

Freckleton Parish Council

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

Present: Councillor C Robb (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Linda Burn, T Fiddler, L Rigby, St J Greenhough and Louis Rigby.

County Councillor P Rigby.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Mrs M Dowling (sick), T Threlfall (Other commitments) and Councillor P Quinn (holiday)
It was resolved that the reason 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

Figures: (From 01/09/2010 to 30/09/2010)

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	30	3
Freckleton East	35	3
Lower Lane/The Mede	11	3

Figures show a total of 9 Crimes for the month of September 2010. This compares to a total of 18 Crimes recorded for the month of September 2009.

News:

Concerns have been raised regarding antisocial behaviour from youths playing around the area of the Memorial Garden near to the Bowling green. Police have received only one third hand report of any incidents involving youths in this area which is disappointing as a call made to the Police at the time may have resulted in the offenders being caught and dealt with appropriately and swiftly. Police will step up patrols in this area and endeavour to encourage youths to use other areas of the park to play, however it is thought that the main incidents occurred when the youths were on their summer break and there should be a reduction in youth activity on the park as a whole, as the darker nights and poor weather conditions come upon us.

Police are aware of a grant which has been made available to the Parish Council to install a permanent CCTV camera in the Memorial park, and would fully support this, as CCTV can be a valuable deterrent to criminal activity and can greatly assist officers in identifying offenders etc.

Complaints have been received, via the Parish Council, regarding a vehicle obstructing a cycle path in the village. The Police will be speaking with the vehicle owner outlining the inconvenience he/she is causing, although it not an offence to obstruct a cycle path.

There has been a recent spate of bike thefts in various areas of the village. Whilst Police will fully investigate the reported thefts, it is important that owners ensure that bikes are kept locked and secure at all times and not left lying around in gardens.

Bike coding is available through your local Police station, which enables a recovered bike to be returned to its rightful owner a lot easier, and the Police would encourage residents to take advantage of this at the earliest opportunity.

Complaints have been received from the houses on Ribble Ave, that back on to the new football nets, regarding balls being kicked against the fences and coming into their back gardens.

It is with sadness that PCSO Ian Larmouth has now left the team at Freckleton to re-locate up to the North East of England to live. He wishes to pass on his thanks to the Parish Council for all their assistance over the last few years and wishes you all the best for the future. It was noted that PCSO Larmouth will not be replaced.

b) Public participation

Concerns were also raised by members of the public and Councillors regarding youths congregating around the Memorial Park. It was suggested that some activity for youngsters should be made available at this end of the village.

Concerns were raised regarding balls going over the fences on Bush Lane playing fields into residents' gardens adjacent to the new goal posts. It was suggested that children should play at the car park end of the field unless organized sports are being played. If this problem persists it was suggested that the goal posts will be taken away after each organized activity.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the work in progress on the Naze Lane Industrial Estate, where an access road is being built. Planning permission has not been sought for this work. The Council will make comment on this issue when a Planning application is received.

No other issues were raised by the public.

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.

Councillors T Fiddler and L Rigby declared an interest in item 7. The Cricket Section

4) To read and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 6th September 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting, 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. The Clerk informed members that he has put in an application for a supply of salt grit under the LCC's sponsorship scheme. He reported that it would be necessary to undertake a risk assessment because the current insurance does not cover public liability for areas gritted by the Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Land agent to negotiate a price with UU for the land where the overflow tank will be installed. In addition, he should seek confirmation that the Allotment Holders Association are in agreement with the sale of this piece of land.

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 approve the External auditors report

It was resolved to approve the report.

A vote of thanks was given to the Clerk, Mr. K Armistead for the work involved.

d) To approve the balance of £3K for the funding for a permanent CCTV camera in the Memorial Park

It was resolved to approve the funding in principle.

It was noted that some work, up to a value of £3K, could be carried out, in lieu of payment, if this was more appropriate for the Council

- e) **To consider what items should be submitted for phase 2 funding from the FBC Parish Funding Scheme**

It was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting

- f) **To approve the total costs for the new heaters for the Band, Scout and Guide rooms.**

The Clerk reported that an electrical surveyor had inspected the buildings and recommended a number of fan heaters, with thermostats and timer controls, for each building. In addition, he had recommended background heaters for the band's music room. The total cost of the equipment was £1,400, plus the installation costs. This, together with the cost of the insulation previously carried out, was within the capital expenditure approved for this project.

It was resolved to approve the costs of the installation of the heaters. The Clerk was requested to obtain a quotation for the installation costs.

- 7) **To have discussions with the Cricket and Football sections regarding the allocation of the Open Spaces expenditure and the recovery of balls from the new cricket practice facility**

It was indicated that the Open spaces budgets were for the maintenance of the grounds and should not have been used to pay for the cricket section's insurance or the removal of the soil after the installation of the Practice nets.

It was resolved that the insurance costs and the £400 allocated for soil removal should be re-allocated.

In addition, it was resolved that in future years the Cricket Club must pay for its own insurance, as do the other sections.

The Football section indicated that they were overspent this year due to the verti-draining being undertaken. In the past, this maintenance programme was only undertaken every two years and next year's expenditure should be a lot smaller.

It was further resolved to increase the Football section's budget by £400.

It was agreed to hold further discussions, at a later date, with regard the future Budget requirements for the Football and Cricket sections.

Councillor Rigby agreed to resolve the issue regarding the recovery of balls, from the AWS area, that get stuck in the new cricket practice facility

- 8) **To consider the issues raised at the Rawstorne AGM, regarding the running of the Centre**

After a lengthy discussion it was noted that the Centre is becoming not financially viable. Discussions took place regarding the subscriptions and wet sales.

It was resolved that the Fabrics committee should consider this issue, at the next meeting due to take place on 25th October 2010, and report back to Council.

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

Councillor Fiddler informed members that he spoke on behalf of the Council at the appeal for the proposed food store to be built on George's Garages site, in Warton. The appeal was dismissed mainly due to the impact the store would have on local retail centres.

- 10) **To consider a date and format of the Notice for the public meeting to review the Dog Control Order**

It was resolved to hold the meeting, on Monday 15th November, to seek guidance from the people of Freckleton on the way forward.

It was agreed that Vice Chairman Councillor Mrs. S Delaney will Chair the meeting.

The Notice should be in the format of series of questions.

It was agreed that the Notice should be displayed in local press, in the local shops, in the library, on the Noticeboard, the web-site and the Newsletter.

It was agreed that the format of the notice should be agreed by the Communications committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 26th October.

- 11) **To approve the format of the Remembrance Sunday service**

It was resolved to approve the same format as last year.

Councillor Mrs M Foster informed members that the Sports and Social Club will be open after the Remembrance Service for refreshments, including tea and coffee

12) **To consider a response to the letter from the Bowling Club regarding anti-social behavior in the Memorial Gardens**

The comments were noted, the Police have been informed and shortly a CCTV camera will be installed in this area.

13) **To consider a response to the letter regarding the overgrown hedge on Lytham road**

It was resolved to move the bench forward and then to request the owner to cut the hedge.

It was suggested that Councillor Threlfall should progress this.

14) **To consider issuing a statement on how the public should report breaches of the Dog Control order**

The Clerk reports that the FBC's management has complained that the Dog wardens were spending too much time in trying to obtain statements for FPN, when not all the information was available. This resulted in several visits being made to the witnesses.

It was resolved that the incidents should first be reported to the Parish Council and when all the information is available the incident will be forwarded to the Dog warden.

It was agreed that notices would be displayed in the Rawstone centre window and the Web-site.

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

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

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

Date.....01/11/10.....

Schedule of Payments

Sep-10

Appendix A

Precept Account

KM Armistead - Salary	5189	1070.68		1070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5191	£438.97		£438.97
KM Armistead - expenses	5200	£133.28		£133.28
Freeola - web-site rental	D/D	£10.58	£1.58	£9.00
J Winstanley - Salary	5190	£244.05		£244.05
BDO - External auditors fee	5199	£675.63	£100.63	£575.00
FBC - Precept grant	D/D	-£47,129.00		-£47,129.00

Open Spaces Account

British Gas - electric - Rawstone Centre refund	D/D	£219.18	£32.64	£186.54
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5187p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	5187p	£508.75		£508.75
J Garlick - litter picking	5188p	£535.50		£535.50
Scottish power - electric charges	D/D	£25.00		£25.00
J Garlick - watering	5188p	£859.25		£859.25
Chubb security - annual contract for storeroom	5192	£109.29	£16.28	£93.01
CSS - asbestos review on scout hut	5193	£411.25	£61.25	£350.00
Ribble fuels - red diesel	5194	£291.38	£13.88	£277.50

Braithwaites - repair to Kubota	5195	£197.13	£29.36	£167.77
Townsend's - Petrol & diesel	5196	£137.00	£20.40	£116.60
Woodys warehouse - materials	5197	£20.02	£2.98	£17.04
Balmers - parts for tractor	5198	£2.49	£0.37	£2.12

Allotments

Community Development Account

AWS - rent	cheque & cash	£35.25	£5.25	£30.00
Intrak - hire of barriers	D/P	-£117.50	-£17.50	-£100.00
FBC - grant	D/P	-£505.00		-£505.00

Playground Fund

FBC - playground maintenance	D/P	£905.00		£905.00
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VAT

Total		£39,726.52	£267.11	-£39,993.63
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Precept Account 2010/2011 Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Sep-10	To date		
Wages	£20,000	£1,754	£10,522	£9,478	53%
Insurance	£9,500		£9,175	£325	97%
Stationery	£450		£269	£181	60%
Postage	£1,600	£142	£835	£765	52%
LAPTC	£600		£600	£0	100%
Audit fee	£650	£575	£645	£5	99%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£200			£200	0%
Civic functions	£500			£500	0%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£300		£156	£144	52%
Grants	£1,500		£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420		£400	£20	95%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,643	£10,048	£10,523	49%
Borders & Plants	£12,750	£526	£11,653	£1,097	91%
Watering	£2,865	£976	£2,966	-£101	104%

Cleansing	£6,641	£536	£3,213	£3,428	48%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£468	£2,619	£2,381	52%
Organisations	£9,150		£6,894	£2,256	75%
Electric & rates	£4,000	£187	£703	£3,297	18%
Total	£96,797	£6,805	£61,300	£35,497	63%

Other Accounts September 2010

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£216	£774	-£558
Bush lane Allotments		£761	£1,972	-£1,211
Community Development		£12,725	£4,463	£8,262
Playground Fund		£16	£1,908	-£1,892
VAT		£2,520	£2,993	-£473
Total		£16,239	£12,111	£4,128