

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009, in the Village hall.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs M Whitehead (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Foster, Mrs L Willis, Mrs S Delany, Linda Burn, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, C Robb, T Threlfall, T Fiddler

**1) To accept Apologies for Absence.**

Councillors P Quinn, Mrs M Dowling, (on holiday),

Lancashire County Councillor P Rigby (In London)

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 PCSO I Larmouth and PCSO M Partington**

PCSO Larmouth gave the following update:

June Incidents:

Freckleton West 49

Freckleton East 40

Lower Lane/The Mede 27

June Crimes:

Freckleton West 8

Freckleton East 4

Lower Lane/The Mede 5

News/Updates:

Club Day and Half Marathon – In general the club day weekend ran very smoothly with no serious incidents arising. 3 arrests were made on the day, two of which were for public order related offences and the other was an unconnected bail offence. A significant amount of alcohol was seized from youths (approx 49 bottles/cans) and numerous others poured away which helped in the reduction of anti-social behaviour and alcohol related crime over the weekend.

The Neighbourhood Policing team have been working closely with the off-licensed premises over the month in an attempt to crack down on issues such as sales to under-age and persons buying alcohol to pass on to under-age etc. This has led to an under-age male receiving a fixed penalty ticket for purchasing alcohol as well as the member of staff getting a ticket for serving it and has also now been dismissed by the employer. 2 other males have also been identified as purchasing alcohol to then pass it on to under-age, one has received a fixed penalty ticket and the other will be dealt with over the next few days. Police will continue to work with the off-licensed premises and take any further action as it arises to send out a zero-tolerance message.

A Neighbourhood Watch audit is currently being carried out by the Constabulary. There are currently some successful schemes up and running in various areas of Freckleton such as Delany Drive which is co-ordinated by Councillor Colin Robb who oversees 46 properties, however there are other areas which unfortunately are not covered at all. If any other Parish Councillors or residents wish to set up a scheme on their street or support an existing scheme then their help would be appreciated. Please contact any of the local officers if you wish to discuss this further.

PC Scarisbrick has been in contact with LCC Highways dept. over the last month and highlighted various traffic issues in Freckleton. It is hoped that some action will be taken in due course.

Starting from July 1<sup>st</sup> Police have launched Operation Julius across the region focussing on reducing burglaries. As part of this operation, local officers will be tasked to carry out various initiatives such as leaflet drops and street briefings whereby Freckleton residents will be able to speak with officers for advice on home security.

**b) Public participation**

Concerns were raised by members of the public regarding cricket balls still landing in their gardens. A suggestion was made to write to ECB for guidelines on how high the nets should be and other possibilities of protecting the most subseptible houses. 3 members of the council will liaise with the cricket club to discuss the options.

A member of the public who received verbal abuse and personal insults at Club Day from an individual who was involved in organising club day events, would like the individual involved to be excluded from all further club day events. The Clerk will write to the club day committee and request a written apology from the individual involved.

Concerns were raised with regards to SITA proposing to apply for a radioactive substances Act Disposal Authorisation for its existing Clifton Marsh Landfill Site. This will be discussed further under item 7.

A member of the public brought up the subject of the need for a bank in the village. Enquiries have been made previously and no response has been received.

A member of the public thanked members of the Parish Council for the work they have done regarding the BAE application. Cllr Fiddler also thanked members of the public for their help.

*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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**b) The Fabrics committee meeting held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 June 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 estimates for the resurfacing of the footpath in the Cenotaph**

It was suggested that the Clerk should contact JW Civil Engineering to enquire exactly what work the quote provided involves and to obtain a revised quote.

It was resolved that the decision be delegated to the clerk.

**d) To approve the estimate for the re-siting of the pillar at the south side entrance to the Memorial park, as approved by the Open Spaces Committee**

It was resolved to approve the estimate of £1,415 from Mr. S Snape.

**e) To approve the estimate for a new hedgerow and plants at the south side entrance to the Memorial park, as approved by the Open Spaces Committee**

It was resolved to approve the estimate of £410 from Mr. A Davies.

**f) To consider the request from the Rawstorne centre to replace the windows in the dressing room**

It was resolved to obtain a full report of the work required before making a decision

**g) To consider reclaiming the consultant costs, for the BAE enquiry, from Fylde Borough Council**

It was resolved that that the Parish Council will try to reclaim the costs involved of around £4,000 as these costs should have been met by FBC if they had defended the village

**h) To consider replacing part of the drain from the Rawstone centre**

It was suggested that the Clerk should obtain estimates and report back to the Council

**7) To consider what action to take regarding the proposal to dump more radio-active rubbish at the landfill site at Clifton Marsh**

A member of the Council reported that the proposal involves an extension to keep the landfill site open until 2020, and there would be a slight increase in the nuclear aspect of waste from other areas. It was suggested that the Clerk will write to SITA and ask that the Parish Council be kept informed of any further development or progression with the proposal. It was agreed to defer any further discussion until more facts are available as there is a 4 month consultation period.

**8) To review the security and other procedures for Club Day**

A discussion took place with regards to who should provide the security on Club Day. It was resolved that the Clerk will invite the Club Day Committee to attend a full Council meeting to discuss these issues.

**9) To review the procedures for distributing the Annual report to every household in the village**

It was suggested that Councillors will either deliver their share of the report or arranged for paperboys/girls to deliver them. It was resolved that the decision will be left to the individual Councillor as to how their share of the annual report is delivered.

**10) To consider what action should be taken regarding the illegal parking near to the shops in Kirkham road/Preston Old road**

A proposal was made to ask LCC to put up ballards in order to stop vehicles illegally parking on the pavement. There was then an amendment to the proposal, to ask the police/wardens to use enforcement to prevent vehicles illegally parking. It was resolved that the first step to take would be to contact the police/wardens.

**11) To consider what action to take regarding the overgrown hedges at the Junctions of Bramwell Road/Clitheroes lane and Douglas drive/Ribble ave**

It was reported that the hedges are blocking vision. It was resolved that the clerk should write a letter to the residents at Douglas drive/ Ribble ave requesting that they cut their hedge back. As residents at the junction of Bramwell road/Clitheroes lane have already been contacted previously it was resolved that the clerk should write a letter and inform them that if no action is taken the matter will be referred onto LCC.

**12) To consider the request from J Amor regarding the notification of the FBC's Dog Control order, In the June 09 Newsletter**

It was agreed that the statement should have read "the Dog Control order is currently out for consultation" and not as stated that "FBC will shortly be introducing a Dog Control order". It was resolved the Clerk should write to J Amor informing him that the statement will be rectified in the next newsletter.

**13) To agree the date of next meeting**

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....7<sup>th</sup> September 2009.....

Freckleton Parish Council				Appendix A		
Schedule of payments for		June '09				
		Cheque No.	£	Vat	Net of VAT	
<b>Precept Account</b>						
KM Armistead – Salary		4872	£1,070.74		£1,070.74	
PO ltd - Tax & N/I		4874	£377.91		£377.91	
KM Armistead – expenses		4875	£119.24		£119.24	
Mrs. M Whitehead – Chairman’s allowance		4861	£100.00		£100.00	
FIB - Club day insurance		4865	£157.50		£157.50	
Staples uk - computer, printer etc.		4867	£625.00	£81.52	£543.48	
K M Armistead - balance for computer		4867	£53.51	£6.98	£46.53	
J Winstanley – Salary		4873	£173.00		£173.00	
Standard print & Design - Newsletters		4883	£140.00		£140.00	
KM Armistead - Internet security		4881	£29.34	£3.83	£25.51	
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>						
British Gas - electric – Rawstorne Cent		D/D	£124.38	£16.22	£108.16	
Grangeland Services – grass cutting		4870p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30	
Grangeland Services –Borders		4870p	£498.70		£498.70	
J Garlick - litter picking		4869	£525.00		£525.00	
Scottish power – electricity		D/D	£30.00		£30.00	
T & E Garlick - weed & feed pitches		4863	£652.92	£85.16	£567.76	
A Watkinson - repairs to cenotaph lights		4866	£53.30		£53.30	
J Garlick - Repairs to football pitch		4871	£248.40		£248.40	
Rawstorne centre electric contribution		cheque	-547.91		-547.91	
Braitwaites - Hire & service equipment		4877	£196.41	£25.62	£170.79	
R M Rigby - material for cricket drains		4878	£173.53	£22.63	£150.90	
Chubbs - security contract for storeroom		4879	£103.44	£13.49	£89.95	
Woodys - materials		4880	£124.30	£16.21	£108.09	
Window Doctor - repair to Rawstorne win		4882	£275.00	£35.87	£239.13	
J Townsend - petrol & diesel		4884	£154.90	£20.20	£134.70	
<b>Allotments</b>						
<b>Community Development Account</b>						
NatWest - Interest		D/P	-4.57		-4.57	
AWS area - rents		Cheque	-£29.32	-£3.82	-£25.50	
NW Power washer - new washer		4862	1470.85	191.85	1279	
Fylde Coast YMCA – donation to rur sp		4864	£2,000.00		£2,000.00	
<b>Playground Fund</b>						
<b>VAT</b>						
<b>Total</b>			<b>£10,090.87</b>	<b>£515.77</b>	<b>£9,575.10</b>	

Freckleton Parish Council				Appendix B	
Precept Account 2009/2010					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	June '09	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£17,600	£1,622	£4,523	£13,077	26%
Insurance	£9,000	£158	£1,313	£7,688	15%
Stationery	£400	£140	£246	£154	61%
Postage	£1,500	£145	£452	£1,048	30%
LAPTC	£600		£577	£23	96%
Audit fee	£650		£82	£569	13%
Chair Allow	£100	£100	£100	£0	100%
Training	£200		£20	£180	10%
Civic functions	£2,200		£0	£2,200	0%
Election					
Reserve					
Equipment	£300	£590	£590	£-290	197%
Grants	£500		£500	£0	100%
Section137	£480			£80	83%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,366	£7,221	£13,350	35%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£499	£2,684	£9,816	21%
Watering	£2,865	£0	£0	£2,865	0%
Cleansing	£6,511	£525	£1,575	£4,936	24%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,315	£535	£1,170	£4,145	22%
Organisations	£8,113	£967	£3,033	£5,080	37%
Electric & rates	£4,853	£-320	£1,040	£64,921	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£94,258</b>	<b>£6,326</b>	<b>£25,524</b>	<b>£129,843</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Other Accounts</b>					
		<b>June '09</b>			
Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£462	£3,620	£-3,158	
Bush lane Allotments		£794	£191	£603	
Community Development		£7,945	£29,779	£-21,834	
Playground Fund		£9	£905	£-896	
VAT		£2,201	£3,993	£-1,793	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£11,410</b>	<b>£38,488</b>	<b>£-27,077</b>	