

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2011, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs M Foster (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs S Delaney, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, T Threlfall, L Rigby and C Robb
Lancashire County Councillor P Rigby

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies

It was resolved that the reasons for absence should be accepted.

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update – Attended by PC Scarisbrick

Figures: for 01/04/11 to 30/04/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	37	3
Freckleton East	36	2
Lower Lane/The Mede	31	7

The figures show a total of number crimes for the month of April 2011. This compares to a total of 23 Crimes recorded for the same month last year. The crimes are made up 7 criminal damages, 1 theft, 2 assaults and 1 fraud.

The majority of these crimes are taking place in the Lower Lane area and comprise of houses being broken into and vehicle damage.

It was suggested that the Clerk should write to Eric Taminess, the managing director of New Fylde Housing regarding the families committing the crimes in the Lower Lane area and to consider the previous requests to move these families to another area.

There has been a change of Police Inspector on the Fylde with Inspector Keith Ogle taking over from Inspector Laura Lawler. It was proposed to send a vote of thanks to Inspector Laura Lawler.

Concerns were raised as to the possibility of the Freckleton police house closing down. The Clerk will write to the new inspector to enquire about this.

b) Public participation

Enquiries were made regarding the gate on Brade's Lane, and why has the article 4 direction not yet been discussed by the development control committee at FBC. Councillor Fiddler agreed to ask the question at FBC on behalf on the Parish Council.

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 March 2011
- b) The meeting with the Rawstorne Centre held Tuesday 5th April 2011
- c) The Communications meeting held Monday 11th April 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 will look into changing venue to hold Parish Council meetings. The Rawstone Centre and the old Natwest Bank building were venues suggested.

A letter has been received from the Village Hall committee requesting a meeting regarding the possibility of the Council's deputy clerk taking over as secretary to the Village Hall charity committee. It was reported that it was the intention of the Committee to ask the Parish Council to pay for the services of the deputy Clerk. It was unanimously agreed not to support this suggestion. It was further agreed that the committee could approach the deputy Clerk, to see if she is willing to undertake the duties, but the financial aspect of the work will have to be covered by the Committee.

In addition, the Clerk reported that a member of committee had stated, at the last meeting, that there were more funds available, in the Robert Rawstone trust fund, than have been distributed over the last two years. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the committee indicating that the member was incorrect in making that statement.

6) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

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

b) Monthly budget statements

The monthly statement was noted – see appendix B

c) To review the Internal Auditors report

It was resolved that the internal auditors report be accepted

d) To Approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2010-11 accounts

It was resolved that the audit accounting statement be approved

e) To Approve the Audit Annual governance statements for the 2010-11 accounts

It was resolved that the annual governance statements be approved

f) To Approve the final statement of accounts for 2011-12

It was resolved that the final statement of accounts be approved.

g) To Approve the Assets register as at 31st March 2011

It was resolved that the assets register as at 31st March 2011 be approved

h) To Approve the signing of the grass cutting agreement with LCC

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i) To Approve the conditions for the transfer of the Tom Croft Car park

It was resolved to approve the conditions for the transfer of the Tom Croft Car Park.

j) To Approve the legal costs for transferring the Quaker's Wood Land

The Clerk reported that he had instructed the Council's solicitor to complete the transfer and he had reported back that the legal costs would be considerably high due to the title deeds not being available.

It was resolved firstly for the Clerk to contact Harry Robinson to request that he obtains the deeds so that the transfer can go ahead

k) To consider the costs for replacing the fence at the southern end of the Memorial Park

It was resolved that any quotes received should be for replacing the existing posts with concrete posts

7) To consider a response to the Consultation of the Future of Public Audit

It was resolved that the Clerk should respond by indicating that the Parish Council agreed with the suggestion, but hope that the costs are reduced

8) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors

It was confirmed that the new wall feature has been completed at the roundabout and BAE Systems will complete the Freckleton in Bloom detailing.

The bollards, previously requested, have not yet been repaired/ replaced. County Councillor P Rigby will follow this up on behalf of the Parish Council.

9) To consider the roads in the Village that should be restricted to 20mph

It was resolved that all residential areas, apart from Lytham Road and Kirkham Road be restricted to 20mph.

It was also resolved that from the traffic lights at the junction of Kirkham Road upto and past Strike Lane School be restricted to 20mph. County Councillor Rigby agreed to progress this.

10) To consider a response to the LCC's Winter Service pilot review

It was noted that the salting of the pedestrian areas in the Village Centre was very satisfactory. A portable hand spreader is required, and the salt needs to arrive before the winter. A place needs to be found where the salt can be stored safely and protected from the rain and theft before next winter.

11) To consider a response to the LCC's Community Transport Review

It was resolved to ask for clarification as to whether children will be charged for transport if they are not attending their nearest school. County Councillor Rigby volunteered to look into this.

12) To consider the request from Chief of Defence Staff to fly the flag for the week during before the Armed forces day on 25th June 2011.

It was resolved to fly the flag during the week before the Armed forces day. The Clerk will look into purchasing a new flag.

13) To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 6th June 2011 in the Village hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed.....T Fiddler, Acting Chairman.....

Date.....6th June 2011.....

Schedule of Payments

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5321	£1,011.14		£1,011.14
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5323	£345.95		£345.95
J Winstanley - salary	5322	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5335	£132.57		£132.57
Zurich - Employers liability insurance	5324	£545.90		£545.90
Parochial Church Council - grant	5330	£500.00		£500.00
Air Ambulance - S137 grant	5331	£200.00		£200.00
The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant	5332	£200.00		£200.00
LALC - annual subscription	5328	£596.50		£596.50
Staples - stationery	5336	£28.46	£4.74	£23.72
FBC - Precept grant	D/P	-£48,384.00		-£48,384.00
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/D	£198.48	£33.08	£165.40
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5320p	£1,195.30		£1,195.30
Grangeland Services - Borders	5320p	£508.75		£508.75
J Garlick - litter picking	5319	£535.50		£535.50
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£62.00	£2.95	£59.05
Quality windows - Repair to lock @ Rawstorne Centre	5325	£126.00	£21.00	£105.00
Ribble fuel oils - red diesel	5326	£393.75	£18.75	£375.00
FBC - rates for storeroom	5327	£231.64		£231.64
Lancs. Assoc. Of Playing Fields - annual subs.	5328	£17.00		£17.00
Bowling Club - Open Spaces grant	5333	£1,700.00		£1,700.00
Braithwaites - materials	5337	£12.90	£2.15	£10.75
Lancs best kept Village comp - entry fee	5338	£20.00		£20.00

NFU mutual - insurance for tractors	5339p	£775.43		£775.43
NFU mutual - insurance for Pick up	5339p	£585.65		£585.65
Balmers - repair to John deere tractor	5341	£71.95	£11.99	£59.96
Woodys Group - materials	5342	£44.11	£7.35	£36.76
Towsends - petrol & pickup service	5343p	£190.25	£31.71	£158.54
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Gary Parker - repair to Flag pole	5344	£40.00		£40.00
Kirbys -flowers for Councillors retirement	5345	£20.00	£3.33	£16.67
FBC - Bus shelters grant	D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00
FBC - Playground maintenance	D/P	£900.00		£900.00

Allotments

PO Ltd - Croft butts water charges	5346p	£14.84		£14.84
PO Ltd - Bush lane water charges	5346p	£41.02		£41.02

Community Development Account

Fylde coast YMCA - rural splash grant	5334	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
C Robb - contribution towards Lipspeaker costs	cheque	-£300.00		-£300.00
FBC - Parish Fund - grant towards draining football pitches	D/P	-£3,000.00		-£3,000.00
J Barnes - repairs to Bowling green perimeter	5347	£8,436.00	£1,406.00	£7,030.00

VAT

Total		-£29,713.61	£1,574.77	-£31,288.38
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Appendix B

Precept Account 2010/2011

Budget Headings	Allocation	Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
		April '11	To date		
Wages	£20,000	£1,736	£1,736	£18,264	9%
Insurance	£9,500	£546	£546	£8,954	6%
Stationery	£450	£24	£24	£426	5%
Postage	£1,800	£133	£133	£1,667	7%
LAPTC	£600	£597	£597	£4	99%
Audit fee	£650			£650	0%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	0%
Training	£100			£100	0%
Civic functions	£500			£500	0%
Election				£0	
Reserve	£700			£700	
equipment	£200			£200	0%
Grants	£1,500	£500	£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420	£400	£400	£20	95%

Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,571	£2,564	£2,564	£19,007	12%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£16,065	£1,890	£1,890	£14,175	12%
Cleansing	£6,641	£536	£536	£6,106	8%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£193	£193	£4,807	4%
Organisations	£9,000	£1,700	£1,700	£7,300	19%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£493	£493	£1,507	25%
Total	£96,797	£11,310	£11,310	£85,487	12%

Other Accounts April '11

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£15	-£15
Bush lane Allotments			£41	-£41
Community Development		£3,300	£9,030	-£5,730
Playground Fund			£1,575	-£1,575
VAT				
Total		£3,300	£10,661	-£7,361