

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011, in the Village hall.

**Present:** Councillor Maraline Foster (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, L Rigby, T Threlfall, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs S Delany, St J Greenhough and C Robb

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

Councillor Mrs L Willis – holiday, County Councillor P Rigby – other commitments

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

**2) Open Forum**

**a) Police Update – Attended by PC Scarisbrick**

Figures: for 01/06/11 to 30/06/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	21	5
Freckleton East	34	5
Lower Lane/The Mede	19	4

The figures show a total of number of 14 crimes for the month of June 2011.

This compares to a total of 16 Crimes recorded for the same month last year.

The crimes are made up 1 Burglary, 4 Criminal Damages, 4 Theft, 3 Assaults, 1 Drug offence, and 1 other.

In relation to the burglary two suspects have been arrested and further enquiries are being carried out.

One male has been issued with a penalty notice for shoplifting.

Two of the assaults relate to domestic incidents and the offenders have been dealt with.

A card skimming device was again found on the cash machine at the Post Office and is currently being investigated.

Two bikes have been recovered by Police which were late reported stolen from a back garden.

Club day weekend past without any major incidents or arrests. The off licenses were heavily targeted prior to the event. Youth drinking incidents were down on previous years although some alcohol was seized by the police.

Lancashire Road safety partnerships are going to target the area on Kirkham Road where vehicles are speeding following concerns from residents.

I am sorry to say as of the end of August I am leaving my current role as Freckleton Community Beat Manager. It has been a pleasure working along side of you over the years. At this moment I don't know which officer is replacing myself but will let you know when I find out. Rest assured I will do my utmost to introduce them to the areas and pass on my knowledge accrued over the years. Thanks to you all. Andy

The Council personally gave thanks to Andy for all his work and contribution to the village and his help to the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks regarding Andy to his superiors.

Chief Inspector Ogle attended the meeting to give an update on the future of the police house and of the 42, million pounds of cuts Lancashire Constabulary have to find over the next 4 years. Cuts are trying to be minimized as much as possible on the front line, however some cuts are inevitable. It has been recommended that the police house is closed, but there is a 3 month consultation concluding mid September. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the next agenda. Representations can be made to the police by one of the following:

Email: [consultation@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:consultation@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/lancspolice](http://www.facebook.com/lancspolice)

Survey: [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) or [www.getintheloop.co.uk](http://www.getintheloop.co.uk)

Write to: Bonny Street Police Station, Bonny St, Blackpool

**b) Public participation**

It was reported that a meeting was held on site regarding the proposal to remove the hedgerow between Croft Manor and Wades Croft. Residents again asked the Council for their support in keeping the hedge in place. The intention is still to cut the hedgerow down.

**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 allotments and the Rawstrone Centre.

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

- a) **The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011**
- b) **The Fabric committee meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 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 is progressing the possibility of United Utilities funding the cost of drainage on the Bush Lane playing fields

No deeds have been found regarding Quaker's Wood.

The Clerk received a reply from the home secretary regarding the sentencing policy, and was informed that standard procedures have to be followed.

An email has been received stating that it is likely that a crossing may be put in at the library on Preston Old Road in the near future.

**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 revised figure for the Fixed Assets report as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

It was resolved to approve the revised figure

**d) To approve the revised figure for the "total fixed Assets" on the External Audit report**

It was resolved to approve the revised figure

**e) To consider a quotation for the Council's "All Risk" insurance cover**

It was resolved to approve the new quotation as this is less than half the cost of last year's insurance

**f) To consider paying the Councillors notification fee for the Data Protection Act 1998**

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**g) To consider a request for a donation to Vitalise**

The request was noted

**7) To consider the arrangements for the Council owned properties lease agreement, suggested by the Fabrics committee**

The Clerk gave the background and outlined the two options offered to the organizations. The Council's preferred option was option no. 1

*"To charge a peppercorn ground rent of £1 per annum and the organizations to be responsible for the interior of the building, including all inspections and servicing to meet the legal requirements. The Council would continue to be responsible for the structure of the building and would consider financial assistance to major repairs or maintenance requirements."*

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

Councillor Threlfall informed members that the judging for North West in Bloom is taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> July, and the week after the Royal Horticultural Society will be judging the village for the National finals. Any help would be gratefully appreciated in generally tidying up the village before the judging takes place.

**9) To consider a response to Draft Environmental Permitting regulations 2010 issued by the Environmental Agency**

It was resolved that the Council should strongly object to a permit, permitting the dumping of extra nuclear waste. The radio active waste should be dumped at the nearest local sites, and not imported in. It was also agreed that the extension should not be extended past 2015.

**10) To consider the request for the “Stone Cross” area on Kirkham Road, to be regularly maintained.**

It was resolved to take no action

**11) To consider a request to change the Order of Service for the Remembrance Sunday service**

It was resolved to find out the proposed changes to the service before a decision is made. Councillor Mrs. Foster offered to progress this.

**12) To consider the request from Councillor Robb regarding weeds on the footpaths and LCC staff filling in pot holes**

It was reported that FBC are taking over the weed killing in the village and should be commencing work soon. The Clerk will contact Tim Ashton regarding the pot holes.

**13) To consider whether to include adverts in the quarterly newsletter**

It was resolved to have the newsletter professionally printed, and adverts may be included to help fund the costs of the printing.

**14) To consider a response to the letter from M Menzies MP, regarding the gate leading onto Brade`s Lane**

Councillor T Fiddler again gave the background to the gate, and it was resolved that no further action can be taken by the Council

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

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the Methodist Church hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed...Councillor Mrs M Foster

Date.....5<sup>th</sup> September 2011

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
<b>Precept Account</b>				
KM Armistead - Salary	5372	£1,011.34		£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5373	£345.74		£345.74
J Winstanley - salary	5380	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5380	£122.57		£122.57
Mrs. M Foster - Chair allowance	5379	£100.00		£100.00
Sportmedia - Printing Newsletter	5383	£300.00		£300.00
Freeola - internet rental charge	D/D	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
FIB - Insurance for clubday	5384	£190.80		£190.80
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/d	£190.06	£31.68	£158.38
Grangeland Services - grass cutting, shrubs & borders	5371p	£1,080.33		£1,080.33
Grangeland Services -bedding out, watering & weeding	5371p	£710.00		£710.00
Grangeland Services- litter picking	5371p	£511.50		£511.50
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/d	£62.00		£62.00
Braithwaites - Repair to machines & materials	5375	£841.20	£139.34	£701.86
Townsend - petrol & diesel	5376p	£91.75	£15.29	£76.46
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Woodys - materials for borders	5378	£298.43	£49.74	£248.69
Rawstorne centre - donation towards repair to security system	cheque	-£200.00		-£200.00
Balmers - repair to John deere	5382	£221.77	£36.96	£184.81
Battersby Sports - Cricket materials	5385	£169.70	£17.20	£152.50
FIB - donation towards materials	cheque	-£148.88		-£148.88
M Grain - painting clock	5386	£140.00		£140.00
L Quirke - security for club day	5387	£300.00		£300.00
woodys - materials for FIB	5388	£10.66	£1.78	£8.88
Portable conveniences - loos for club day	5389	£1,206.00	£201.00	£1,005.00
<b>Allotments</b>				
Village Hall management committee - grant for maintenance of building	5381	1000		1000
RM Rigby - erect cricket viewing area	5377	1369.17	228.195	1140.975
Cricket club - donation towards viewing area	Cheque	-£1,140.98		£1,140.98
<b>VAT</b>				
<b>Total</b>			<b>£9,264.76</b>	<b>£738.27</b>
				<b>£8,526.49</b>

**Appendix B**  
**Precept Account 2011/12**

<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>May '11</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>used</b>
Wages	£20,000	£1,736	£5,208	£14,792	26%
Insurance	£9,500	£191	£1,414	£8,086	15%
Stationery	£450	£300	£385	£65	86%
Postage	£1,800	£132	£454	£1,346	25%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£597	£4	99%
Audit fee	£650	£0	£70	£580	11%
Chair Allow	£100	£100	£100	£0	100%
Training	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Civic functions	£500	£0	£0	£500	0%
Election		£0	£0	£0	
Reserve	£700	£0	£0	£700	
equipment	£200	£0	£21	£179	10%
Grants	<b>£1,500</b>	£0	£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420	£0	£400	£20	95%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,571	£2,292	£6,506	£15,065	30%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£16,065	£646	£4,414	£11,651	27%
Cleansing	£6,641	£512	£1,559	£5,083	23%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	-£60	£680	£4,320	14%
Organisations	£9,000	£1,458	£3,372	£5,628	37%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£220	£929	£1,071	46%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,797</b>	<b>£7,526</b>	<b>£26,609</b>	<b>£70,188</b>	<b>27%</b>

<b>Account</b>	<b>Other Accounts</b>		<b>May '11</b>	
		<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£0	£15	-£15
Bush lane Allotments		£769	£41	£727
Community Development		£8,325	£10,257	-£1,933
Playground Fund		£2,527	£2,704	-£177
VAT				
<b>Total</b>		<b>£11,620</b>	<b>£13,017</b>	<b>-£1,397</b>