

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2011

Present:

Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs. E Willis, Mrs S Delany, C Robb, T. Threlfall, L Rigby, D Chambers, K McKay, P Walton and Mrs M Foster.

Apologies: Councillor T Fiddler (another meeting)

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

1. Declaration of Interest.

All members, as trustees, declared an interest in Rawstorne centre, the Croft Butts and Bush lane allotments.

Councillor L Rigby declared an interest in the Bowling section.

2. To Consider a cost of living increase for the Open Spaces Contracts approved 2011-12

It was resolved that there should be no cost of living increase in the 2012-13 Open Spaces contracts.

3. To consider a cost of living increase for the Employees for 2012-13 Accounting year

The Clerk reported that LALC had advised that there has been no increase to the pay scales since April 2009.

It was resolved that there should be no cost of living increase for the employees in the 2012-13 accounting year.

4. To agree the Precept Budget, including Open Spaces expenditure, for 2012-2013

The Clerk reported that he had prepared a budget at the same level as last year.

It was resolved that the overall Precept budget should be set at £96,797 – see Appendix A

5. To consider the Capital expenditure proposals for 2012-2013

It was resolved that the following Capital expenditure proposals should be approved:-

a) Loft and cavity wall insulation for the Rawstorne centre and the Bowling Hut	£3,500
b) Revamping of the children's play area	£10,000
c) New hand mower	£500
d) New Display unit for the Map	£1,000
Total	£15,000

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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

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

Appendix A

General Expenditure	2012-13	2011-12
Wages	£21,000	£20,000
Insurance	£6,000	£9,500
Stationery	£1,000	£450
Postage/telephone/Internet & travelling	£1,800	£1,800
LAPTC	£600	£600
Audit fee	£650	£650
Chair Allow	£100	£100
Training	£100	£100
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services, meetings	£500	£500
Election	£0	
Reserve	£700	£700
equipment	£600	£200
Grants	£3,500	£1,500
Section137	£420	£420
Open Spaces Account		
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,600	£21,571
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£18,027	£16,065
Cleansing	£6,500	£6,641
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£5,000
Organisations		
cricket	£1,700	£1,700
football	£1,100	£600
bowls	£1,700	£2,200
club day	£2,000	£2,000
Hedge cutting	£350	£350
Civic events - tree lights, etc	£350	£350
Playground maintenance	£1,800	£1,800
Electric & rates	£2,000	£2,000
Total	£96,797	£96,797