

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011, in the Methodist hall.

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

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

County Councillor P Rigby

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

Councillor T Threlfall – other commitments

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

**2) Open Forum**

**a) Police Update – Attended by PCSO Carly Smith**

Figures: for 01/09/11 to 31/09/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	21	3
Freckleton East	20	1
Lower Lane/The Mede	30	5

The figures show a total of number of 9 crimes for the month of September 2011.

This compares to a total of 9 Crimes recorded for the same month last year.

The crimes are made up, 2 Criminal Damages, 1 Assaults, 3 Theft, 2 Burglary and 1 racist incident.

A significant number of all the crimes have been detected.

#### Good news

We have focused a lot this month on our PACT priorities. We have focused particularly on the speeding on Kirkham Road and problems on Lower Lane.

As part of the speeding issues not only have we been patrolling the area, we have had the mobile speed camera van situated on Kirkham Road at various times and PC Little conducted speed enforcement using the laser.

Operation Firecrest has also been running this month, which has been focusing on crime in rural areas across Lancashire. This was a help to Freckleton as it gave an increased visibility by patrols in the area and targeted travelling criminals. We have had a number of road traffic offences detected in the area.

Lower Lane over the last month has also been targeted. I have been conducting several foot patrols around the area. We have also been involved in very successful meetings with New Fylde Housing as how to improve Lower Lane and they have many ideas in which to help the community. We have also conducted many disruption visits in the area as to try and lower the amount of criminal activity that happens around the area and it has been seen to be very successful.

**b) Public participation**

A discussion took place between Council members and the PCSO regarding the 20mph zones in the Village.

It was reported that vehicles are parking on Cookson Close in the designated area for turning around. The police have been notified.

Concerns were raised again regarding the speed indicator near Whittles on the A584. The indicator is still activating when vehicles are approaching it at 45mph, even though this is a 50mph area. It was suggested that the camera should be reset or the speed limit reduced. Councillor Rigby volunteered to refer this to LCC and request that a camera that displays the exact speed of vehicles be installed in this area and one on Kirkham Road.

**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 Rawstone Centre.

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

- a) **The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011**
- b) **The Open Spaces committee meeting held on Tuesday 12<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.

**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 quote for the hire of the PA system on Remembrance Sunday**

It was resolved to approve the quote

**d) To consider whether Junior / Youth Organisations should be allowed to use the AWS area free of charge**

It was resolved that junior / youth organisations should pay towards the maintenance of the area an amount in line with how much they use the area.

**e) To consider further the request from the Frecklestone committee to pay towards the legal costs to gain charitable status approx £1K**

It was resolved to take no further action

**f) To consider revising the financial support for the application to the Fylde Local Strategic Partnership to improve the Toilets and changing rooms at the Rawstone centre.**

It was resolved to continue to support this project if the grant is reduced by 30%.

**7) To consider whether the vacancies on the Council should be filled by advertising for co-opted members**

It was resolved to advertise the vacancies on the Council and to go through the legal process of co-opting new members.

**8) To consider looking into the possibility of installing solar panels at the Rawstone Centre**

It was resolved to take no action regarding the possibility installing solar panels.

**9) To consider a request to allocate alternative land for burial plots**

It was resolved to forward the quote and information received from Greenacre Innovation Ltd to the Parochial Church committee.

**10) To consider commenting on the Draft Strategy and SEA Environmental Report for the Blackpool and Fylde Coast Protection Strategy**

The document was noted.

**11) To consider whether the village map is removed from the notice board and placed on a lectern type notice board to enable the map to be positioned in the correct "North South East & West" orientation**

It was resolved to obtain quotes for a new notice board and consider where this could be situated

**12) To consider supporting the proposal made by Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council to empower Parish & Town Councils when assessing major planning applications**

It was resolved to take no action.

**13) To receive an update from the FBC councilors**

Councillor Fiddler informed members that BAE Systems in Warton has now been designated as an Enterprise Zone which is good news for this area and should provide much needed employment.

It was reported that Freckleton has won a Silvergilt award in the town section of Britain in Bloom. This is a very high prestige award.

**14) To consider joining Lancashire Link**

It was resolved not to join Lancashire Link.

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

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in the Methodist Church hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

**Date.....07/11/11**

## Schedule of Payments September 2011

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
<b>Precept Account</b>				
KM Armistead - Salary	5430	£1,011.34		£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5432	£345.74		£345.74
J Winstanley - salary	5431	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead – expenses	5441	£138.28		£138.28
Freeola - website rental	dd	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
Staples - Cartridges	5442	£63.44	£10.57	£52.87
Staples - memory ticks	5445	£23.47	£3.91	£19.56
FBC - Precept grant	D/P	-£48,383.00		-£48,383.00
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/d	£239.40	£39.90	£199.50
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5428p	£1,080.33		£1,080.33
Grangeland Services –Borders	5428p	£710.00		£710.00
J Garlick - litter picking	5428p	£511.50		£511.50
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£34.00		£34.00
J Garlick - additional watering	5429	£192.50		£192.50
Woodys - materials for FIB	5434	£25.68	£4.28	£21.40
Balmers - New part for John Deere	5436	£210.44	£35.07	£175.37
Steve Gorton - Materials for Bowling club	5438	£86.95	£14.49	£72.46
Braithwaites - materials	5439	£101.54	£16.92	£84.62
Woodys - materials	5440	£326.45	£43.99	£282.46
Townsend - petrol & Diesel	5443	£292.60	£48.77	£243.83
SMS - Brackets for hanging Baskets – FIB	5444	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00
FIB - donation towards hanging baskets	Cheque	-£300.00		-£300.00
FIB - donation towards watering and plants	Cheque	-£600.00		-£600.00
FBC - rates refund	Cheque	-£231.63		-£231.63
FBC - Playground maintenance	D/P	£900.00		£900.00
<b>Community Development Account</b>				
Methodist church - Hire of room	5433	£56.00		£56.00
Intrak - hire of barriers	D/P	-£180.00	-£30.00	-£150.00
FBC - grant	D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00
Sportmedia - Printing newsletter	5435	£90.00		£90.00
<b>Total</b>		-£42,785.12	£249.71	-£43,034.83

**Precept Account 2010/2011**

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Sept '11	To date		
Wages	£20,000	£1,736	£10,417	£9,583	52%
Insurance	£9,500		£5,961	£3,539	63%
Stationery	£450	£53	£477	-£27	106%
Postage	£1,800	£147	£825	£975	46%
LAPTC	£600		£597	£4	99%
Audit fee	£650		£620	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100		£0	£100	0%
Civic functions	£500		£0	£500	0%
Election			£0	£0	
Reserve	£700		£0	£700	
equipment	£200	£20	£40	£160	20%
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	£1,623	£12,502	£9,069	58%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£16,065	£568	£12,438	£3,627	77%
Cleansing	£6,641	£512	£3,093	£3,548	47%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£900	£2,578	£2,422	52%
Organisations	£9,000	£72	£3,983	£5,017	44%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£2	£968	£1,032	48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,797</b>	<b>£5,632</b>	<b>£55,499</b>	<b>£41,298</b>	<b>57%</b>

**Other Accounts Sept '11**

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£0	£28	-£28
Bush lane Allotments	£769	£146	£622
Community Development	£11,073	£20,153	-£9,081
VAT	£5,229	£7,645	-£2,416
<b>Total</b>	<b>£17,070</b>	<b>£27,973</b>	<b>-£10,903</b>