

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2009, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs M Whitehead (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Linda Burn (family commitments), Mrs M Foster (other commitments), County Councillor P Rigby (mayoral duties)

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 & PCSO M Partington

PCSO Larmouth gave the following update:

November Incidents:

Freckleton West 25

Freckleton East 38

Lower Lane/Mede 21

November Crimes:

Freckleton West 4

Freckleton East 8

Lower Lane/Mede 3

News/Updates:

Following a burglary on Lytham Rd, Freckleton in October, a male from Warton has now been dealt with at court and is serving a 20 month prison sentence. His partner has also been dealt with after a recent shoplifting at Co-Op in Freckleton. She has fully admitted the offence and will be dealt with in court as well as being banned from entering any Co-Op store.

Following two thefts from vehicles on the same road, Police gave out vehicle crime packs to all addresses on the road highlighting the importance of making sure vehicles are left secure overnight. No further incidents have been reported.

PACT meeting held last Wednesday has raised 3 separate issues regarding parking so this will be made a priority for the month of December and longer if necessary. The 3 areas are Preston Old Rd, School Lane, and Kirkham Rd (near to the prison entrance). Any vehicles found to be causing an obstruction will be dealt with in a positive manner and tickets will be issued.

A monthly drop-in session is in the process of being set-up in the New Year at the community centre on the Lower lane estate. It will be attended by a representative from the local Policing team along with representatives from the local housing associations on the estate. The aim is primarily to reach out to the residents on the estate enabling them to come and talk to a local officer about any concerns they have.

Now in place in 3 key areas of the village are Police consultation cards. These are pre-paid postcard style cards where-by residents can fill them in highlighting any concerns they may have in their area and post them free of charge back to the police to act upon. The 3 areas are the Post Office, the Library, and the Health Centre. It is hoped these initiatives will enable us to be more accessible in the community than ever before, solving local issues for local people.

b) Public participation

A member of the public enquired as to the current position with the speeding signs on Preston New Road. The Clerk confirmed that the signs have been reported to LCC who will be checking the signs and ensuring that they work correctly.

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 Rawstone Centre

4) To read and approve the minutes of:

The Parish Council meeting held Monday 2nd November 2009

The Finance meeting held on Monday 16th November 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.

6) The comments in the Clerk's report, previously circulated, were noted.

The Clerk reported that he has received an offer of £1,800 for the trailer no longer in use.

It was resolved to accept the offer and sell the trailer.

7) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk in November 2009

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved.

It was reported by a member that the Freckleton in Bloom committee had donated £1,600 towards the extra bulbs & plants, watering and the installation of the commemorative bench in memory of Denis Proctor.

b) Monthly budget statement

The monthly statement was noted

8) To consider formalising the use of the cricket & football pitches and surrounding areas for the next 25 years

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the cricket and football teams formalising the arrangements for the use of the pitches and surrounding areas for the next 25 years.

It was noted that this will not be exclusive use.

9) To receive an update on the use of the defibrillator, recently donated to the Parish Council

Cllr Greenhough confirmed that he will continue to progress this and look into where it can be kept, who will be trained to use it and the insurance.

10) To consider the request from the Club day committee to stage a Dog agility / Dog show on Bush Lane playing fields over the club day weekend

It was resolved that this would not be possible as the Open Spaces area for dogs will be taken up by the fairground on Club Day.

11) To consider the request to plant a commemorative tree or to erect a commemorative bench in memory of Mr & Mrs Lomax

It was resolved that a maintenance free bench would be situated on Lamaleach Drive in the Open Spaces area.

The Clerk will obtain the costs involved.

12) To consider the request from the Bowling section to dispose of a small piece of land at the rear of the pavilion

It was resolved that the land be transferred into the ownership of 32, Wyndene Grove, providing that access is still permitted to the drains.

13) To agree the date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 4th January 2010, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....4th January 2010.....

Schedule of payments for

November 2009

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	4978	1,070.68		1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	4980	421.17		421.17
KM Armistead - expenses	4991	157.80		157.80
British Legion - wreaths	4973	80.00		80.00
J Winstanley - salary	4979	173.05		173.05
Freeola - internet domain charge	D/D	6.29	0.82	5.47
In - Trak - PA system for Remembrance Sunday	4990	155.25	20.25	135.00
Open Spaces Account				
Grangeland Services - grass	4976p	1,195.30		1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	4976p	498.70		498.70
J Garlick - litter picking	4977	525.00		525.00
Scottish power - electricity	D/D	33.50		33.50
J Garlick - additional work	4974	386.25		386.25
A Davies - additional work	4975	386.25		386.25
APB Joinery - repair to Rawstorne	4981	200.00		200.00
Rawstorne centre - contribution to	Cheque	-598.43		-598.43
S J Snape - re-site pillar in Memorial	4982	1,300.00		1,300.00
Braithwaites - materials for	4983	70.23	9.16	61.07
Woodys Warehouse - materials	4984	470.19	61.33	408.86
Bannister hall - plants for new	4987	131.68	17.18	114.50
Townsend's - diesel & new tyre	4988	153.60	20.03	133.57
Garrett Electrical - Safety report -	4989	546.25	71.25	475.00
Sherriff Amenity - materials -	4992	81.04	10.57	70.47
FBC - fee for cricket nets	4993	£85.00		£85.00
Allotments				
Croft Butts - rents	cheques	-£30.00		-£30.00
Community Development				
AWS - rent	cheques	-391.00	-51.00	-340.00
AWS - rent	cheque	-34.50	-4.50	-30.00
The-b-all- uk ltd - Football strip	4972	618.59	80.69	537.90
KM Armistead - Public notice	4985	143.35	18.70	124.65
Football section - Donation	cheque	-537.90		-537.90
Playground Fund				
VAT				
Total		7,297.34	254.47	7,042.87

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Nov '09	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£17,600	£1,665	£12,816	£4,784	73%
Insurance	£9,000		£9,288	-£288	103%
Stationery	£400		£291	£109	73%
Postage	£1,500	£163	£1,168	£332	78%
LAPTC	£600		£577	£23	96%
Audit fee	£650		£662	-£12	102%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£200		£20	£180	10%
Civic functions	£2,200	£135	£135	£2,065	6%
Election	£0				
Reserve	£0				
equipment	£300		£902	-£602	301%
Grants	£500		£500	£0	100%
Section137	£480	£80	584	-£104	122%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,329	£15,160	£5,411	74%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£1,447	£12,335	£165	99%
Watering	£2,865		£3,476	-£611	121%
Cleansing	£6,511	£525	£4,200	£2,311	65%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,315	£2,384	£7,180	-£1,865	135%
Organisations	£8,113	£155	£7,540	£573	93%
Electric & rates	£4,853	-£565	£1,353	£3,500	28%
Total	£94,258	£7,318	£78,287	£15,971	83%

Other Accounts £40,118

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£492	£3,780	-£3,288
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£313	£481
Community Development	£27,729	£43,646	-£15,917
Playground Fund	£24	£1,810	-£1,786
VAT	£9,437	£8,400	£1,038
Total	£38,476	£57,949	-£19,473