

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011, in the Methodist hall.

Present: Councillor Maraline Foster (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, L Rigby, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs S Delany, Mrs L Willis, T Threlfall, St J Greenhough, C Robb, D Chambers, K McKay and P Walton.
County Councillor P Rigby

1) The co-opted Councillors to sign the declaration of acceptance

Mr D Chambers, K McKay and P Walton signed the declaration of acceptance

2) To accept Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies

3) Open Forum

a) Police Update – Attended by PC Dave Little & Sergeant Niahm O`Donoghue

Figures: for 01/10/11 to 31/10/11

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	35	6
Freckleton East	28	0
Lower Lane/The Mede	28	5

The figures show a total of number of 11 crimes for the month of October 2011. This compares to a total of 17 Crimes recorded for the same month last year. The crimes are made up of the following: 2 Criminal Damages, 6 Theft, 1 Burglary and 2 incidents of harassment.

Once again a significant number of all the crimes have been detected.

Good news

We have continued to focus this month on our PACT priorities as they remain unchanged, in particular concentrating on the speeding issues on Kirkham Road and working with Park Wise to resolve parking issues within Freckleton itself and also targeting problems on Lower Lane.

The mobile speed camera van has continually been situated on Kirkham Road at various times as well as conducting speed enforcement using the laser.

Operation Pathway has continued to run as in previous months with a significant number of FPN issued to motorists for road traffic offences, as well as attempting to educate those who commit minor road traffic offences.

Operation Rogue Trader has also been running in the area this month, which has been focusing on strong enforcement/targeting of doorstep crime across Lancashire, in a joint venture with Trading Standards, DWP and DVLA. This was a help to Freckleton as it gave an increased visibility by patrols in the area and targeted criminals from all sides. This increased visibility has seen a number of criminal/road traffic offences detected in the area.

Lower Lane has again seen an increase in patrols with the NHPT conducting several foot patrols/visits around the area on a daily basis. We have also been involved in very successful meetings with numerous housing agencies and other partner associations as we continue to seek to improve Lower Lane. Disruption visits in the area have continued, the effectiveness of which can be seen in a large reduction in crime compared to this time last year.

This continued focus on the estate has seen the arrest and subsequent charges brought against 3 youths (2 of which are local to the area) for numerous criminal offences. Following a joint investigation over a 5 month period the offenders pleaded guilty at their most recent court appearance and have been told to expect a custodial sentence. Whilst this is good news we also feel it is important to let you know that the majority of the incidents reported to Police from the estate are involving only a few address's and we are working hard to

reduce the effect any problem element may have on the area as a whole and combat the problem individuals where necessary.

Looking to the future...

November and December will see the NHPT continue work in partnership with other agencies as we look to improving the area.

As we move forward in the lead up to, and across the Christmas period, Operation Aberlour will come into force and actions will be carried out focusing on key profile groups which have a significant impact on road casualties, criminal use of the roads and anti-social behaviour. A particular emphasis will be on drink/drug related driving incidents which unfortunately have become an issue; this will be combined with the Christmas drink-drive campaign.

b) Public Participation

Concerns were raised regarding the 20mph speed limit in various areas of the village. Questions were asked as to how this is going to be enforced. PC Little confirmed that enforcement will take place when the traffic order has been signed and put into place. A suggestion was made to invite Tim Ashton to a Council meeting to explain the pilot scheme and the proposed outcome of the scheme.

4) 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.

5) To read and approve the minutes of:

- a) **The Communications committee meeting held on Monday 12th September 2011**
- b) **The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2011**
- c) **The Open Spaces committee meeting held on Monday 17th October 2011**
- d) **The Fabrics committee meeting held on Monday 24th October 2011**
- e) **The Co-opted members meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2011**

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

6) To receive the Clerk's report.

The comments in the Clerk's report, previously circulated, were noted.

The Clerk updated members on the progress regarding the transfer of ownership of Quakers Wood. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the trustees to discuss this further.

7) 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 consider the recommendations of the Fabrics committee to upgrade the changing rooms at the Rawstone centre

It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain quotes on the work required to upgrade the changing rooms

d) To consider installing a storage unit for the winter grit

It was resolved to delegate this task to the Clerk, Councillor Threlfall and Councillor Mrs Foster

8) To consider issues regarding the Rawstone Centre report

It was resolved to organise a meeting with the sections and executives of the Rawstone centre to discuss these issues. The Clerk will arrange the meeting for 6.30pm on Monday 14th November in the Methodist hall directly before the Planning meeting.

9) To elect the co-opted Councillors on to the Committees and to represent the Council on committees of other organisations and bodies

The co-opted Councillors were elected onto the committees, organizations and other bodies as set out below.

Finance Committee

Chairman - Councillor St J Greenhough,
Vice- Chairman – Councillor Mrs. L Willis.
Members: The full Council

Open Spaces Committee

Chairman - Councillor T Threlfall.
Members – Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. L Willis, T Fiddler, St. J Greenhough, C Robb, **D Chambers, K McKay and P Walton.**

Fabrics Committee

Chairman - Councillor L Rigby
Members – Councillors Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Foster and St. J Greenhough, **D Chambers, K McKay and P Walton.**

Planning Committee

Chairman - Councillor St. J Greenhough.
Vice-Chairman – Councillor C Robb.
Members: The full Council

Communications Committee

Chairman – Councillor C Robb
Members - Councillors L Rigby, St J Greenhough and Mrs. L Willis, and **K McKay.**

Members on committees of other Organisations and Bodies:

It was resolved to appoint the following representatives:-

Rawstone Sports Centre Management – Councillors Mrs. S Delany, L Rigby. T Fiddler, C Robb and T Threlfall.

Old Peoples' Welfare - Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. L Willis and **P Walton.**

LALC - Councillor C Robb.

Village Hall Management - Councillors Mrs. M Foster, Mrs. L Willis and St. J Greenhough

Lower Lane Community Centre - Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead and T Threlfall.

Fylde CA- Councillor St. J Greenhough and **D Chambers.**

Freckleton Charities Trust - Councillors Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Whitehead and Mrs. M Foster.

Parish Liaison meeting – Councilor Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Whitehead, Louis Rigby, T Threlfall and **P Walton.**

BAE Community Liaison group – Councillors Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. L Willis, and St J Greenhough.

YMCA Rural Splash – Councillor L Rigby and St J Greenhough

SITA Community Liaison Panel – Councillor T Threlfall

Fylde Civic Awareness Group – No representative

10) To consider what action to take regarding the rubbish in the entrance to and car park of the shops on Lytham Road

It was resolved to contact the shop keepers requested they get together and organise a cleanup of the area. Councillor Threlfall volunteered to refer the matter to the Environmental Health Agency.

11) To consider what action to take regarding the email received re:School Transport

It was resolved to support the email received and to write to LCC with the Council's views.

12) To review the procedures for Remembrance Sunday (13/11) and the Treelighting and Carol Service (06/12)

The procedures for both dates were discussed and approved. If the weather is inclement the Carol service will take part in the village hall. Councillor Greenhough volunteered to provide mince pies and goody bags as per past years. It was agreed to invite the local school choirs to the Carol service.

13) To consider whether to take part in the Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons

The document was noted. It was resolved that no action should be taken.

14) To receive an update from the FBC councillors

Freckleton in Bloom have received a congratulations card from the Mayor & Mayoress of Fylde for the gold award they have won.

The salt bin and salt for gritting will shortly be in place for the winter.

Councillor Threlfall pointed out that the Council should be contacting Darren Bell at the Parks & Gardens dept to seek funding and advice on how to go about upgrading the park. It was confirmed that there are interested parties willing to set up working groups for this project.

15) To agree the date of next meeting.

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

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

Date.....05/12/11.....

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5448	£1,011.34		£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5450	£345.74		£345.74
J Winstanley - salary	5449	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5453	£112.50		£112.50
Fylde Ins - refund of Fidelity Guarantee insurance	cheque	-£429.16		-£429.16
Staples - stationery	5464	£17.99		£17.99
LCTP - Chairman's course	5455	£25.00		£25.00
Staples - stationery	5458	£41.57		£41.57
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/d	£195.20	£32.53	£162.67
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5446p	£1,080.33		£1,080.33
Grangeland Services -Borders	5446p	£710.00		£710.00
J Garlick - litter picking	5446p	£511.50		£511.50
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£34.00		£34.00
J Garlick - additional work	5447	£357.50		£357.50
Batterbys - new cover for drains at Rawstorne centre	5451	£202.48	£33.75	£168.73
balmers - repair to John Deere	5452	£139.24	£23.21	£116.03
Steve Gorton - Bulbs for Cenotaph lights	5462	£19.92	£3.32	£16.60
ADT - Security service - Rawstorne centre	5456	£196.80	£32.80	£164.00
Townsend's - Petrol & diesel	5457	£272.63	£45.44	£227.19
Braithwaites - Repair to Ransome	5460	£272.28	£45.38	£226.90
Woodys - top soil for football pitch	5454	£203.24	£33.87	£169.37
Allotments				
PO ltd - water charge - Bush lane	5461p	£99.72		£99.72
PO ltd - water charge - Croft Butts lane	5461p	£246.88		£246.88
Community Development Account				
Natwest - interest	D/P	-8.28		-8.28
Football club - partial refund of RR Trust grant	cheque	-£663.21		-£663.21
Bank of America - interest	D/P	-£8.01		-£8.01
Transfer to Rawstorne trust account	D/P	£663.21		£663.21
Sportmedia - Printing October Newsletter	5463	£90.00		£90.00
VAT				
HM Customs - VAT Refund		-£4,941.14		-£4,941.14
Total		£1,178.32	£250.30	£928.02

Appendix B

Precept Account

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	October '11	To date		
Wages	£20,000	£1,736	£12,153	£7,847	61%
Insurance	£9,500	-£429	£5,163	£4,337	54%
Stationery	£450	£50	£527	-£77	117%
Postage	£1,800	£113	£938	£862	52%
LAPTC	£600		£597	£4	99%
Audit fee	£650		£620	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100	£25	£25	£75	25%
Civic functions	£500			£500	0%
Election					
Reserve	£700			£700	
equipment	£200		£40	£160	20%
Grants	£1,500		£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420		£400	£20	95%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,571	£2,177	£14,679	£6,892	68%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£16,065	£710	£13,148	£2,917	82%
Cleansing	£6,641	£512	£3,605	£3,037	54%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£349	£1,127	£3,873	23%
Organisations	£9,000	£0	£5,783	£3,217	64%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£197	£1,165	£835	58%
Total	£96,797	£5,439	£60,570	£36,228	63%

Other Accounts October '11

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£0	£275	-£275
Bush lane Allotments	£786	£246	£540
Community Development	£11,089	£20,243	-£9,154
VAT	£10,170	£7,741	£2,429
Total	£22,045	£28,506	-£6,460