

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th April 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, T Threlfall

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor M Foster – Recovering from an operation

2) Open Forum

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

a) Police Update – Attended by PC Larmouth & PC Hadnagy

Figures: From 01/03/2010 To 31/03/2010

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	26	1
Freckleton East	54	4
Lower Lane/The Mede	26	5

In March there were a total of 10 crimes reported to Police.

The one crime occurring on Freckleton West was damage caused to a sign. The offender has been successfully identified and has received a Fixed Penalty Notice for the offence.

The majority of the 5 crimes occurring on the Lower Lane estate were also for damage either to property or vehicles. Enquiries are still ongoing regarding this.

The Freckleton East crimes consisted of an assault, (2 youths have been identified and enquiries are still ongoing at this stage), a theft of bricks from a wall on Preston new Road, damage to a tree and fencing on Kirkham Rd, and an attempted burglary to a property on Kirkham Rd. 2 youths have been identified and enquiries are still ongoing at this stage.

News/Updates/Forthcoming events

PC Jancsi Hadnagy has joined the team for approximately 4 weeks and will be working from Freckleton Police office covering both the Freckleton and Warton areas.

Pc Andy Scarisbrick has been on paternity leave for the last few weeks following the birth of his daughter and is expected back next week.

The issue of Fly-Tipping on Lower Lane was raised at the March PACT meeting. Over the course of the month, Police made regular checks in the area and contacted Fylde Borough Council to remove items such as a dumped sofa.

Following on from last week's meeting and concerns raised by Parish councillors, the priority for the coming month will be youth nuisance in the evenings around the various shops/takeaways in the village. Police will also monitor the Memorial park and village centre area after damage was caused to a bench, and bottles were smashed during the early hours of Sunday 4th April.

b) Public participation

Enquiries were made regarding the speeding sign on the A584, near the entrance to the village. The Clerk pointed out that LCC have confirmed that the sign is set to kick in at 45mph. Phil Woodward at LCC also confirmed that the road from the 3 Nooks area through to Freckleton is going to be reviewed in the near future. PC Larmouth took note and will pass on comments to the

road policing department.

Concerns were raised regarding the amended map of the route dog owners are requested to keep to on Bush Lane playing fields. The Clerk will look into this and clarify which map is the correct one and the date that the correct map came into force and was displayed.

A resident of Freckleton reported that she is a victim of anti-social behaviour involving threats, verbal abuse and damage to her property. This has been reported to the police several times. The Parish Council requested that the police provide the Council with a report of events, and then this will be discussed further when the facts are known.

It was noted that 4 cars were parked on the Bush Lane playing fields at a recent football match.

The meeting was reconvened.

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

All members declared a personal interest in item number 8, the Rawstorne Centre.

4) To have informal discussions with the Guides/Brownies and Rainbows regarding the use of the Guide hut

Representatives from the above organizations did not attend the meeting.

5) To read and approve the minutes of The Parish Council meeting held Monday 8th March 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting, 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.

The Clerk informed members that no other local lip speaker could be found.

It was agreed to employ the lip speaker already suggested.

The Ribble Vehicle Preservation Trust would like to invite the Parish Council to their site to explain and show the work they are involved in. The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting.

7) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk in March 2010

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved.

b) Monthly budget statement

The monthly statement was noted

c) To approve the transfer of £3,000 from the Community development fund to the Precept account to cover the shortfall

It was resolved to approve the transfer of £3,000

d) To consider making donations to Various organizations

It was resolved to approve the following donations:

Parochial Church Council	£500
Air Ambulance	£200
The Fylde Hospice	£200
Freckleton Bowling Club	£1,700
Rural Splash	£2,000

e) To consider paying the annual subscriptions for the Lancashire Playing fields association

It was resolved to pay the subscription of £17

f) To consider making a donation to Victim Support Lancashire

It was resolved not to donate to Victim Support

g) To consider making a donation to Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue

It was resolved not to donate to Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue

8) **To receive an update on the Rawstorne centre management committee meetings**
Councillor L Burn provided a report on the above meeting to which members took note.

9) **To consider a response to B Whittle`s email regarding the access gate onto Brades Lane**
It was resolved that the Clerk will write to residents of the Hawthorn Estate, informing them that when the Hawthorn estate was built, planning permission was granted on the condition that the perimeter hedge would be made complete and kept intact. As the Parish Council will shortly be adopting the Open Spaces area on the estate, including the perimeter hedge, would all owners respect the spirit of the original Planning consent and not interfere with the hedge.

10) **To Consider whether to endorse the Microgeneration manifesto**
It was resolved not to endorse the Microgeneration manifesto

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

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 10th May 2010, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed.....Councillor C Robb, Chairman.....

Date.....10th May 2010.....

Schedule of payments

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	Gross	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead – Salary	5053	£1,070.68		£1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5055	£421.17		£421.17
KM Armistead – expenses	5058	£80.91		£80.91
Staples - cartridge	5050	£19.97	£2.97	£17.00
J Winstanley – salary	5054	£173.05		£173.05
J Winstanley – expenses	5057	£57.76		£57.76
Freeola- internet rental	D/D	£10.58	£1.58	£9.00
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - Rawstorne electricity	D/D	£126.17	£18.79	£107.38
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5046p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services –Borders	5046p	£498.70		£498.70
J Garlick - litter picking	5047	£525.00		£525.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£33.50		£33.50
Braithwaites - New blower	5052	£240.01	£35.75	£204.26
Townsend - Diesel	5059	£100.00	£14.89	£85.11
Moore Readymix - repair to storeroom area	5060	£279.99	£41.70	£238.29
Battersby sports - materials for cricket	5066	£257.49	£28.74	£228.75
Chamjet services = repairs to drains in park	5063	£1,857.38	£276.63	£1,580.75
Lancs best kept village comp. - entry fee	5064	£15.00		£15.00
Allotments				
KM Armistead - search fee	5056	£8.00		£8.00
Sita - compost for Croft butts	5062	£405.85	£60.45	£345.40
Contribution towards the compost	cash	-£345.40		-£345.40
Community Development Account				
J Garlick - install seat	5048	£94.50		£94.50
Woodys - materials for bench base	5051	£38.78	£5.78	£33.00
AWS – rent	cheque	-£164.50	-£24.50	-£140.00
AWS -rent	cheques	-£184.87	-£27.53	-£157.34
AWS – rent	cheques	-£82.25	-£12.25	-£70.00
AWS - electric rent	cash	-£167.00		-£167.00
Playground Fund				
VAT				
Total		£6,565.77	£422.99	£6,142.78

Appendix B

Precept Account 2009/2010

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	March '10	To date		
Wages	£17,600	£1,665	£19,475	-£1,875	111%
Insurance	£9,000		£9,288	-£288	103%
Stationery	£400	£17	£517	-£117	129%
Postage	£1,500	£148	£1,675	-£175	112%
LAPTC	£600		£577	£23	96%
Audit fee	£650		£662	-£12	102%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£200		£45	£155	23%
Civic functions	£2,200		£289	£1,911	13%
Election					
Reserve					
Equipment	£300		£902	-£602	301%
Grants	£500		£500		100%
Section137	£480		584	-£104	122%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,195	£21,386	-£815	104%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£788	£15,716	-£3,216	126%
Watering	£2,865		£2,876	-£11	100%
Cleansing	£6,511	£525	£6,550	-£39	101%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,315	£1,819	£10,989	-£5,674	207%
Organisations	£8,113	£229	£8,237	-£124	102%
Electric & rates	£4,853	£156	£2,435	£2,418	50%
Total	£94,258	£6,542	£102,803	-£8,545	109%

Other Accounts February 2010

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£847	£4,149	-£3,302
Bush lane Allotments	£794	£363	£431
Community Development	£48,586	£44,799	£3,787
Playground Fund	£31	£1,810	-£1,779
VAT	£11,056	£9,877	£1,180
Total	£61,315	£60,997	£318

