

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, in the Village hall.

**Present:** Councillor C Robb (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs L Willis, Mrs M Dowling, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Linda Burn, L Rigby, St J Greenhough

**1) To accept Apologies for Absence.**

Councillors T Fiddler & T Threlfall – Another Meeting

Councillor P Quinn – Unable to attend

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

Figures: From 01/04/10 to 30/04/10

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	50	3
Freckleton East	42	11
Lower Lane/The Mede	35	4

Figures show a total of 18 Crimes for the month of April 2010. This compares to 20 Crimes in the same period last year which equates to a 10% drop.

News/Updates/Forthcoming Events:

Continuing concerns are being raised to the Police from residents on Ribble Ave whose properties back onto the Bush Lane playing field. This is regarding youths playing football by the cricket nets and causing general noise nuisance to these residents due to the close proximity of their properties to the playing field. Groups of youths have been spoken to by the Police and moved on when appropriate, however a long term solution needs to be found. When spoken to, the youths state they are reluctant to play football anywhere else as the football net and the ground surrounding it at the top end of the field is in a poor state of repair. They have been advised to approach the Parish Council themselves to raise the issue of youth facilities in the village.

Following concerns raised to the Police during April from residents on the Lower Lane estate, officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing team carried out a warrant at an address on the estate and seized a dog under the Dangerous Dogs Act of 1991. The dog has now been confirmed as a Pitbull breed and will be destroyed in due course.

Speeding traffic on the A584 approaching Freckleton from Preston mainly in the mornings has been highlighted at the last PACT and Parish Council meetings. The Road Policing Sgt. has been contacted, and confirmed that both Hi-Visibility laser gun enforcement and plain cover vehicle enforcement operations are regularly carried out in the area. We have stated that this has been raised by both council and members of the public and requested that this area is targeted when future operations are carried out.

Following recent incidents in the village whereby items of garden furniture and pedal bikes have been taken from properties, residents are advised to be vigilant and when possible ensure all such items are secure and locked in sheds etc when not in use. Any suspicious persons or vehicles seen should be reported to the Police at the time.

Concerns have been raised by residents on Memory Close regarding parked vehicles belonging to residents living on Lytham Rd. Unfortunately if a vehicle is parked correctly and displaying valid road tax etc. then

the Police have no powers to take any action. However, the Police will continue to monitor the area whilst on patrol and take action as appropriate.

It was reported that there was a lack of police visibility in the village during the day, but particularly in the evenings.

Concerns were expressed regarding the parking of vehicles on Kirkham Road adjacent to Strike Lane at school times. Some form of action needs to be taken where priority is given to traffic flow or an accident will occur. The police agreed to investigate.

It was reported that youths have created a den on the coastal walk by the second top and they are drinking and leaving litter cans and bottles. The police agreed to investigate.

#### **b) Public participation**

It was reported by a member of the public that alcohol is being sold to underage people and they were congregating at a property on Orchard Close. The police have agreed to investigate.

It was reported that youths were causing a nuisance on the Bush Lane sports field adjacent to the cricket nets. The Clerk reported that the casual area for football at the top of the field will be repaired shortly.

*The meeting was reconvened.*

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

None declared

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

The above Organizations raised a number of issues including dampness and replacing equipment.

It was resolved that the Fabrics committee should meet with the 3 Organisations on site to progress these issues.

The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010

#### **5) To read and approve the minutes of The Parish Council meeting held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 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.

#### **7) Finance**

##### **a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk**

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved.

##### **b) Monthly budget statement**

The monthly statement was noted

##### **c) To approve the purchase of a Grass Spiker, Roller & brush and a set of chain arrows for £700**

It was resolved to approve the purchase of a Grass Spiker, Roller & brush and a set of chain arrows for £700

#### **8) To consider a response to Wendy Brennon's email regarding the access gate onto Brades Lane**

It was resolved that no further action should be taken.

#### **9) To consider a response to Hazel Amor's email regarding bad language on the football pitch**

It was resolved in the first instance to report this to the football section, if this is not then resolved, it should be reported to the Local FA for the referees to take the appropriate action. The police also agreed to get involved if the problem persisted.

#### **10) To consider a response to Kev Shiels's email regarding additional Dog Control Order signage on**

### **Bush Lane Sports field**

Mr. Shiels was thanked for his comments.

It was resolved that no further action should be taken because of the pending legal proceedings

#### **11) To recommend an appropriate level (if any) for the Parish Councillor`s allowances**

It was resolved that no allowances were appropriate, apart from the small allowance for the Chairman

#### **12) To consider a response to the letter from Sandra Collins regarding the damage to the Stone Cross, opposite Hillock Lane**

It was resolved that the Clerk will respond to the letter indicating that the cross will be re-instated in the near future, and that the perpetrator has been identified by the Police

#### **13) To agree the date of next meeting**

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed.....Colin Robb, Chairman.....

Date.....7<sup>th</sup> June 2010.....

### **Schedule of Payments**

### **Appendix A**

	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>				
KM Armistead - Salary	5069	£1,070.68		£1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5071	£438.97		£438.97
KM Armistead - expenses	5085	£95.71		£95.71
LALC - annual subscription	5077	£600.48		£600.48
Zurich - Employers liability insurance	5074	£525.00		£525.00
Parochial Church Council - grant	5086	£500.00		£500.00
Air Ambulance - S137 grant	5087	£200.00		£200.00
The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant	5088	£200.00		£200.00
J Winstanley - salary	5070	£244.05		£244.05
FBC - Precept grant	D/P	-£48,384.00		-£48,384.00
Fylde Ins Brokers - Club day cover	5080	£157.50		£157.50
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/d	£239.96	£35.74	£204.22
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5067p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	5067p	£508.75		£508.75
J Garlick - litter picking	5068	£535.50		£535.50
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£36.00		£36.00
J Garlick - additional work	5073	£462.00		£462.00
A Davies - additional work	5072	£462.00		£462.00
FBC - rates for storeroom	5075	£445.82		£445.82
The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant	5076	£282.53	£42.08	£240.45
FIB - donation for upgrades to Beds	5078	£95.00		£95.00

Singleton - service cricket machinery	5079	£650.32	£96.86	£553.46
Sherriff Amenities - football whitener	5081	£64.27	£9.57	£54.70
Braithwaites - equipment for Memorial park upgrade	5082	£265.23	£39.50	£225.73
Townsend's - diesel & petrol	5083	£103.37	£15.40	£87.97
bannister hall - plants for memorial gdns	5084	£501.67	£74.72	£426.95
Bowling club - grant	5089	£1,700.00		£1,700.00
Lancs. Playing fields assoc- annual fees	5091	£17.00		<b>£17.00</b>
Woodys warehouse - materials	5092	£76.38	£11.38	£65.00
KM Armistead - tax for Pickup	5094	£202.50		£202.50

### Allotments

Croft Butts - rents	cheques	-£111.00		-£111.00
Bush lane - rents	cheques	-£630.00		-£630.00
Croft Butts - rents	cheques	-£40.00		-£40.00
Bush lane - rents	cheques	-£98.00		-£98.00
Croft Butts water charge	5093p	£14.24		£14.24
Bush lane - water charge	5093p	£46.70		£46.70
Croft Butts - rents	cheques	-£20.00		-£20.00
Bush lane - rents	cheques	-£33.00		-£33.00
Croft Butts - rents	cheques	-£10.00		-£10.00

### Community Development Account

Fylde coast YMCA - rural splash grant	5090	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
	cheque &			
AWS area - rents	cash	-£35.25	-£5.25	-£30.00
AWS area - rents	cheque	-£55.50	-£8.27	-£47.23
FIB - donation for upgrades to Beds	cheque	-£3,000.00		-£3,000.00
KM Armistead - key for AWS area	5095	£5.00		£5.00
FBC - grant	D/P	-£505.00		-£505.00
Nat West - Interest		-8.98		-8.98

### Playground Fund

Bank of America - Interest	cheque	-£7.98		-£7.98
FBC - maintenance charge	D/P	£1,003.00		£1,003.00

<b>VAT</b>	D/P	-£1,020.86		-£1,020.86
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<b>Total</b>		<b>-£39,014.64</b>	<b>£311.72</b>	<b>-£39,326.36</b>
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**Precept Account 2009/2010 Appendix B**

<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>April '10</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>used</b>
Wages	£17,600	£1,754	£1,754	£15,846	10%
Insurance	£9,000	£683	£683	£8,318	8%
Stationery	£400			£400	0%
Postage	£1,500	£96	£96	£1,404	6%
LAPTC	£600	£600	£600	£0	100%
Audit fee	£650			£650	0%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	0%
Training	£200			£200	0%
Civic functions	£2,200			£2,200	0%
Election	£0				
Reserve	£0				
equipment	£300			£300	0%
Grants	£500	£500	£500		
Section137	£480	£400	400	£80	83%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,195	£1,195	£19,376	6%
Borders & Plants	£12,500	£2,681	£2,681	£9,819	21%
Watering	£2,865	£0	£0	£2,865	0%
Cleansing	£6,511	£536	£536	£5,976	8%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,315	£95	£95	£5,220	2%
Organisations	£8,113	£2,308	£2,308	£5,805	28%
Electric & rates	£4,853	£703	£703	£4,150	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£94,258</b>	<b>£11,551</b>	<b>£11,551</b>	<b>£82,707</b>	<b>12%</b>

**Other Accounts April 2010**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£181	£14	£167
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£47	£714
Community Development	£3,582	£2,005	£1,577
Playground Fund	£8	£1,003	-£995
VAT	£1,021	£312	£709
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,553</b>	<b>£3,381</b>	<b>£2,172</b>