

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th March 2010, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs M Whitehead (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

No Apologies were received

2) Open Forum

The meeting was adjourned to receive the representations from the Police and the public.

a) Police Update – Attended by PCSO Simpson

Figures: From 01/02/2010 to 28/02/2010

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	25	2
Freckleton East	24	1
Lower Lane/The Mede	21	3

In February there were a total of 6 crimes reported to Police. This is a dramatic reduction compared to the same month last year when there were 20 crimes reported.

Of the 2 crimes which occurred on Freckleton West, one was damage caused to a window at Tasty Spot takeaway on Lytham Rd, and the other was damage to a vehicle on Hodgson Ave caused by someone attempting to gain access to the vehicle.

The 1 crime occurring on Freckleton East was a report of a burglary at The Pearl takeaway. Police enquiries are currently ongoing regarding this.

Of the 2 crimes which occurred on the Lower Lane and Mede areas, one was a shed break in whereby a trials bike was taken, and the other two were damages caused to a house window and a car window.

News/Updates/Forthcoming events

On 24th Feb officers from the NHP team carried out “Operation Announce” in Freckleton. The operation was aimed at increasing our visibility and public confidence in the Police. Key locations in Freckleton were identified in which we spoke with members of the public. During the day, officers had with them leaflets which outlined the positive messages that we wanted to pass out such as:

In Fylde in January 2010 compared to 2009 there were:

- *148 less victims of crime
- *83% reduction in car crime
- *21 less victims of assault
- *37 less victims of damage
- *61% reduction in burglary
- *18 out of 19 shoplifters prosecuted

In the evening of the 24th, officers visited every property on the Lower Lane estate and gave out the same positive messages along with consultation cards for residents to write down any concerns and post back to ourselves free of charge.

As a result of this months PACT meeting, the Freckleton NHP team will be looking into reports of fly tipping on Lower Lane, and will also be contacting LCC in relation to improving pedestrian safety on Preston Old Rd around the area of the shops.

On Tues 16th March, PC Andy Scarisbrick and PCSO Ian Larmouth will be attending Strike Lane School to give talks to the children as part of the schools "people in uniform" week.

b) Public participation

A member of the Brades Lane resident association enquired as to the current position with the gate opening onto on Brades Lane. The Clerk has recently reminded FBC about this issue and has asked for an update. The Clerk will send another letter to the new enforcement officer to try and progress this.

Concerns were raised by a member of the public who had written to and received a reply from LCC regarding the traffic issues on Bush Lane. The letter received has a number of inaccuracies and confirmed that LCC had no knowledge of the accident that took place on Bush Lane which led to the police and an ambulance being involved. A copy of the letter was handed to the clerk for further action.

The meeting was reconvened.

3) To receive a presentation from Ian Curtis, FBC, on the procedures for the declaration of interest and dispensations.

Ian Curtis gave a presentation on the procedures for the declaration of interest and dispensations, to which Council members and the Clerks took note.

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

Councillor Robb declared an interest in item 7h (to consider employing a lip speaker for a 12 month period)

5) To read and approve the minutes of :

The Parish Council meeting held Monday 1st February 2010

The Extra Enforcement officer meeting held Monday 8th February 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

6) To receive the Clerk's report.

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

It was resolved to hold a meeting with the cabinet member of FBC, Chairman of the Council, the Clerk and Council members to clarify the details and actions that can be taken following the enforcement Officers training course.

7) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk in February 2010

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved.

b) Monthly budget statement

The monthly statement was noted

c) To consider appointing Derek Scholes as the Internal auditor for 2009/10 accounts.

It was resolved that Derek Scholes be appointed internal auditor for 2009/10

d) To ratify that the Council's internal audit procedures have been carried out for the 2009/10 accounts

It was confirmed that all internal audit procedures have been carried out

e) To consider purchasing additional land for allotments

Councillor Liz Willis declared an interest in this item.

It was reported that an area of land, off Goa lane, is for sale which may be suitable for the expansion of allotments.

It was resolved to invite representatives of both allotment associations to a meeting to discuss this further.

It was further resolved that the Clerk should contact other land owners to enquire if they would be willing to rent or sell an area of land, to the Parish Council, for this purpose.

f) To consider entering the Lancashire best kept village competition

Councillor T Threlfall declared an interest in this item.

It was resolved to enter the competition.

g) To consider paying £1,810 for the FBC's annual maintenance plan for the Play area on the Memorial Park

It was resolved to pay £1,810 for the annual maintenance plan

h) To consider employing a lip-speaker for a 12 month period commencing in May 2010

This was agreed in principle, however the Clerk will enquire as to whether there are any more lip speakers in the area nearer to the Parish.

i) To consider a request to pay the Hall hire charges for the Brownies "children in need" fund raising event

It resolved not to pay the Hall hire charges

It was agreed to invite representatives from the Guide, Brownies and Rainbow associations to a meeting to firstly explain why the Parish Council were unwilling to pay the hire charges on this occasion and also to offer help and guidance from the Parish Council on how they should jointly raise funds for the maintenance of the building.

8) To consider and approve the report for the Risk Assessment proposals

The Clerk pointed out the 2 small changes to last year's report,

It was resolved that the report should be approved

9) To consider a response to the letter from Jan Maguire regarding the proposed cricket practice facility

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to Jan Maguire stating that the Parish Council took exception to the offensive comments in the letter and it expected an apology. In addition to should be pointed out that there were inaccuracies in the letter.

10) To Consider whether any names should be added to the War Memorial

At the present time there are no names to be added to the War Memorial, but if necessary names will be added at a later date

It was resolved that no action should be taken.

11) To Consider a response to the request to support the Sustainable Communities Act

It was resolved that no action be taken.

12) To Approve the land that has been recommended to be allocated for allotments

It was resolved to approve this land for allotments

13) To Consider what action to take regarding the continued damage to the Cricket outfield

The Clerk reported that the cricket outfield had been damaged by walkers using the same area during the inclement weather.

It was resolved that no action should be taken at this point but to monitor the situation for further consideration to be given at a later date.

14) To receive an update on the Rawstone centre management committee meeting held in February 2010

This is to be deferred until the next meeting

At this stage the public were excluded from the meeting

15) **To review the Committee Clerk`s and the Clerk`s salaries**

The Committee Clerk hours will be increasing to 35 hours per month during the coming year and extra training will be required by the Clerk.

It was resolved for the Committee Clerk to be on pay scale SCP16 with a 2% increase on the existing scale.

It was resolved that the Clerks salary should remain the same on scale SCP38.

16) **To agree the date of next meeting**

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 5th April 2010, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....12/04/10.....

Schedule of payments

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Jan. 2010 - additional receipts				
VAT refund	D/P	-1,618.97		-1,618.97
NatWest - Interest	D/P	-11.51		-11.51
February 2010				
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5038	1,070.68		1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5040	421.17		421.17
KM Armistead - expenses	5045	150.44		150.44
Freeola - Web-site rental	5041	16.44	2.45	13.99
LALC - Training fees	5029	25.00		25.00
J Winstanley - Salary	5039	173.05		173.05
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - Rawstorne electricity	D/D	272.31	40.56	231.75
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5034p	1,193.30		1,193.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	5034p	498.70		498.70
J Garlick - litter picking	5035	525.00		525.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	33.50		33.50
Disleys - Repair to leak in storeroom	5028	40.00		40.00
Balmers - service tractor	5030	403.16	60.05	343.11
Beesleys - annual gas inspection at rawstorne centre	5031	94.00	14.00	80.00
Garretts - repair to AWS lights	5033	637.36	94.92	542.44
J garlick - additional work	5036	210.00		210.00
A Davies - Additional work	5037	210.00		210.00
Braithwaites - hire of machinery	5042	116.78	17.13	99.65
Woodys - materials	5043	294.12	43.81	250.31
Townsend's - petrol & Diesel	5044	75.00	11.17	63.83
Rawstorne Centre - contribution to	cheque	-417.77		-417.77

Electric

Allotments

PO ltd - Water charges - Croft Butts	5027p	16.03		16.03
PO ltd - Water charges - Bush lane	5027p	49.29		49.29
Croft Butts - rent	Cheque	-10.00		-10.00

Community Development

Account

AWS – rent	cheques	-86.25	-12.85	-73.40
Glasdon - new seat	5032	976.1	145.37	830.73
In-Trak - Hire of Barriers	cheque	-3.45	-0.45	-3.00
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FBC - Open spaces grant	D/P	17,000.00		17,000.00
Senior Calveley & hardy - donation towards seat	cheque	-923.73		-923.73
AWS -rent	cheques	-106.25	-16.25	-90.00

Playground Fund

VAT

Total			11,046.02	399.89	11,445.91
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Appendix B

Precept Account 2009/2010

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Feb '10	To date	Outstanding	Used
Wages	£17,600	£1,665	£17,810	-£210	101%
Insurance	£9,000		£9,288	-£288	103%
Stationery	£400		£500	-£100	125%
Postage	£1,500	£164	£1,522	-£22	101%
LAPTC	£600		£577	£23	96%
Audit fee	£650		£662	-£12	102%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£200	£25	£45	£155	23%
Civic functions	£2,200		£289	£1,911	13%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£300		£902	-£602	301%
Grants	£500		£500	£0	100%
Section137	£480		584	-£104	122%
Open Spaces Account					

Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,536	£20,188	£383	98%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£773	£14,928	-£2,428	119%
Watering	£2,865		£2,876	-£11	100%
Cleansing	£6,511	£775	£6,025	£486	93%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,315	£554	£9,170	-£3,855	173%
Organisations	£8,113		£8,008	£105	99%
Electric & rates	£4,853	£232	£2,245	£2,608	46%
Total	£94,258	£5,725	£96,219	-£1,961	102%

Other Accounts February 2010

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£502	£3,796	-£3,294
Bush lane Allotments		£794	£363	£431
Community Development		£48,052	£44,577	£3,475
Playground Fund		£31	£1,810	-£1,779
VAT		£11,056	£9,453	£1,604
Total		£60,435	£59,998	£437