric - Rawstone Centre	D/D	£741.32	£96.69	£644.63
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4849p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	4850	£498.70		£498.70
J Garlick - litter picking	D/D	£525.00		£525.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£30.00		£30.00
J Garlick - tidy-up hedges on roundabout	4851p	£32.40		£32.40
J Garlick - repair gutters on guide hut	4851p	£32.40		£32.40
J Townsends - Petrol, diesel & MOT Pickup	4829p	£160.00	£14.41	£145.59
J Townsends - Petrol, diesel & MOT Pickup	4829p	£166.77	£21.75	£145.02
Trans4mations - repair to notice board	4830	£104.00		£104.00
ADT - Security service - Rawstone centre	4855	£410.04	£53.48	£356.56
Woodys warehouse - materials	4856	£98.57	£12.86	£85.71
Braithwaites - service machines	4857	£92.81	£12.11	£80.70
NFU - Annual subscription	d/d	£41.50		£41.50
Allotments				
Croft butts - rents	cheques	-£60.00		-£60.00
G Garlick - erect notice board	4851p	£43.20		£43.20
Bush lane - rents	cheque	-£33.00		-£33.00
Community Development Account				
NatWest - Interest	D/P	-£3.74		-£3.74
AWS area - rents	cheque & cash	-£19.55	-£2.91	-£16.64
Playground Fund				
VAT				
Total		£6,481.41	£224.24	£6,257.17

Headings	Budget	Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
	Allocation	May '09	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£17,600	£1,449	£2,897	£14,703	16%
Insurance	£9,000	£630	£1,155	£7,845	13%
Stationery	£400	£106	£106	£294	26%
Postage	£1,500	£144	£307	£1,193	20%
LAPTC	£600		£577	£23	96%
Audit fee	£650	£82	£82	£569	13%
Chair Allow	£100		£0	£100	0%
Training	£200		£20	£180	10%
Civic functions	£2,200		£0	£2,200	0%
Election Reserve					
equipment	£300		£0	£300	0%
Grants	£500		£500		100%
Section137	£480		400	£80	83%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,422	£5,855	£14,716	28%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£676	£2,185	£10,315	17%
Watering	£2,865			£2,865	0%
Cleansing	£6,511	£525	£1,050	£5,461	16%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,315	£579	£635	£4,680	12%
Organisations	£8,113		£2,066	£6,048	25%
Electric & rates	£4,853	£716	£1360	£3493	28%
Total	£94,258	£6,327	£19,194	£75,064	20%

Account	Other Accounts	May '09	Balance
	Income	Expenditure	
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£462	£3,620	-£3,158
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£191	£603
Community Development	£7,915	£26,500	-£18,585
Playground Fund	£9	£905	-£896
VAT	£2,201	£3,481	-£1,281
Total	£11,380	£34,697	-£23,316