

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010, in the Village hall.

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

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs L Willis, Mrs M Dowling, T Fiddler, T Threlfall Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Linda Burn, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, P Quinn and County Councillor P Rigby.

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

None

**2) Open Forum**

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

**a) Police report**

Figures: (From 01/05/10 to 31/05/10)

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	39	6
Freckleton East	35	3
Lower Lane/The Mede	30	6

Figures show a total of 15 Crimes for the month of May 2010.

News:

Successful results have been achieved over the month of May regarding criminal damage occurring in Freckleton. Two male youths from The Mede estate were identified as being responsible for throwing stones at a vehicle causing the rear window to smash. Both were given Fixed Penalty notices and also made to take part in a formal Restorative Justice meeting which brought them face to face with the vehicle owner where they were made to explain and apologise for their actions. Meanwhile on the Lower Lane estate, a male youth was identified as being responsible for damage to fencing belonging to a local Housing Association. This male was arrested and later bailed to appear at court at a later date.

The main focus this month for the Neighbourhood Policing team will be the Freckleton Club Day and Half Marathon. As well as increased numbers of people visiting the village, problems surrounding youth nuisance, under-age drinking, and street drinking can occur. We will be working closely with all off-licensed premises leading up to the weekend to ensure plans are put in place to tackle these issues as well as maintaining a high visible Police presence on the streets before and during the weekend. It is hoped that the weekend is a successful one and passes with little or no incidents.

It was reported that youths were misbehaving in the Memorial park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings and leaving large volumes of broken glass. The Police agreed to investigate.

It was suggested that the local Inspector or Sergeant should be invited to the next meeting to explain what is meant by item 3 of the Policing pledge that states "Ensure your Neighbourhood policing team and other police patrols are visible and on your patch at times when they will be most effective and when you tell us you most need them".

It was reported that the local shopkeepers were disappointed with the lack of Police presence at weekends, after their recent visits to shops and a promise that the problem with local youths would be tackled.

The police reported that they were unable to cover the shortage in a patrol crossing on Kirkham road, adjacent to Strike lane.

It was reported that the Council would be employing a security guard, on the Bush lane playing fields, during the three nights over the club day weekend. The Police agreed to liaise with him. The Clerk agreed to provide contact details.

It was reported that youths were intimidating and being abusive, on the park, to a man from the Chinese take away. The Police agreed to speak to the person.

It had been previously reported that the Police would be operating on the A584 by-pass to catch motorist speeding, which would be high visibility and involve laser guns. No such operation has been seen. The Police agreed to investigate.

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

There was no public participation.

*The meeting was reconvened.*

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

All members present declared an interest in the following items:-

7. To have informal discussions with representatives from the Rawstorne centre committee
11. To consider the correspondence regarding the land off Green lane for allotment use
13. To consider re-siting the existing goal posts used for casual football and providing an additional set of goal posts
14. To consider planting trees on the south side of the new cricket nets
15. To consider a response to the email regarding obstruction of dog walkers area on the Bush lane sports field

#### **4) To read and approve the minutes of:-**

##### **a) The Annual meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

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

##### **b) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

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#### **5) To receive the Clerk's report (for information only).**

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

The Clerk reported that he had received an enquiry from the Local Strategic partnership for the continued use of the AWS area, without charge, so that the project, to encourage youths to participate in organized sporting activities, could continue.

It was resolved that the Local Strategic partnership should use the AWS area, without charge, for the above mentioned project.

#### **6) 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 review the Internal Auditors report**

It was resolved the Internal auditor's report be accepted.

##### **d) To Approve the Audited Accounting statement for the 2009-10 accounts.**

It was resolved to approve the Audit Accounting Statement for the 2009-10 accounts.

##### **e) To Approve the Audit Annual governance statements for the 2009-10 accounts**

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##### **f) To Approve the final statement of accounts**

It was resolved that the final statement of accounts be approved

##### **g) To approve the repairs to Council owned buildings**

It was resolved that, in principle, the buildings should be insulated before the heating systems are upgraded.

The Clerk agreed to obtain estimates for cavity wall and loft insulation for the three buildings and to see if any grants were available.

##### **h) To approve a donation of £1,000 to the Freckleton Village hall memorial management**

**committee.**

It was resolved that a grant of £1,000 should be paid to The Freckleton Village hall management committee.

**7) To have informal discussions with representatives from the Rawstorne centre committee**

It was reported that the Steward of the Rawstorne Centre has admitted responsibility for a sum of money that has gone missing from the bar takings. He is no longer employed at the Centre and he has stated he will pay back this money over the next 11 months.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the former Steward and inform him that this was community money and should he not keep up with the regular payments the Council will inform the Police to take legal action against him.

**8) To consider a response to Ian Curtis's email regarding boundary changes**

It was resolved that these Council should strongly object to these proposals.

**9) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors**

It was reported that FBC had:-

- a) Donated a number of seats to the Parish Council.
- b) Arranged litter picking sessions in Goa lane and the coastal path
- c) Replaced the Dog litter bin on the allotment lane, adjacent to Bush lane.

It was reported that the new Government were making changes to the Planning regulations that would be less restrictive.

It was reported that the road was sinking on Preston new road, after the United Utilities had repaired a water main. The Clerk agreed to write to the LCC's Highway's department to request they investigate this.

**10) To consider holding a Parish Council surgery in July or September 2010**

It was suggested that the Council currently hold a number of surgery type sessions (e.g. at monthly Council meetings; PACT meetings and special meetings called when a particular issue needs to be discussed with the public)

It was resolved that no further action should be taken.

**11) To consider the correspondence regarding the land off Green lane for allotment use**

It was suggested that a number of issues need to be addressed including Planning permission, use of land and lease conditions.

It was resolved that a working group should be set-up to produce a report on how best to progress the use of this land for allotments.

It was further resolved that the working group should consist of Councillors T Threlfall (Chairman), St J Greenhough, P Quinn, L Rigby, Mrs. S Delany and a representative from each of the allotment holders associations.

**12) To consider supporting the regeneration of Preston.**

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Tithebarn regeneration project committee offering the Council's support with this project.

It was further resolved that the Clerk should write to the nearby Parish Councils to request that they also offer their support to this project.

**13) To consider re-siting the existing goal posts used for casual football and providing an additional set of goal posts**

It was reported that the existing goal area, used for casual football on the Bush lane sports field, was in need of repair and the posts should be moved to allow the area to be re-seeded and leveled off.

It was resolved that the posts should be moved and the Clerk should obtain the costs of a new set of posts to be sited on the northern end of this playing area.

**14) To consider planting trees on the south side of the new cricket nets**

It was suggested that the new trees would block the light onto the surface of the nets and this would encourage moss to grow and also leaves would fall onto the surface in autumn. These factors would

make the the surface slippery and it would become a health and safety hazard. In addition, it was felt that the existing hedge, between Green lane west and the allotment lane, acts to shield the view and muffle the sound.

It was resolved that no action should be taken with this request.

**15) To consider a response to the email regarding obstruction of dog walkers area on the Bush lane sports field.**

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Cricket section requesting that the 2 metres area, allowed for dog walking, should be kept tidy and free from equipment wherever possible.

**16) To agree a date for the next meeting.**

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

**Signed.....C. Robb, Chairman.....**

**Date.....05/07/10.....**

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>		<b>Appendix A</b>		
<b>Schedule of payments for</b>	<b>May '10</b>			
	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Vat</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>				
KM Armistead - Salary	5100	1,070.68		1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5102	438.97		438.97
KM Armistead - expenses	5112	124.53		124.53
J Winstanley - salary	5101	244.05		244.05
Freeola - Web-site rental	D/D	7.05	1.05	6.00
C Robb- Chairman's allowance	Transfer	100.00		100.00
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5096p	1195.30		1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	5097	508.75		508.75
J Garlick - litter picking	5103p	535.50		535.50
NFU Mutual -Tractor insurance	5103p	590.81		590.81
M Platt - wood chip	5104	180.00		180.00
NFU Mutual -Pickup insurance	5103p	406.02		406.02
Ribble fuels - red diesel	5105	312.38	14.88	297.50
Chamjet - Tarmac over drain holes by Bowling green	5106	226.19	33.69	192.50
Braithwaites hire - repair to ransome mower	5107	114.01	16.98	97.03
Townsend's - Service, MOT & diesel for pickup	5108	826.40	115.70	710.70
ADT - Maintenance of alarm system - Rawstorne centre	5109	434.87	64.77	370.10
KM Armistead - songwriter's fee for updated Chairman's noticeboard	5113	80.00		80.00
NFU - Annual subscription	d/d	41.50		41.50
J Rayton - repair to electric in storeroom	5115	96.00		96.00
Rawstorne centre - contribution towards electric	Cheque	-442.14		-442.14
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	36.00		36.00
<b>Allotments</b>				
Croft butts - rents	cheques	-35.00		-35.00
Smiths Hire - Hire of equipment	5110.00	59.58		59.58

for drilling holes				
A Davies - additional work	5099.00	378.00	150.74	227.26
J Garlick - additional work	5098.00	378.00		378.00
Woodys Warehouse -				
Materials for new fence	5111.00	1012.10	159.61	852.49
Disley plumbers - repair to water supply at Croft Butts	5117.00	32.00		32.00

**Community Development Account**

W Danson - new roller, piker and Chain arrow	5116	700.00		700.00
AWS area - rents cheque		-35.25	-5.25	-30.00
HM Land Registry - fee for registering memorial park land	5114	100.00		100.00
C Robb - Contribution towards lip speaker fees	Transfer	-100.00		-100.00

**Playground Fund**

**VAT**

<b>Total</b>		9616.30	552.16	9064.14
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**Freckleton Parish Council  
Precept Account 2010/2011**

**Appendix B**

Budget Headings	Allocation	Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
		May 2010	To date		
Wages	£20,000	£1,754	£3,507	£16,493	18%
Insurance	£9,500		£683	£8,818	7%
Stationery	£450			£450	
Postage	£1,600	£131	£226	£1,374	14%
LAPTC	£600		£600	£0	100%
Audit fee	£650			£650	
Chair Allow	£100	£100	£100		100%
Training	£200			£200	
Civic functions	£500			£500	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£300			£300	
Grants	<b>£1,500</b>		£500		33%
Section137	£420		£400	£20	95%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£2,181	£3,376	£17,195	16%
Borders & Plants	£12,750	£1,805	£4,487	£8,263	35%
Watering	£2,865			£2,865	
Cleansing	£6,641	£536	£1,071	£5,570	16%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£739	£834	£4,166	17%
Other Contract work	£9,150		£2,308	£6,842	25%
Electric & rates	£4,000	-£365	£338	£3,662	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,797</b>	<b>£6,880</b>	<b>£18,431</b>	<b>£77,367</b>	<b>19%</b>

**Other Accounts May 2010**

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£216	£14	£202
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£1,747	-£986
Community Development	£3,721	£2,805	£916
Playground Fund	£8	£1,003	-£995
VAT	£1,021	£713	£308
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,727</b>	<b>£6,282</b>	<b>-£555</b>