

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, in the Village hall.

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

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Whitehead, St J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, T Threlfall, P Quinn and Louis Rigby.

Lancashire County Councillor P Rigby

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

Councillor Mrs M Dowling - sickness, Councillors Mrs M Foster, L Burn and T Fiddler – holiday,

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 PC Scarisbrick & Sgt Susan Horn**

Figures: for 01/01/11 to 31/01/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	28	6
Freckleton East	26	5
Lower Lane/The Mede	25	8

Figures show a total of 19 crimes for the month of January 2011. This compares to a total of 10 Crimes recorded for the same month last year.

The crimes comprise of 2 Burglary attempts on dwellings, 7 Burglary attempts on sheds and garage work places. Also, 3 thefts, 2 criminal damages, 1 public order and 1 possession of drugs.

Fifty percent of these crimes have been detected with a further two offenders awaiting interviews on three of the matters. Properties including bikes, phones, water features and generators have been returned to owners.

**b) Public participation**

Enquiries were made by members of the public as to why the proposed allotment increases are necessary. The Clerk explained the background to the proposed increase. The Council took note of the comments made and agreed to discuss this further at the next Open Spaces meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the hedge and access gate on Brade`s Lane. The Clerk updated the public with the progress to date and it was agreed to discuss this further at the next planning meeting.

*The meeting was reconvened.*

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

All Councillors, as trustees, declared an interest in the Bush lane sports field, the Rawstrone Centre and the allotments.

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

a) The Parish Council meeting held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

b) The Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

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.

It was agreed to produce 10 new Notice's for the Dog Control order to be displayed around the Bush Lane Playing fields.

The Field in Trust organisation has asked if the Council would participate in a new legacy project being sponsored by Prince William, it was suggested that this be discussed further at the next Open Spaces meeting.

**6) Finance**

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

It was resolved that the Accounts be approved. – see appendix A

**b) Monthly budget statement**

The monthly statement was noted – see Appendix B

**c) To Consider a request to replace damaged fence panels backing onto Bush Lane playing field**

It was resolved by a majority decision not to pay for the damaged fence panels.

**7) To receive a presentation from Louise Peacock Community Engagement Officer at FBC**

Louise was unable to attend the meeting and sent her apologies along with some brochures for information.

**8) To receive a presentation from Paula Fodor Fylde Localities and Partnership Team**

Paula Fodor (LCC) and Sue Fisher (New Fylde Housing) gave a presentation on the work being carried out at the Lower Lane Community Centre. The Centre re-opened in September 2010 and since then many different Organisations have got involved with the work. Current activities include parent & toddler sessions, a weekly youth club, play sessions for 5 – 13 year old and a Fylde food project.

More ideas are required for the use of the centre especially to encourage the youth of the estate to get involved. Funding applications are being put together and it is hoped to increase the activities and involvement with the residents.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Paula Fodor and Sue Fisher for all the work they carry out, and it was resolved to write a formal letter from the Council giving full support for the Community Centre.

**9) To receive an update on the proposed Localism Bill**

It was resolved to defer this item to another meeting when more information is available

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

Councillor Threlfall has been involved in discussions regarding the shoreline and its defenses, and has requested that this subject be revisited.

**11) To confirm the arrangements for the casual use of the Bush lane Sports field.**

It was resolved that this item should be deferred to a later date and be discussed by a working committee. It was resolved to ask the users of the Rawstrone Centre, the youth club, the football section and the cricket club to attend the meeting and be involved in the discussions.

**12) To comment on the request from LCC on "How care services should be funded in the future".**

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to LCC and informs them that the Council is opposed to any cuts and especially to cuts in frontline services and in care for people. Cuts should firstly be made from upper levels coming down. The Council would like more details of the proposed cuts and would like to be kept informed of any further proposals.

**13) To comment on the LCC's Local Transport Plan 2011-2021, draft Strategy for consultation.**

It was resolved to take no action.

**14) To receive an update on the sponsored cycle ride by Frank Towers**

The website is now up and running and pledges have already started coming in. Frank has bought a bike and is now in training. It is hoped that he will be able to register as a charity.

It was resolved that the formal lease agreements between the Rawstone Centre and other organisations be re-looked at by the Clerk and a number of Councillors.

15) **To consider supporting the letter sent to FBC from the District Parish Liaison Group regarding the transfer of assets**

It was resolved to support the letter.

16) **To consider a response to the letter from A King re: hedge at front of 1, Foldside**

The Clerk explained the legal position with the hedge.

It was resolved to put the seat back in the same place and then tidy up & trim the hedge.

17) **To consider an activity for the Great Poppy Party weekend**

It was resolved to write to organisations in the Village, including the Sports & Social Club, the Club Day Committee and the Rawstone Centre to enquire if they have any suggestions or are willing to arrange an activity for the weekend to raise funds.

18) **To consider a response to the Draft Risk Management Plan for the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service**

The plan was noted and it was resolved to take no action.

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

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

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

Date.....7<sup>th</sup> March 2011.....

**Schedule of Payments  
January 2011**

	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Appendix A Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>				
KM Armistead - Salary	5270	£1,070.68		£1,070.68
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5272	£438.97		£438.97
J Winstanley - salary	5271	£244.05		£244.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5282	£91.06		£91.06
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
British Gas - Rawstone electricity	D/D	£153.67	£25.61	£128.06
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5267p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services -Borders	5267p	£508.75		£508.75
J Garlick - litter picking	5269	£535.00		£535.00
Scottish power - electric charges	D/D	£25.00	£4.17	£20.83
J Garlick - additional work	5268	£286.00		£286.00
A Davies - additional work	5273	£55.00		£55.00
J & B Cartmell - winter plants	5275	£745.54	£111.04	£634.50
Townsend's - fuel & new tyres	5276	£239.22	£35.63	£203.59
Woodys - Materials & Salt grit	5277	£135.87	£20.24	£115.63
Braithwaites - materials	5278	£57.10	£8.50	£48.60
Smiths hire - lights for carol service	5279	£116.46	£17.35	£99.11
Disley - repair of leak in Storeroom	5280	£59.00		£59.00
Kirbys - Christmas tree & Compost	5283	£422.50	£62.93	£359.57
<b>Allotments</b>				
Croft Butts rent	cheque	-£10.00		-£10.00
Bush lane - water charges	5284p	£72.23		£72.23

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<b>Community Development Account</b>				
Aws area – rents	cheques	-109.74		-109.74
AWS – rent	cheques	£67.11	£11.19	£55.93
R Robb - contribution towards lipspeaking	cheques	-£300.00		-£300.00
<b>Redd Factors ltd - CCTC camera for Memorial park</b>				
	5281	£9,400.00	£1,400.00	£8,000.00
<b>B Sperinck - lip speaking</b>	5285	£214.00		£214.00
<b>Natwest - Interest</b>		-£9.84		-9.84
<b>VAT</b>				
HM Customs - VAT Refund		£2,703.73		£2,703.73
<b>Total</b>		<b>£18,421.27</b>	<b>£1,696.64</b>	<b>£16,733.97</b>

**Precept Account 2010/2011**

**Appendix B**

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Jan-11	To date		
Wages	£20,000	£1,754	£17,537	£2,463	88%
Insurance	£9,500	£0	£10,331	-£831	109%
Stationery	£450	£0	£391	£59	87%
Postage	£1,600	£91	£1,392	£208	87%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£600	£0	100%
Audit fee	£650	£0	£645	£5	99%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£200	£0	£0	£200	0%
Civic functions	£500	£0	£0	£500	0%
Election		£0	£0	£0	
Reserve		£0	£0	£0	
equipment	£300	£0	£156	£144	52%
Grants	£1,500	£0	£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420	£0	£480	-£60	114%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>			£0	£0	
Grass cutting	£20,571	£1,195	£17,048	£3,523	83%
Borders & Plants	£12,750	£1,551	£18,335	-£5,585	144%
Watering	£2,865	£0	£3,825	-£960	134%
Cleansing	£6,641	£535	£5,355	£1,287	81%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£719	£3,646	£1,354	73%
Organisations	£9,150	£99	£7,823	£1,327	85%
Electric & rates	£4,000	£149	£666	£3,334	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,797</b>	<b>£6,094</b>	<b>£88,832</b>	<b>£7,966</b>	<b>92%</b>

**Other Accounts January 2011**

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£922	£788	£134
Bush lane Allotments	£761	£2,511	-£1,750
Community Development	£19,840	£19,063	£777
Playground Fund	£24	£2,006	-£1,983
VAT	£239	£6,330	-£6,091
<b>Total</b>	<b>£21,786</b>	<b>£30,698</b>	<b>-£8,913</b>