

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2009, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs M Whitehead (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs L Willis, Linda Burn, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, C Robb, P Quinn, T Fiddler and County Councillor P Rigby

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs M Dowling (accident), T Threlfall (on holiday), Mrs M Foster (on holiday)
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 PC A Scarisbrick, PCSO B Simpson, & Sergeant D Hannan

PC Scarisbrick gave the following update:

October Incidents:

Freckleton West	26
Freckleton East	38
Lower Lane/Mede	27

October Crimes:

Freckleton West	6
Freckleton East	4
Lower Lane/Mede	3

News/Updates:

Halloween night passed without any significant issues occurring. Officers dispersed a large group of youths from Lytham Rd who were mainly from the Kirkham and Wesham area before they had the opportunity to cause any problems. Two incidents, of eggs being thrown at properties in the village, had been reported in the week running up to Halloween. Offenders for each incident have been identified and are currently being dealt with by the NHP team.

Following on from a recent burglary at a property on Lytham Rd, an offender from the Warton area has been identified and charged with the offence.

A Freckleton youth responsible for damage to a vehicle took part in a Restorative Justice conference where by the youth came face to face with the victim with Police officers present. This has had a positive effect on the youth responsible who has since been to the victims address to wash the vehicle concerned as a way of an apology as well as receiving a reprimand from the Police.

b) Public participation

Concerns were raised by a member of the public regarding the speed indicators being used on the bypass coming into the village. The police confirmed that they are there as a general deterrent warning motorists to slow down. It was noted that the speed indicator on the bypass on the way to Preston is not working. County Councillor Paul Rigby volunteered to report this.

The other main concern raised by the public was speeding vehicles and juvenile nuisance in the Bush Lane area. This has been discussed various times before and it was resolved to enquire about the costs of obtaining calming measures on this road, such as sleeping policemen or a 20mph speed limit, and to pursue the issue of obtaining yellow lines on the dangerous bend. County Councillor Paul Rigby also volunteered to look into the possibility of LCC paying the costs.

The siting of the safety partnership van on Strike Lane was also discussed.

The meeting was reconvened.

3) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

All Councillors declared an interest in the Rawstorne Centre

4) To read and approve the minutes of:

The Parish Council meeting held Monday 5th October 2009

The Open Spaces committee meeting held on Monday 19th October 2009

The minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on Saturday 24th October 2009

The Fabrics committee meeting held on Monday 26th October 2009

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings, 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 October 2009

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved.

b) Monthly budget statement

The monthly statement was noted

c) To approve the External auditor's report

It was resolved that the report be approved. A vote of thanks to the Clerk was proposed for all his hard work with the accounts and finance

d) To consider the sale of the trailer

The trailer stored by the Council is surplus to requirements and no longer used.

It was resolved to sell the trailer, and the Clerk will enquire as to the value of the trailer.

7) To review the arrangements for the Tree lighting & Carol service

The arrangement were discussed and reviewed. A vote of thanks were given to Councillor Greenhough and & Mrs Greenhough for donating all the food and goody bags for the children last year.

8) To consider changes to the Rawstornes Centre's constitution (Approved by the Rawstorne AGM in 2008)

It was noted that the changes cannot be adopted until the AGM. The Clerk will point out that item 6a, should be changed to read "should be aware of surrounding areas" and not "be responsible for surrounding areas"

9) To consider the request to support the campaign for "More Power for Parish & Town Councils"

It was resolved to support the campaign in principle

10) To consider what action to take regarding the infringement of the Dog Control Order

The Clerk and a member of the Council reported that they had witnessed dogs, both on and off the lead, being exercised on the Bush Lane playing fields within the exclusion area.

It was resolved to remind residents that they will be issued with a fixed penalty notice if seen contravening the new Order. It was further resolved that a notice should be placed in the Evening Gazette and the Lytham St Annes Express, in the next Newsletter and on the website

11) To agree the next date of the meeting

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

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

Date.....7th December 2009.....

Schedule of payments for

October '09

	Cheque No.	£	Vat	Net of
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	4950	£1,070.68		£1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4952	£421.17		£421.17
J Winstanley - Salary	4951	£173.05		£173.05
KM Armistead - Expenses	4971	£113.91		£113.91
BDO - External audit fee	4962	£667.00	£87.00	£580.00
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - electric - Rawstorne	D/D	469.57	£61.25	£408.32
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4948p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	4948p	£498.70		£498.70
J Garlick - litter picking	4949p	£525.00		£525.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£33.50		£33.50
J Garlick - watering	4949p	£859.25		£859.25
Battersby - materials for cricket	4961	£588.90	£68.40	£520.50
A Watkinson - repair to cenotaph	4954	£41.95		£41.95
Balmers - repair to tractor	4955	£86.25	£11.25	£75.00
Braithwaite - materials for	4956	£222.55	£29.03	£193.52
Parkinson Drains - repair to	4957	£427.22	£55.72	£371.50
Townsend's - diesel & petrol	4959	133	£17.35	£115.65
T & E Garlick - weed & Feed Cricket & football	4963	£737.15	£96.15	£641.00
Mcmurray - regild the letters	4965	£727.80	£94.93	£632.87
Vans Dutch Bulb - bulbs	4966	706.91	£92.21	£614.70
bannister hall - winter plants	4967	£619.27	£80.77	£538.50
Kirby's - Hanging baskets, summer plants & materials	4968	£1,463.09	£190.84	£1,272.25
Allotments				
Woodys - materials to repair gate	4958	£15.65	£2.04	£13.61
UU - water - Bush lane	4964p	£57.78		£57.78
UU - water - croft Butts	4964p	39.98		39.98
Community Development				
AWS - rent	cheques	-£437.00	-£57.00	-£380.00
AWS - rent	cheque	-£46.00	-£6.00	-£40.00
MK illuminations - tree lights	4969	£649.41	£84.71	£564.70
KM Armistead - Keys for AWS	4970	£15.00	£0.00	£15.00
KM Armistead - Keys for Rawstorne centre	4960	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Playground Fund				
Bank of America	D/P	-7.63		-7.63
VAT				
HM Customs - VAT Refund		-3239.58		-3239.58
Total		£8,848.83	£908.64	£7,940.19

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	October	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£17,600	£1,665	£11,151	£6,449	63%
Insurance	£9,000		£9,288	-£288	103%
Stationery	£400		£291	£109	73%
Postage	£1,500		£891	£609	59%
LAPTC	£600		£577	£23	96%
Audit fee	£650	£580	£662	-£12	102%
Chair Allow	£100	£114	£214	-£114	214%
Training	£200		£20	£180	10%
Civic functions	£2,200			£2,200	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£300		£902	-£602	301%
Grants	£500		£500		100%
Section137	£480		£504	-£24	105%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,464	£13,831	£6,740	67%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£3,040	£10,888	£1,612	87%
Watering	£2,865	£859	£3,476	-£611	121%
Cleansing	£6,511	£525	£3,675	£2,836	56%
Maintaining	£5,315	£1,046	£4,796	£519	90%
Other Contract work	£8,113	£1,162	£7,385	£728	91%
Electric & rates	£4,853	£442	£1,918	£2,935	40%
Total	£94,258	£10,896	£70,968	£23,290	75%

Other Accounts October '09

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£462	£3,780	-£3,318
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£313	£481
Community Development	£26,821	£42,984	-£16,163
Playground Fund	£24	£1,810	-£1,786
VAT	£9,437	£8,145	£1,292
Total	£37,538	£57,032	-£19,494