

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2010, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs M Whitehead (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs M Dowling (illness), Councillor P Quinn (illness)

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:

December Incidents:

Freckleton West	26
Freckleton East	33
Lower Lane/Mede	20

December Crimes:

Freckleton West	4
Freckleton East	2
Lower Lane/Mede	0

News/Updates:

Overall, December was a fairly peaceful month with a total of 6 crimes occurring compared with 15 the previous month.

Of the two crimes on Freckleton East, both occurred in the Kirkham Rd area. One was damage reported to a small brick wall, however the wall was in a poor state of repair at the time and therefore it cannot be ruled out that it simply collapsed of its own accord. The other was entry gained to Threlfall's haulage yard whereby several trailers were opened up but nothing was taken on this occasion. CCTV enquiries are still ongoing regarding this.

Of the four crimes on Freckleton West, one was a search warrant carried out at an address on Clitheroes Lane whereby a 17 yr old female was found in possession of a small amount of a class B drug. She later received a Police reprimand for the offence. Another of the crimes reported was theft of several bottles/cans of lager from the outside rear area of an address on Cookson Close. An area search was carried out by Officers at the time but unfortunately the offender(s) were not found. The other two crimes were domestic related and occurred inside the properties.

The police also confirmed that there have been a number of accidents due to lack of road salting in the icy conditions.

b) Public participation

Bush Lane road calming issues were again raised. The Clerk confirmed that LCC have been contacted, if the Parish Council wanted to take this on board a full survey would have to be done, and the cost involved was estimated between £10,000 & £12,000. This would be beyond the Parish Councils means as there are other areas that also require looking into in the Village.

County Councillor Rigby agreed to progress some of the above Highways issues and would like the Parish Council to make a list of priorities. It was suggested to invite Jim Robson and

Andrew Burrows of the Highways Department at LCC to attend a meeting to discuss highway issues further.

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 7th December 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.

After considering the lack of salt in the village during the icy period, it was resolved that the Clerk will look into purchasing a machine that could be used to dispense salt around the village. It was suggested that a storage area should be allocated so the gardener could gain access to the salt when required.

6) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk in December 2009

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved.

b) Monthly budget statement

The monthly statement was noted

7) To consider what action to take regarding the over-intensification of the use of the Naze Lane Industrial Estate

The Chairman invited the public to make comment.

A number of issues were raised including speeding buses travelling through the village to and from the industrial estate, speed limits, the requirement for white lines in the middle of the road on Naze Lane and the suggestion that a speed bump would be useful at the entrance to the industrial estate to slow vehicles down. Residents of the Crescent raised concerns of how dangerous the area can be when vehicles are driving past the residential properties especially where there are no footpaths or streetlights.

It was noted that the Industrial Estate has been designated as an Industrial estate for over 40 years, and therefore Planning permission given cannot be revoked.

It was resolved that the Clerk will write to all the Companies on the Industrial estate requesting that they drive slower and more carefully to and from Naze Lane Industrial Estate and through the village. Also, the Clerk will pursue with LCC the possibility of minimising the speed limit in this area.

It was resolved to invite Jim Robson and Andrew Burrows from the Highways Department at LCC to attend a meeting to discuss highway issues further.

8) To consider the request from LCC regarding delegating services to Parish and Town Councils

The Parish Council approves and supports this request in principle.

9) To agree the date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 1st February 2010, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....01/02/2010.....

Schedule of payments for

December 2009

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5,001	1,070.68		1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5,003	421.17		421.17
J Winstanley - salary	5002	173.05		173.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5011	101.26		101.26
Staples - cartridges & stationery	5000	155.73	20.31	135.42
In trak - Pa system for tree lighting	5008	155.25	20.25	135.00
KM Armistead - Stationery	5010	51.70	6.74	44.96
Freeola - web-site rental	D/D	10.35	1.35	9.00
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - Rawstorne electricity	D/D	467.89	61.03	406.86
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	4994p	1195.30		1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	4994p	498.70		498.70
J Garlick - litter picking	4995	525.00		525.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	33.50		33.50
KM Armistead - batteries for lanterns	4996	29.67	3.87	25.80
J & B Cartmell - winter plants	4997	703.80	91.80	612.00
Garretts - safety repairs to Rawstorne centre	4998	835.49	108.98	726.51
M Benson - Hedge cutting	4999	391.00	51.00	340.00
J Garlick - additional work Nov '09	5004	267.50		267.50
A Davies - additional work Nov '10	5005	267.50		267.50
Braithwaites - materials	5006	50.58	6.60	43.98
Threlfall electric - emergency repairs				
Rawstorne & fencing poles	5009	706.10	92.10	614.00
FIB - Donation towards watering	Cheque	-600.00		-600.00
FIB - Donation towards bulbs & plants	Cheque	-900.00		-900.00
Townsend - diesel & petrol	5012	100.00	13.04	86.96
Allotments				
Community Development Account				
AWS _ rent	cheque	-254.25	-33.16	-221.09
AWS _ rent	cheque	-23.00	-3.00	-20.00
Woodys warehouse - materials for bench	5007.00	114.60		114.60
Playground Fund				
VAT				
Total		6548.57	440.91	6107.66

Precept Account

2009/2010

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	December '09	To date		
Wages	£17,600	£1,665	£14,481	£3,119	82%
Insurance	£9,000		£9,288	-£288	103%
Stationery	£400	£180	£471	-£71	118%
Postage	£1,500	£110	£1,278	£222	85%
LAPTC	£600		£577	£23	96%
Audit fee	£650		£662	-£12	102%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training	£200		£20	£180	10%
Civic functions	£2,200	£135	£270	£1,930	12%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£300		£902	-£602	301%
Grants	£500		£500		100%
Section137	£480		£584	-£104	122%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,282	£16,443	£4,128	80%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£790	£13,124	-£624	105%
Watering	£2,865	-£600	£2,876	-£11	100%
Cleansing	£6,511	£525	£4,725	£1,786	73%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,315	£1,341	£8,521	-£3,206	160%
Other Contract work	£8,113	£366	£7,906	£207	97%
Electric & rates	£4,853	£440	£1,794	£3,059	37%
Total	£94,258	£6,234	£84,521	£9,737	90%

Other Accounts December 2009

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£492	£3,780	-£3,288
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£313	£481
Community Development	£28,070	£43,746	-£15,676
Playground Fund	£24	£1,810	-£1,786
VAT	£9,437	£8,856	£582
Total	£38,817	£58,505	-£19,688