

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th March 2011, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor C Robb (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, Mrs M Dowling, Linda Burn, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, T Threlfall, P Quinn,

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs. S Delaney – family commitments, Councillors L Rigby – another meeting

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

Figures: for 01/02/11 to 28/02/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	28	1
Freckleton East	26	4
Lower Lane/The Mede	25	13

Figures show a total of 18 crimes for the month of January 2011. This compares to a total of 11 Crimes recorded for the same month last year.

The crimes included 3 Burglary's, 2 thefts, 8 criminal damages, 2 public orders, 1 assault and 2 possessions of drugs. Upto date a third of these crimes have been detected.

There has been no sign of youths drinking or causing a nuisance in the evening or at Weekends in the Brades Lane area.

It was reported that there was a knife point robbery at Naze Lane Stores at the weekend. It was noted that the police dealing with this had been very efficient and thorough in their investigations.

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 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 7th February 2011.
- b) The Communications meeting held Monday 24th January 2011
- c) The Britain in Bloom meeting held on Monday 21st February 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.

The Clerk informed members that he has been re-assured that the hedge next to the seat at the Bus stop on Preston New Road will be cut back in the near future. However, it was agreed that the hedge should be cut the hedge before the birds start nesting. The Clerk will inform Mr. King of this decision.

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact United Utilities as they are due to commence work on 14th March and a public meeting has not been held for the residents of the village as previously agreed with the Parish Council.

A discussion took place regarding a suggestion to have a Depreciation fund, this is to be discussed further at a later date.

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 renewing the LCC grass cutting contract at the revised rate

It was resolved the Parish Council would become responsible for this grass cutting

d) To Ratify that the Council's internal audit procedures have been carried out for the 2010/11 accounts

It was agreed that all internal audit procedures had been carried out

e) To Approve the transfer of £1,718 from the Community development fund, to the Bush Lane Allotment account, to cover the shortfall

It was resolved to approve the transfer

f) To Consider re-appointing Derek Scholes as the Internal auditor for 2010/11 accounts

It was resolved to re-appoint Derek Scholes as the internal auditor

7) To consider and approve the report for the Risk Assessment proposals

It was resolved to approve the proposals.

8) To receive and update from the FBC Councillors

Councillor Threlfall informed members that the CCTV camera is now up and working.

Councillor Threlfall and the Clerk have assessed the road signs in the village to determine which signs require repairing or cleaning.

9) To consider the suggestions from LCC for additional traffic control on Preston Old Road, adjacent to the library

It was resolved that the Clerk should contact Tim Ashton and invite him to a site meeting at the earliest opportunity. There were also concerns regarding vehicles mounting the pavement in the village centre around the shops.

10) To consider the request from Lucy Evans, BAE Systems to be involved in a Community Volunteering project

It was resolved to consider this item at the next Open Spaces meeting. The Clerk will contact Lucy Evans confirming that the Parish Council would be happy to meet with volunteers to discuss this further.

11) To consider a response to the following documents from NALC:

a) A Community right to Challenge

It was resolved to note the document

b) A Community right to buy assets of community value

It was resolved to note the document

c) The Public Forest Estate

It was resolved to note the document

12) **To consider the request from Paul Young to hold fitness sessions on the Bush Lane sports field during the school's summer holidays**

Paul Young informed the Council of his intention to hold fitness sessions on the playing fields. These would be 1 hour sessions for over 16's at a cost of £4.50 a session.

It was resolved that this could go ahead from the first week in April for a trial period of 3 or 4 weeks, and to use the top end of the field. Paul agreed to report back to the Council on how this is progressing and confirmed that he is willing to make a donation.

13) **To agree a date for the next meeting**

It was resolved that the next meeting will be the Annual Assembly to be held on Monday 4th April 2011 in the Village hall, commencing at 6.30pm, followed at 7pm by the Full Council meeting.

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

Date.....04/04/11.....