

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th December 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, P Walton, D Chambers and C Robb.
County Councillor P Rigby

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor T Threlfall – another meeting

Councillor K McKay – other commitments

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

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update – Attended by PCSO Carly Smith

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

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	29	2
Freckleton East	21	3
Lower Lane/The Mede	21	5

The figures show a total of number of 10 crimes for the month of November 2011.

This compares to a total of 18 Crimes recorded for the same month last year. Had it not been for the spike in recent crime the year-on-year reduction would have been even more significant.

The crimes are made up as follows; 2x burglaries, 2x theft, 2x assault, 3x public order and 1x criminal damage.

Once again a significant number of all the crimes have been detected, those which remain undetected would appear to be incidents with no witness/CCTV or any further evidence than a crime having been committed.

Please ask residents to pay particular attention to any suspicious vehicles/person (Eastern European looking) in light of recently commercial burglaries and high value theft. In respect of burglaries the MO was to force entry to the rear of the shops during dead of night, the theft at Co-Op was professional and quick, they knew what they were looking for and were in/out in a very short time. CCTV shows this maybe Eastern European group and could possibly be linked to the burglaries. Hopefully they are travelling criminals and will not target the area again but would like to ask everyone to be on the look-out.

At 23.37hrs on Friday 25th November there was a fail to stop RTC outside the Spar on Lytham Rd, Freckleton. The vehicle, a small/medium sized car possible a Peugeot/Citroen or similar type vehicle travelling from the direction of The Plough towards Clitheroes Lane, lost control and left the road to the offside, mounting the pavement and colliding with the wall causing significant damage. The vehicle is then seen to reverse before driving off at speed down Clitheroes Lane, significant damage will have also been caused to the vehicle in question and from its direction of travel it very possible a local resident. I would ask anyone with any information in relation to this matter to contact NHPT.

Good news

Again the focus has been on our PACT priorities as they remain unchanged, in particular concentrating on the speeding issues on Kirkham Road, working with Parking Services 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 NHPT continuing to conduct speed enforcement using the laser.

Operation Pathway has again continued to run providing us with significant results. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by NHPT 2x speeding, 12x seatbelts, 3x mobile phone and 2x minor motoring offences, as well as a report to the Office of The Traffic Commissioner of the North West following HGV enforcement in Freckleton.

We have expressed our extreme disappointment at the sentences handed to local youths involved in burglary and explosive offences on Lower Lane, despite the hard work and endless endeavour of the Police as well as the patience of residents. You can be assured that the NHPT will continue to target the problem individuals.

As most will be aware there was a disturbing incident on Sedgeley Mews involving an individual from the area. As a result of prolonged enquiries on the night of the incident he was subsequently arrested, charged with several offences and remanded in custody to appear before the Court. Thanks to our hard work and the co-operation of numerous residents this violent and intimidating individual has been sentenced to a period of custodial detention. In the meantime NHPT are working hard with agencies to help prevent further problems this individual may cause, although at this time the full details can't be disclosed.

Looking to the future...

I would urge the focus to be on the 20MPH and strongly recommend it become a further priority for the area. The lack of signage/engineering and any further measures by LCC is only compounding the problem within the area.

Following discussions with Stagecoach they are to undertake training with the drivers in respect of complying with the 20MPH zones and feedback the results of this to NHPT.

b) Public participation

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the 20mph zones in the Village, and felt they were not necessary and a waste of money. Tim Ashton will be available at the planning meeting on Monday 12th December to explain the pilot scheme and proposed outcome of the scheme.

A union jack flag was given to the Parish Council, with the intention for the flag to be flown daily at the Cenotaph.

3) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

All Councillors, as Trustees, declared an interest in the Rawstorne Centre.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:

- a) **The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011**
- b) **The running of the Rawstorne Centre meeting held on Monday 14th November 2011**
- c) **The finance meeting held on Monday 21st November 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*

7) To consider whether advertisements should be placed on the Cenotaph railings

It was resolved that only the Club Day Committee and the Horticultural Society can place the Club Day and Horticultural Show adverts on the railings. If signs are put up without permission they will be taken down and passed to the Clerk.

8) To consider whether Terry Scholz should be appointed as Chaplin to the Parish Council

It was resolved to appoint Terry Scholz as Chaplin to the Parish Council. The clerk will inform him of the Council's decision.

9) To consider whether to appoint three Councillors to the Freckleton (Twill Furlong,) Quakers burial ground charitable trust

It was resolved that the Council wish to take over completely as sole trustees and not to appoint 3 councillors.

10) To consider whether to ask the Sports & Social Club to take over the running of the Rawstorne Centre

(the Chairman declared an interest in the Club, Councillor T Fiddler and L Rigby declared a personal interest)

Following a discussion with the treasurer of the Club (Mrs M Foster) it was resolved not to ask the Sports & Social Club to take over the running of the Rawstorne Centre.

11) To review the Localism Act briefing note from NALC

Councillor Fiddler confirmed that all the details are not know yet and he is awaiting further developments. The document was noted.

12) To consider commenting on the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (A584 Preston New Road,50mph speed limit) Order

It was resolved to make comment that the Parish Council welcome the reduction in speed from 70mph to 50mph on the A584, and are in full support of this order.

13) To consider commenting on the Technical Reforms on Council Tax policy

The document was noted.

14) To receive an update from the FBC councilors

TF informed members that the National planning framework has been published.

Councillor P Rigby brought it to the Council`s attention of the problems of accessibility to and from Strike Lane School. Councillor Rigby has been approached by the head teacher of the school to discuss these issues.

15) To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 9th January 2012 in the Methodist Church hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....9th January 2012.....

Appendix A	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
KM Armistead - Salary	5468	£1,011.34		£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5470	£345.74		£345.74
J Winstanley – salary	5469	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5478	£121.80		£121.80
Freeola - internet domain charge	D/D	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00
Staples - backup computer	5472p	£354.99	£59.17	£295.83
Staples - hard drive & software	5472p	£164.94	£27.49	£137.45
British Legion - Wreaths	5479	£80.00		£80.00
KM Armistead - contribution towards back-up computer	cheque	-£295.83		-£295.83
In-trak - Hire of PA system for remembrance service	5481	£180.00	£30.00	£150.00
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/d	£167.82	£27.97	£139.85
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5465p	£1,080.33		£1,080.33
Grangeland Services -Borders	5465p	£710.00		£710.00
J Garlick - litter picking	5465p	£511.50		£511.50
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£34.00		£34.00
J Garlick - additional work	5466	£362.50	£0.00	£362.50
A davies - additional work	5467	£272.50		£272.50
Townsend's - Petrol & Diesel	5471	£240.21	£40.04	£200.18
S Gorton - new water heater for storeroom	5473	£45.98	£7.66	£38.32
J Rayton - installing new water heater	5474	£45.00		£45.00
Woodys group - materials	5476	£21.55	£3.59	£17.96
Braithwaites - hire of shredder & materials	5477	£184.42	£29.05	£155.37
Van,s bulbs - Bulbs	5480	£774.90	£129.15	£645.75
FIB - donation towards bulbs	cheque	-£645.75		-£645.75
SMS - steel bands for grit storage unit	5482	£33.60	£5.60	£28.00
KM Armistead - Storage unit for grit	5483	£120.00		£120.00
Allotments				
Croft Butts - rents	cheques	-£620.00		-£620.00
Community Development Account				
Intrak - hire of barriers	D/P	-£135.00	-£22.50	-£112.50
Hire of methodist hall - Sept/Oct '11	5475	£70.00		£70.00
AWS - rent	cheque	£0.00		£0.00
FBC - Parish Fund - grant towards Rawstorne upgrade	D/P	-£3,360.00		-£3,360.00
Total		£2,262.79	£338.42	£1,924.38

Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	November '11	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£20,000	£1,736	£13,889	£6,111	69%
Insurance	£9,500	£0	£5,163	£4,337	54%
Stationery	£450	£0	£527	-£77	117%
Postage	£1,800	£128	£1,066	£734	59%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£597	£4	99%
Audit fee	£650	£0	£620	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£100	£0	£25	£75	25%
Civic functions	£500	£150	£150	£350	30%
Election		£0	£0	£0	
Reserve	£700	£0	£0	£700	
equipment	£200	£137	£178	£22	89%
Grants	£1,500	£0	£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420	£80	£480	-£60	114%
Open Spaces Account			£0	£0	
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,571	£2,089	£16,768	£4,803	78%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£16,065	£710	£13,858	£2,207	86%
Cleansing	£6,641	£512	£4,116	£2,525	62%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£231	£1,358	£3,642	27%
Organisations	£9,000	£0	£5,783	£3,217	64%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£174	£1,339	£661	67%
Total	£96,797	£5,947	£66,516	£30,281	69%

Other Accounts
November '11

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£620	£275	£345
Bush lane Allotments	£786	£246	£540
Community Development	£14,562	£20,313	-£5,752
VAT	£10,170	£8,244	£1,927
Total	£26,138	£29,079	-£2,941