

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Fabrics Committee Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead (Chair)  
Councillors St J Greenhough, and P Quinn.

1) To inspect the Scout hut, Guide hut and Band room.

The following issues were noted when the facilities were inspected:-

**a) Scout hut**

Overall the scout hut was well maintained, clean and tidy inside. The decoration was in good order and the fire extinguishers were regularly inspected. The Organisations should be congratulated on the way the facilities have been maintained.

The following issues were raised:-

- a.1 The infra red wall heaters were insufficient to keep the room warm, which resulted in dampness in the equipment being stored.
- a.2 There was only two small wall mounted hot water heaters in the kitchen and these were inadequate.
- a.3 The kitchen needs upgrading – The Organisations were going to hold fund raising events to finance a new kitchen
- a.4 There was a problem with youths climbing on to the roof.
- a.5 Some guttering needs replacing
- a.6 Some rendering around the front door and garage door needs repairing.

**b) Guide hut**

Overall the room was too small for the number of people using it. There was dampness in the room due to insufficient/inadequate heating. The fire extinguishers had not been inspected since 2002.

The following issues were raised:-

- b.1 The three wall heaters were insufficient to keep the room warm, which resulted in dampness in the equipment being stored.
- b.2 There was no hot water facility.
- b.3 The kitchen was too small and needs upgrading

**c) Band room.**

Overall the room was too small for the number of members in the band. There was excessive dampness in the room due to insufficient/inadequate heating.

The following issues were raised:-

- c.1 The four wall heaters were insufficient to keep the room warm, which resulted in dampness in the equipment being stored.
- c.2 There was no hot water facility.
- c.3 There was no toilet or kitchen.

The Clerk reported, to each Organisation, that the lease for the building was drawn up in 1985 and each states that the Organisation was given the land, on a year by year basis, for a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum. The construction and maintenance of the building was the responsibility of the Organisation.

In recent years the Council has taken on the responsibility of the exterior of the building and the Organisation was responsible for the interior.

It was suggested that the leases should be reviewed.

2) **To accept Apologies for absence**

Councillors Mrs. M Dowling, Mrs. S Delany and L Rigby (other commitments).

It was resolved that the reason for absence be accepted.

- 3) Public Participation.  
There was no public participation
- 4) Declaration of interest  
There was no declaration of interest.
- 5) To consider both revenue and capital expenditure proposals for the 2010/11 budget.  
The Clerk reported that last year's budget was set at £5,315.  
It was resolved that £5,315 should be recommended for the 2010/11 budget.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.**

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

**Date.....2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009.....**