

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010, in the Village hall.

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

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

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

Clerk – Mr. K Armistead - Sickness

**2) Open Forum**

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

Figures: for 01/10/10 to 31/10/10

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	40	7
Freckleton East	43	3
Lower Lane/the Mede	16	5

Figures show a total of 15 crimes for the month of October 2010 which compares to a total of 17 Crimes recorded for the same month last year.

There are still a number of bike thefts taking place in the village. In the New Year police will be looking towards post coding new bikes.

There have been a number of shed break-ins on the Lower Lane Estate which are currently being investigated.

The issue of hare coursing is being closely looked at and police are working together with local land owners and game keepers to try and improve the reporting of incidents at the time, in order to target offenders and their vehicles more quickly.

Halloween night passed without a single incident of any anti social behaviour being reported to the Police.

**b) Public participation**

A list of incidents regarding balls going over the fences and landing in residents gardens adjacent to the new goal posts has been received by the Parish Council. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next full Council meeting.

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.

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

- a) The Parish Council meeting held Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010
- b) The Open spaces committee meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010
- c) The Fabrics committee meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010
- d) The Communications Group meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings, 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.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Clerk for his work in obtaining the CCTV camera in the Memorial Park.

The bus shelter on Preston New Road requires repairing. It has been pointed out to FBC that the Parish Council receives a grant for cleaning the bus shelters, not repairing them. Clerk to progress.

Frank Towers has enquired as to what support or help he can expect from the Council with the preparation of the Cyclethon.

It was agreed that the members on the Rawstone management committee will arrange a meeting later this month with Frank to outline the way forward, in order to set up a working group.

The Clerk has pointed out that the first meeting of the Council in the New Year is due to take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, however this is a bank holiday, therefore it was agreed to defer all meeting in January for one week.

**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 consider a grant to the Scouts and Cubs for the installation of gas central heating**

After a lengthy discussion it was resolved to delegate this issue to the Fabrics committee to co-operate with the Scouts & Cubs representatives to get a better overall picture of costs

**7) To approve the format of the November 2010 newsletter**

It was resolved to approve the format of the newsletter

**8) To consider the response from LCC Highways regarding installing dropped curbs**

The Chairman's comments were fully supported and it was resolved to continue to follow this up with LCC.

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

- Extra salt bins for gritting have been provided in the village, and more areas of the village will be gritted in icy weather. These areas are detailed in the November newsletter.
- Local Health Services are to be cut. FBC Councillors and PCT are working together on this issue.
- Freckleton has been nominated as the overall winner of all Towns in the Northwest in Bloom competition. Congratulations and thanks were expressed to Councillor Threlfall, the Freckleton in Bloom Team and John Garlick and workers. It was noted that the team will require more help next year, and LCC and neighbouring Towns have already offered their support. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to obtain a trophy cabinet and for it to be situated in the Library.

**10) To approve the format of the Tree lighting and carol service**

The arrangements were discussed and approved.

It was resolved that tables would be set out around the sides inside the village hall to enable people to enter the hall more quickly, if the weather is inclement. Councillor Greenhough volunteered to provide mince pies and goody bags as per past years.

**11) To discuss the comments regarding the Parish Council's representation of a recent planning application**

A lengthy discussion took place between members of the Council which included planning applications on greenbelt land.

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

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010, in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....06/12/10.....

**Schedule of Payments**

**October 2010**

**Appendix A**

**Precept Account**

KM Armistead - Salary	5203	£1,070.68		£1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5205	£438.97		£438.97
J Winstanley - Salary	5204	£244.05		£244.05
KM Armistead - Expenses	5218	£107.97		£107.97
Staples - cartridges for printer	5221	£44.15	£6.58	£37.57

**Open Spaces Account**

British Gas - electric - Rawstorne Centre	D/D			
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5202p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	5202p	£508.75		£508.75
J Garlick - litter picking	5201p	£535.50		£535.50
Scottish power - electric charges	D/D	£25.00		£25.00
J Garlick - watering	5201p	£859.25		£859.25
Braithwaites - repair to ransome	5206	£173.15	£25.79	£147.36
Kirbys - Plants, baskets & Bulbs	5207	£1,302.05	£193.92	£1,108.13
M Benson - Hedge cutting	5209	£419.47	£62.47	£357.00
Van's Bulb - bulbs	5210	£691.49	£102.99	£588.50
J Garlick - additional work Sept '10	5212	£184.00		£184.00
A Davies - additional work Sept '11	5213	£154.00		£154.00
Townsend's - diesel & petrol	5215	£162.50	£24.20	£138.30
Cricket club - refund of overpayment	5216	£429.36		£429.36
Woodys warehouse - materials	5220	£154.53	£23.02	£131.51
FBC - rates refund	Cheque	-£222.30		-£222.30
Kirby's - Christmas tree	5222	£120.00	£17.87	£102.13
Battersby - cricket materials	5224	£627.46	£93.45	£534.01

**Allotments**

Disleys - supply new tap - Bush lane	5211	£405.00		£405.00
UU - water - Bush lane	5219	£60.83		£60.83
Bush lane rent	cheque	-£26.25		-£26.25
<b>Croft Butts - rent</b>	cheques	-£352.00		-£352.00

**Community Development Account**

B Sperinck - Lipspeaker	5208	£214.00		£214.00
AWS - rent	cheques	-£282.00		-£282.00
AWS - rent	cheque	-£23.50		-£23.50
<b>SMS - new goal posts</b>	5214	£587.50		£587.50
HIS - Roof & cavity insulation- guide & Scout huts	5217	£2,439.68		£2,439.68
UU - contribution towards water supply to Dickenson	cheque	-£970.00		-£970.00
FBC - grant for CCTV cameras	D/P	-£5,000.00		-£5,000.00
Beverley Roberts - lipspeaker	5225	£126.40		£126.40

**Playground Fund**

Bank of America	D/P	-£7.67		-£7.67
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**VAT**

HM Customs - VAT Refund		-£422.46		-£422.46
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<b>Total</b>		<b>£5,974.86</b>	<b>£550.29</b>	<b>£5,424.57</b>
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Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	October '10	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£20,000	£1,754	£12,276	£7,724	61%
Insurance	£9,500		£10,331	-£831	109%
Stationery	£450	£38	£306	£144	68%
Postage	£1,600	£108	£943	£657	59%
LAPTC	£600		£600	£0	100%
Audit fee	£650		£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%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,343	£11,391	£9,180	55%
Borders & Plants	£12,750	£2,682	£14,335	-£1,585	112%
Watering	£2,865	£859	£3,825	-£960	134%
Cleansing	£6,641	£536	£3,749	£2,893	56%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000		£2,619	£2,381	52%
Organisations	£9,150	£1,554	£7,292	£1,858	80%
Electric & rates	£4,000	-£197	£506	£3,494	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,797</b>	<b>£8,675</b>	<b>£69,975</b>	<b>£26,822</b>	<b>72%</b>

**Other Accounts October 2010**

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£568	£774	-£206
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£2,438	-£1,677
Community Development	£19,025	£7,627	£11,398
Playground Fund	£24	£2,006	-£1,983
VAT	£2,943	£3,691	-£748
<b>Total</b>	<b>£23,320</b>	<b>£16,537</b>	<b>£6,784</b>