

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2011, in the Village hall.

Present: Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Vice Chair)

Councillors, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs S Delany, St J Greenhough, Mrs. L Willis, L Rigby and C Robb

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs M Foster – holiday

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

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update – Attended by PCSO Partington

Figures: for 01/05/11 to 31/05/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	30	7
Freckleton East	33	7
Lower Lane/The Mede	31	8

The figures show a total number of 22 crimes for the month of May 2011. This compares to a total of 18 Crimes recorded for the same month last year. The crimes consist of 3 Burglaries, 7 Criminal Damages, 2 Theft, 7 Assaults, 1 Public Order, 1 Drug offence, and 1 other.

The Lytham neighbour Policing Sergeant Susan Horn has moved on and the new Sergeant is Niamh O Donoghue and is working from Kirkham Police station.

The Constabulary is currently undergoing a number of structural changes; it is not yet known how this is going to affect the Village and the Police house. I am not in the position at this time to give any further details but I will advise the Council when I know.

b) Public participation

Concerns were raised by residents of Wades Croft regarding a proposal to remove the hedgerow between Croft Manor and Wades Croft and have asked the Council for their support in keeping the hedge in place. Councillor Fiddler agreed to contact FBC and inform them of the history of the hedge and surrounding area and agreed to progress this issue.

As Freckleton football club has now disbanded, concerns were raised as to the future of the Bush Lane playing fields and Rawstorne Centre. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between the Council, representatives of Warton Typhoons and the Rawstorne Centre. It was noted that the future of the Rawstorne Centre needs to be secured.

Concerns were raised regarding the continued speeding vehicles on Bush Lane. It was noted that in the near future all residential areas within the village will become 20 mph speed limits.

Brades Lane – Councillor Fiddler confirmed that this has not yet been discussed with the development control committee at FBC.

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 and the Rawstrone Centre.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:

a) The Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th May 2011

b) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th May 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 confirmed that he is having problems in finding the deeds regarding Quaker's Wood.

An old book has been found dating back many years listing residents of the village who have stood as Councillors in the past.

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 approve the grant of £1,000 to the Freckleton Village hall Memorial Trust fund

It was resolved that the grant be approved

d) To consider the quotes for draining the new junior football pitch

It was resolved to accept the quote from Battersby Construction and Groundworks Ltd, for £12,750 and for the Clerk to contact United Utilities for a contribution

e) To review the charges for hiring the Council's safety barriers

It was resolved that the charge should increase to 75p a barrier

f) To consider a request from the Open Spaces committee to agree in principle to set aside funding to re-vamp the Children's play area in the Memorial Park

It was agreed in principle to set aside funding to re-vamp the play area and for the Clerk to contact P Walker at FBC to confirm that funding would be made available for this project from the Public Realm scheme, section 106, from monies available from new developments.
Councillor Mrs. S Delany left the meeting at this point.

7) To review the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Following the Clerk pointing out minor changes to the documents, it was resolved to approve the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

8) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors

The Clerk confirmed that he and Councillor Threlfall are progressing the replacement of the street signs in the village

9) To consider a response to the motion, rejected by FBC at the meeting held on 28/03/11, that Parish Councils should not pay for maintaining the Strategic Assets in Lytham & St Annes

Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved that this matter should be referred to the next Parish Liaison meeting where the Parish Council's concerns can be discussed and progressed.

Councillor Threlfall arrived at this point.

10) To consider a response to the email requesting a hedge to be installed on the boundary of the Memorial park and the shops on Naze Lane

It was pointed out that the fence is now in an acceptable condition as it has been repaired by one of the owners of the Naze Lane shops. It was agreed to defer any further action until the end of the year when the Council will review their financial position.

11) To consider a request for the FBC recycling centre to be retained on the Tom Croft car park, once the asset has been transferred to the Parish Council

It was resolved to retain the FBC recycling centre on the car park as requested

12) To consider the request from the Green Alliance to complete an online survey on climate changes

The document was noted

13) To agree date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 4th July 2011 in the Methodist Church hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed.....Mrs. M Foster, Chairman.....

Date.....04/07/11.....

Appendix A
Precept Account

KM Armistead - Salary	5348	£1,011.34		£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5350	£345.74		£345.74
J Winstanley - salary	5349	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5362	£124.49		£124.49
Freeola - Web-site rental	D/D	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00
FIB - Employee dishonesty insurance	5363	£636.00		£636.00
J Winstanley - Expenses - Dec '10 to May '11	5364	£59.40		£59.40
D Scholes - Internal audit charges	5365	£70.00		£70.00
Staples - stationery	5355	£73.17	£11.47	£61.70
E- Logic - repair to projector	5358	£25.00	£4.17	£20.83
NFU - annual subscription	D/D	£41.50		£41.50

Open Spaces Account

British Gas - Rawstone electric	D/d	£187.44	£31.24	£156.20
Grangeland Services - grass cutting, shrubs & borders	5351p	£1,080.33		£1,080.33
Grangeland Services -bedding out, watering & weeding	5351p	£710.00		£710.00
Grangeland Services- litter picking	D/D	£511.50		£511.50
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£62.00	£2.95	£59.05
J Garlick additional work March/April '11	5352	£335.50		£335.50
KM Armistead - Road tax for pick up van	5353p	£106.25		£106.25
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A & SM Singleton - service cricket mower	5354	£257.71	£42.95	£214.76
Balmers - repair to John deere tractor	5356	£20.71	£3.45	£17.26
SMS - repair to John deere tractor	5357p	£180.00	£30.00	£150.00
SMS - pins for wooden border supports	5357p	£37.20	£6.20	£31.00
Braithwaites - Repair to ransome mower	5359p	£81.00	£13.50	£67.50
Braithwaites - hire of equipment	5359p	£86.45	£13.76	£72.69
Townsend - Diesel,Petrol & MOT & repairs for Pickup	5360p	£268.85	£40.68	£228.17
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ADT - Annual maintenance for security at rawstone Centre	5367	£698.77	£116.46	£582.31
woodys group - materilas for borders	5368	£197.10	£32.85	£164.25
J Garlick - additional work April/May '11	5369	£319.00		£319.00
A Davies - additional work April/May '12	5370	£319.00		£319.00
Rawstone centre - donation towards electrcity charges	cheque	-£442.60		-£442.60

Allotments

Bush lane - rents	cheques	-£786.00		-£786.00
Bush lane rents - bounced cheque	cheques	£17.50		£17.50

Community Development Account

Bowling club - donation towards green perimeter	cheque	-£5,000.00		-£5,000.00
W Sperinck - Lipspeaking charges March & April '11	£5,361.00	£214.00		£214.00
Rossall road association - Hire of barriers	cash	-£21.00	-£3.50	-£17.50
Bank of America - interest	D/P	-£7.20		-£7.20
K M Armistead - Flag for armed forces day	£5,366.00	£16.20	£2.70	£13.50

VAT

Total

£2,597.70

£390.76

£2,206.94

Appendix B Precept Account

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	May '11	To date	Outstanding	
Wages	£20,000	£1,736	£3,472	£16,528	17%
Insurance	£9,500	£636	£1,182	£8,318	12%
Stationery	£450	£62	£85	£365	19%
Postage	£1,800	£190	£322	£1,478	18%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£597	£4	99%
Audit fee	£650	£70	£70	£580	11%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Training	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Civic functions	£500	£0	£0	£500	0%
Election		£0	£0	£0	
Reserve	£700	£0	£0	£700	
equipment	£200	£21	£21	£179	10%
Grants	£1,500	£0	£500		33%
Section137	£420	£0	£400	£20	95%
Open Spaces Account			0		
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,571	£1,650	£4,214	£17,357	20%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£16,065	£1,878	£3,767	£12,298	23%
Cleansing	£6,641	£512	£1,047	£5,594	16%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£548	£740	£4,260	15%
Organisations	£9,000	£215	£1,915	£7,085	21%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£215	£708	£1,292	35%
Total	£96,797	£7,731	£19,041	£76,756	20%

Other Accounts May '11

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£0	£15	-£15
Bush lane Allotments		£769	£41	£727
Community Development		£8,325	£9,258	-£933
Playground Fund		£2,527	£1,966	£561
VAT				
Total		£11,620	£11,279	£341