

**Freckleton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011, in the Methodist 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 Sgt. Niamh O’Donoghue and PCSO Carly Smith**

Figures: for 01/07/11 to 31/07/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	34	3
Freckleton East	38	6
Lower Lane/The Mede	30	6

The figures show a total of number of 15 crimes for the month of July 2011.  
This compares to a total of 16 Crimes recorded for the same month last year.

The crimes are made up 2 Burglary, 5 Criminal Damages, 5 Assaults, 1 Drug offence, and 2 stealing motor vehicles.

Figures: for 01/08/11 to 31/08/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	26	4
Freckleton East	26	4
Lower Lane/The Mede	36	6

The figures show a total of number of 14 crimes for the month of August 2011.  
This compares to a total of 11 Crimes recorded for the same month last year.

The crimes are made up of 2 Criminal Damages, 6 Assaults, 2 Drug offences, 3 Public Order Offences and 1 Theft of a pedal cycle.

A significant number of all the crimes have been detected.

Good news, one of main offenders, from the Lower Lane Estate, has received a six month prison sentence. This is hoped will help reduce numbers of crime and incidents in and around the estate.

A Freckleton man has been arrested for a significant seizure of class “A” drugs the matter is currently being investigated.

During the summer holidays there has been very few incidents of juvenile nuisance and youth drinking reported in and around the village. The Police have been continuing our work around the off licenses to tackle the problem. One incident of youths drinking on the roundabout was reported by Councillor Threlfall. There was no trace of the youths when the Police arrived. It is suspected it was linked to a party on Preston New Road no further incidents reported that night.

PC 2301 Paul Edson will be replacing PC Andy Scarisbrick, but currently he is off with back problems so in the mean time PC Sam Driver will be covering in his absence.

PCSO 7621 Brian Simpson has left to join the Prison service and has been replaced by PCSO 7889 Carly Smith.

**b) Public participation**

There was no public participation.

**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 Rawstorne Centre. Councillor Rigby declared an interest in the Bowling club.

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

**a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**b) The Communications group meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 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 that Councillor Threlfall should progress the complaint about noise and damage caused by the BAE Eurofighter, with BAE. He will report back to the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Council should meet with the trustees of the Quaker's Wood with a view to the Council taking over as sole trustees.

The Clerk reported that he had asked the Club day committee to contribute to the increased cost of the toilets facilities for next year's club day events.

**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 statements were noted – see appendix B

**c) To approve the External Auditor's report.**

The external Auditor's report was accepted and approved.

The Clerk reported that assets, currently shown with a nil value, will in future be shown with a nominal value of £1.

It with resolved that a vote of thanks be given to the Clerk for the professional input to the Accounts.

**d) To consider a request from the Frecklestone committee to pay their legal costs to gain charitable status – Approximately £1k.**

It was reported that other Organisation have recently set up a charitable trust without incurring any costs.

It was resolved that Council would not pay the legal costs for the Frecklestone committee to gain charitable status.

**e) To ratify the application to the Fylde Local Strategic Partnership to improve the Toilets and changing rooms at the Rawstorne centre.**

The Clerk reported that the application submitted is for a grant of £4.8k, with a contribution of £1.2k, from the Parish Council or in kind from members of the Rawstorne Centre committee.

It was resolved that the application should be ratified.

**f) To consider paying Freckleton in Bloom members' expenses for attending the Britain in Bloom, presentation event, at St Andrew's in September 2011.**

It was agreed that the Freckleton in Bloom committee had worked very hard to ensure the village was in pristine condition for the Britain in bloom judging. It was suggested that this request should be dealt with by the Robert Rawstorne trust fund.

It was resolved that this should be referred to the Robert Rawstorne trust fund with a recommendation that a grant of £500 is made to support the Freckleton in Bloom travelling expenses.

**g) To consider a request for a donation to the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue team**

It was resolved not to support this request.

**h) To consider a request from the Bowling club for financial assistance towards the cost of hiring scaffolding to repair the flood lights.**

The Clerk reported that the bowling club had resolved the problem with the flood lights. However, it did raise the issue as to whether the Council should purchase some scaffolding for use on other maintenance work on Council owned assets (e.g. Flood lights on the AWs area; the safety nets adjacent to the Cricket ground and Ribble ave properties).

It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain a price for some scaffolding and report back to the next meeting.

**7) To consider a response to the proposals by the Police on the future of the local Police premises.**

It was reported that if the Freckleton Police house was closed the village would lose an important asset and this would be a retrograde step. The Council has fought long and hard for this house to be opened.

In addition, if the counter a Kirkham Police station was closed to the public, together with the closure of the Lytham police station, the residents of Freckleton would have to travel to St Annes if they were required to produce documents or wished to speak to the Police.

These are seen as retrograde steps, particularly to the elderly who may not have their own transport.

It was resolved to strongly object to the closure of the Police house and the counter at Kirkham Police station.

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

It was reported that the cockle season had started on the Ribble estuary. It was estimated that the cockles were worth up to £20m and some of this money should go to South Ribble, Sefton and Fylde Borough councils.

It was reported that Fylde Borough Council is currently working out the projected housing figures, for the foreseeable future, for the Borough and where the houses should be built.

**9) To consider a response to the draft Constitution document for the Frecklestone Project**

The Clerk suggested the following amendments to the draft document:-

Para 3.

Objectives - There should be a second objective, just in case the first one cannot be achieved. This should be - "or b) To provide monies to upgrade/extend the existing Rawstorne centre".

The last paragraph should read - "The Sports hall will be built on land adjacent to the Rawstorne Centre, on Bush lane, Freckleton, or the Centre updated/extended. When such objective is completed the new building/extension will become the property of the Parish Council and the Rawstorne centre committee will lease it as per the current arrangements."

Para 4.

b & c. Once the building and equipment have been secured, the ownership of the property should be transferred to the Parish Council and the charity should be dissolved.

Para 21. Should include "The charity will be dissolved when the objectives have been met". in addition, it was felt that there should be a time limit set on the fund raising activities.

It was resolved that the comments should be referred to the Frecklestone committee.

**10) To consider a response to the revised Order of service for Remembrance Sunday**

It was resolved that the revised Order of service should be accepted.

**11) To consider a response to FBC's review of polling districts and polling places**

It was resolved that the review was acceptable.

**12) To consider a response to the Lancashire fire services' Action Plan 2011**

It was resolved that the report should be noted.

**13) To consider a response to the LCC's proposals to Rationalise Household waste recycling centres.**

It was resolved to request that no further sites are closed.

**14) To consider a response to the LCC's proposals to develop healthy streets.**

Caroline Holden, from LCC, gave a short presentation on the proposals to develop healthy streets. She indicated that when the 20mph speed limit was introduced within the Village the residents should be encouraged to come up with schemes to encourage more use of the areas within the village. She indicated that there was a budget of £4k for the whole of Lancashire to develop these schemes and preferred the monies be spent on projects rather than setting up of committees to review the projects.

It was resolved to refer the scheme to the local Organizations including the schools.

It was agreed that the Council's Parish plan should be sent to Caroline to give her some ideas as to what has previously been suggested.

**15) To consider a response to the LCC's consultation draft implementation plan for Lancashire's local transport.**

It was resolved that the Plan should be noted.

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

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 in the Methodist Church hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

**Signed.....**Cllr. Mrs. Foster.....

**Date.....**03/10/11.....

Schedule of payments	July '11	Appendix A		
		Cheque No.	£	Net of VAT
<b>Precept Account</b>				
KM Armistead - Salary		5391	£1,011.34	£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I		5393	£345.74	£345.74
J Winstanley - salary		5392	£379.05	£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses		5397	£108.29	£108.29
Staples - Cartridges		5398	£46.70	£38.92
Came & Co - All risk insurance		5402	£4,546.79	£4,546.79
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric		D/d	£307.84	£256.53
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
Batterby Sports - Cricket materials - cheque cancelled		5385	-£169.70	-£152.50
Batterby Sports - Cricket materials		5394	£169.70	£152.50
Road Safety services - Cones & barriers for club day		5396	£306.00	£255.00
Braithwaites - materials and Equipment hire		5399	£183.72	£153.10
LS Systems - FIB equipment		5400	£417.90	£348.25
Kirby's - Plant & hanging baskets		5401	£1,476.10	£1,230.08
FIB - donation towards watering, plants & equipment		cheque	-£943.34	-£943.34
Townsend's - petrol & diesel		5403p	£287.61	£239.68
Townsend's - petrol & diesel		5403p	£75.50	£62.92
Balmers - repair to John Deere		5404	£511.97	£426.64
Woodys - materials		5405	£55.15	£45.96
KM Armistead- plants		5407	£20.00	£20.00
Van Dutch bulb - Hanging baskets		5408	£528.00	£440.00
Fylde coast towing - repair to watering system		5409	£222.83	£185.69
Ribble fuels - red diesel		5410	£382.73	£364.50

Chubb - annual contract for Gardeners store	5411	£116.52	£19.42	£97.10
Woodys - FIB materials	5412	£102.93	£17.16	£85.78
FIB - donation towards materials	cheque	-£85.78		-£85.78
LJ Quirke - security for club day - Cheque cancelled	5387	-£300.00		-£300.00
LJ Quirke - security for club day	5413	£300.00		£300.00
<b>Allotments</b>				
Bush lane -water charges	5395	£105.41		£105.41
Croft Butts water charges	5406	£13.62		£13.62
Bush lane rent	cheque	-£17.50		-£17.50
<b>Community Development Account</b>				
Intrak - Hire of barriers	cheque	-£45.00	-£7.50	-£37.50
<b>Natwest - interest</b>	D/P	-£9.24		-£9.24
R Cubbins - Fair rent	cash	-£600.00		-£600.00
<b>VAT</b>				
		-		-
HM Customs - VAT Refund		£2,702.05	£0.00	£2,702.05
<b>Total</b>		<b>£9,512.66</b>	<b>£783.85</b>	<b>£8,728.81</b>

#### Schedule of payments for

	August '11			
	Cheque			
	No.	Gross	Vat	Net of VAT
<b>Precept Account</b>				
KM Armistead - Salary	5417	£1,011.34		£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5419	£345.74		£345.74
J Winstanley - salary	5418	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5420	£109.73		£109.73
Freeola - website rental	dd	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00
BDO - External audit fees	5426	£660.00	£110.00	£550.00
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/d	£266.24	£44.37	£221.87
Grangeland Services - grass cutting, shrubs & borders	5414p	£1,080.33		£1,080.33
Grangeland Services -bedding out, watering & weeding	5414p	£710.00		£710.00
Grangeland Services- litter picking	5414p	£511.50		£511.50
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£34.00		£34.00
J Garlick - Additional work	5415	£667.00		£667.00
A Davies - Additional work	5416	£203.50		£203.50
Cartmell - summer plants	5421	£4,536.24	£756.04	£3,780.20
Townsend's - fuel for pickup	5422	£337.72	£56.29	£281.43
Braithwaites - Repairs to grass cutting machines	5423	£1,417.95	£236.33	£1,181.63
Kwik-Skip - Hire of skips	5425	£340.00	£56.67	£283.33
Woodys - Materials for borders	5427	£580.07	£96.68	£483.39
FIB - Donation for materials	cheque	-£21.38		-£21.38
Rawstorne Centre - donation towards electricity	cheque	-£536.79		-£536.79
<b>Allotments</b>				
<b>Community Development Account</b>				
LCC - Grass cutting payment	cheque	-£4,664.24		-£4,664.24
Batterby construction - New drains for football pitch	5424	£15,300.00	£2,550.00	£12,750.00
Bank of America - interest	cheque	-£7.29		-£7.29
<b>VAT</b>				
<b>Total</b>		<b>£23,267.91</b>	<b>£3,907.57</b>	<b>£19,360.34</b>

## Precept Account 2010/2011

Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	July '11	To date		
Wages	£20,000	£1,736	£6,945	£13,055	35%
Insurance	£9,500	£4,547	£5,961	£3,539	63%
Stationery	£450	£39	£424	£26	94%
Postage	£1,800	£108	£562	£1,238	31%
LAPTC	£600		£597	£4	99%
Audit fee	£650		£70	£580	11%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100			£100	0%
Civic functions	£500			£500	0%
Election					
Reserve	£700			£700	
equipment	£200		£21	£179	10%
Grants	<b>£1,500</b>		£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420		£400	£20	95%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,571	£2,111	£8,617	£12,954	40%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£16,065	£2,253	£6,666	£9,399	41%
Cleansing	£6,641	£512	£2,070	£4,571	31%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£97	£778	£4,222	16%
Organisations	£9,000	£255	£3,627	£5,373	40%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£319	£1,247	£753	62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,797</b>	<b>£11,976</b>	<b>£38,585</b>	<b>£58,212</b>	<b>40%</b>

## Other Accounts May '11

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£0	£28	-£28
Bush lane Allotments	£769	£146	£622
Community Development	£5,971	£7,257	-£1,286
VAT	£5,229	£3,488	£1,741
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,969</b>	<b>£10,920</b>	<b>£1,049</b>

## Precept Account 2010/2011

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	August '11	To date		
Wages	£20,000	£1,736	£8,681	£11,319	43%
Insurance	£9,500		£5,961	£3,539	63%
Stationery	£450		£424	£26	94%
Postage	£1,800	£116	£678	£1,122	38%
LAPTC	£600		£597	£4	99%
Audit fee	£650	£550	£620	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100			£100	0%
Civic functions	£500			£500	0%
Election					
Reserve	£700			£700	
equipment	£200		£21	£179	10%

Grants	<b>£1,500</b>		£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420		£400	£20	95%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,571	£2,262	£10,879	£10,692	50%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£16,065	£6,104	£12,771	£3,294	79%
Cleansing	£6,641	£512	£2,582	£4,060	39%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£0	£778	£4,222	16%
Organisations	£9,000	£283	£3,911	£5,089	43%
Electric & rates	£2,000	-£281	£966	£1,034	48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,797</b>	<b>£11,282</b>	<b>£49,867</b>	<b>£46,930</b>	<b>52%</b>

**Other  
Accounts**                      **May '11**

<b>Account</b>		<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£0	£28	-£28
Bush lane Allotments		£769	£146	£622
Community Development		£10,643	£20,007	-£9,365
VAT		£5,229	£7,395	-£2,166
<b>Total</b>		<b>£16,640</b>	<b>£27,578</b>	<b>-£10,937</b>