

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2009, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs M Whitehead (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs M Dowling (another meeting),

It was resolved that the reason 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 Simpson

PCSO Simpson gave the following update:

September Incidents:

Freckleton West	30
Freckleton East	50
Lower Lane/Mede	17

September Crimes:

Freckleton West	2
Freckleton East	11
Lower Lane/Mede	4

News/Updates:

September has seen an increase in reported cases of criminal damage to farm machinery and buildings, mainly in and around the Lower Lane area. A number of these damages have now been detected.

Enquiries are still ongoing after an elderly female on Avalon Drive had become victim to a distraction burglary involving two males who have come to her door asking about repairs to her fence. Good descriptions have been obtained and distributed in the press and to other Police forces. Further to this, Avalon Drive and Newton Close have now become “No Cold Calling” zones.

After an unfortunate incident on Marsh Drive involving a female who was assaulted by a drunken male, a local male has been arrested for the offence and has been remanded in custody until late December when he will be dealt with at court.

b) Public participation

Concerns were raised by various members of the public regarding groups of young people gathering in various areas of the village displaying different aspects of anti social behaviour including noise, bad language and dropping litter, glass bottles etc. The Clerk will write to the new Inspector voicing these concerns as a matter of urgency.

It was reported that some of the lights are not working along the pathway in the Memorial park. The Clerk will write to Fylde Borough Council.

Enquiries were made regarding the gate on Brades Lane. The Clerk reported that he had received the original Planning file from FBC and there was correspondence indicating that the perimeter hedge should remain intact, as part of the conditions for approving the application. The Clerk will request that Fylde Borough Council’s Planning department write to the Owners to request that the gate is removed.

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 the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2009**
It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 7th September 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 September 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 amendment to item 8 of section 1 of the External Auditors report**
It was resolved that the amendment be approved
 - d) **To consider providing a junior football pitch on the Bush Lane playing fields**
It was resolved to agree in principle to provide a junior football pitch at the top end of Bush Lane.
The Clerk will obtain some estimates.
- 7) **To have informal discussions with representatives from the Club day committee**
Various issues were raised including the problem of the toilets and drains not being able to cope with the usage on club day, the storage of barriers and security.
It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain a report on the suitability of the drains to cope with the usage on club day.
It was agreed that the Fabrics committee should recommend improvements for the drain covers.
The representative from the Club day committee requested that Council arrange to store the barriers.
- 8) **To have informal discussions with representatives from the Band and the uniformed Organisations regarding the existing buildings**
Various problems were identified with the existing buildings currently used by the Band, and the uniformed Organizations. These included dampness, insufficient heating and lack of space and amenities.
It was agreed that these issues should be referred to the Fabrics committee and the Clerk will check the lease agreements for each building.
- 9) **To review the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday service and the Carol service**
It was agreed that Councillors L Rigby, P Quinn, T Fiddler and Mrs S Delaney will organize the proceedings and Councillor T Threlfall will organize the marshalls.
The review of the arrangements for the Carol service will be deferred to the next meeting.
- 10) **To receive a report from the Freckleton in Bloom committee**
This item is to be deferred until the next meeting
- 11) **To consider the recommendations from the Multi-purpose working group**
It was resolved to spend upto £500 on an architect fees to prepare plan and estimated costs based on the recommendations from the working group.
The requirements of the Band should be looked at separately
- 12) **To consider the request to complete the "Devolved Services Questionnaire 2009"**
This item is to be deferred to the next meeting
- 13) **To consider the request to support the campaign for "More Power for Parish & Town Councils"**
This item is to be deferred to the next meeting
- 14) **To agree the date of the next meeting**
It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 2nd November 2009, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....2nd November 2009.....

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Item 6a

Schedule of payments for

September '09

	Cheque No.	£	Vat	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	4932	£1,070.68		£1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4934	£421.37		£421.37
KM Armistead - expenses	4941	£87.76		£87.76
Freeola - web-site rental	D/D	£9.43	£1.23	£8.20
J Winstanley - Salary	4933	£172.85		£172.85
K Armistead - Stationery	4935	£51.94	£6.77	£45.17
C Robb - web-site software	4942	£26.91	£3.51	£23.40
FBC - Precept grant	D/D	-£47,129.00		-£47,129.00
RS Printing - air disaster programmes	4946	£104.00		£104.00
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - electric - Rawstorne Centre refund	D/D	-£755.39	-£98.53	-£656.86
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4928p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	4928p	£498.70		£498.70
J Garlick - litter picking	4929p	£525.00		£525.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£33.50		£33.50
J Garlick - watering	4929p	£859.25		£859.25
A Davies - additional work	4930	£175.00		£175.00
J Garlick - additional work	4931	£175.00		£175.00
Braithwaites - repair to machinery	4936	£311.60	£40.64	£270.96
Ribble fuels - red diesel	4938	261.98	£12.48	£249.50
Woodys warehouse - materials	4940	£188.32	£24.56	£163.76
British Gas - electric - Rawstorne Centre refund	D/D	£152.85	£19.94	£132.91
J Townsend - diesel	4944	£90.00	£11.74	£78.26
J Hill - resurfacing Cenotaph footpaths	4947	£1,500.00		£1,500.00
Allotments				
Croft Butts - water charge	4937	£106.10		£106.10
Community Development Account				
J Kingsley - contribution for seat	cheque	-£465.54		-£465.54
Glasdon Manufacturing - new seat	4939	£535.37	£69.83	£465.54
AWS - rent	cheque & cash	-£34.50	-£4.50	-£30.00
FBC - grant	D/P	-£505.00		-£505.00
Abacus - re-surface AWS area	4945	£12,113.87	£1,580.07	£10,533.80
Lancs. Environment fund - donation towards AWS resurfacing	cheque	-£8,216.00		-£8,216.00
Playground Fund				
FBC - playground maintenance	D/P	£905.00		£905.00
VAT				
Total		-£35,533.65	£1,667.74	-£37,201.39

Precept Account 2009/2010

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	September '09	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£17,600	£1,665	£9,486	£8,114	54%
Insurance	£9,000		£9,288	-£288	103%
Stationery	£400	£45	£291	£109	73%
Postage	£1,500	£119	£891	£609	59%
LAPTC	£600		£577	£23	96%
Audit fee	£650		£82	£569	13%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£200		£20	£180	10%
Civic functions	£2,200			£2,200	0%
Election	£0			£0	
Reserve	£0			£0	
equipment	£300		£902	-£602	301%
Grants	£500		£500	£0	100%
Section137	£480	£104	504	-£24	105%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,716	£12,368	£8,203	60%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£577	£7,848	£4,652	63%
Watering	£2,865	£859	£2,617	£248	91%
Cleansing	£6,511	£525	£3,150	£3,361	48%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,315	£2,014	£3,750	£1,565	71%
Organisations	£8,113	£0	£6,224	£1,889	77%
Electric & rates	£4,853	-£490	£1,477	£3,376	30%
Total	£94,258	£7,134	£60,072	£34,186	64%

Other Accounts September '09

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£462	£3,726	-£3,264
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£256	£538
Community Development	£26,401	£42,384	£15,983
Playground Fund	£16	£1,810	-£1,794
VAT	£6,198	£7,237	-£1,039
Total	£33,871	£55,413	£21,542