

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 4th April 2011

Present:

Councillor C Robb, (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillor P Quinn (other commitments)

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

1. To read and approve the minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 12th April 2010.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual assembly meeting, held on the Monday 12th April 2010, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. Chairman's report.

The Chairman reported that:

- Over the last 12 months your Parish Council has:
 - Obtained funding from The Fylde LSP Parish/Town Fund to install CCTV monitoring 24/7 in the memorial Park. This is linked to the LCC constabulary CCTV network.
 - Provided land for the Freckleton Cricket Club to establish all weather cricket nets.
 - Listened to the villagers and dog owners with respect to the dog banning order on Bush lane playing fields such that the walk way around the sports field has now been clarified.
 - Established a junior football pitch which has been approved by the FA. We have also obtained funding of £3000 from The Fylde LSP Parish/Town Fund, to improve the drainage of the football pitch.
 - Have actively supported Frank Towers, Chairman of the Rawstorne Sports Committee, in his bid to raise funds to establish a Sports hall in accordance with the Freckleton Parish Plan 2005.
 - LCC have finally updated the crossing lights at the Kirkham/Lytham Road/School lane Junction. This was an action resulting from the Freckleton Parish Plan, and follows pressure from the C.E School, as part of their school Travel Plan.
- United Utilities are due to start work on their drainage scheme at The Bush lane allotments in May. In the meantime, preparatory work is going on. Rest assured that the Parish Council will be monitoring this work, and taking appropriate action to minimize disturbance to local residents along Green lane, Naze Lane East and Preston Old Road.
- With the Localism Bill being introduced by the Coalition Government, the Parish Council will be facing new challenges over the next twelve months.
- Finally my thanks are due to:-
 - Ken and Julie for all their hard work, and Cllr Mrs. S. Delany and Cllr Mrs. M. Whitehead for their help and support over the last 12 months.
 - Of course we must not forget Cllr. Tommy Threlfall and the Freckleton in Bloom committee, John Garlick and Andy, who achieved a prize beyond their highest hopes last year. I hope the village will rally around the Freckleton in Bloom Committee members and give them all the help they need this year.
 - PC Andy Scarisbrick also deserves a word of thanks for his conscientious work in the Parish.
 - Bill, my lip speaker, without who I could not have coped and finally the Parish Council as a whole for putting up with me.

3. Chairman of Finance's report

The Chairman of finance reported the following:

- **Precept account (including Open Spaces).**

- The Councils expenditure for 2010/11 was within the budget of £96,797.
- **Community development Account**
 - The interest on the savings, in this account, has been reduced considerably due to the reduction in interest rates as a result of the recession. Despite the capital expenditure listed below this account has only been reduced by £3,292.
- **Playground fund**

The monies received from the bank of America shares has reduced considerably. As a result there was a shortfall in this account of £1,975. In future this expenditure will be met from the Precept account.
- **Capital expenditure for 2010/11**

The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2010/11

 - Donation to Rural Splash (for the running of Kirkham Baths) - £2k
 - A donation to the Village Hall Memorial trust, to help build up a maintenance reserve account. - £1k
 - The purchase of a Roller, Spikes and chains, for the maintenance of the football pitch - £700.
 - New goalposts for a junior football pitch on the Bush lane sports field - £817
 - Cavity wall and roof insulation for the Guide and Scout buildings - £2,323
 - Heaters for the Guide and band buildings - £3k
 - The purchase of a new permanent CCTV camera in the Memorial park – £8k (a donation of £5k was received from the Local Strategic Partnership - Parish Fund).
 - New lights for Christmas tree and Cenotaph area- £325
 - The use of a lipspeaker, whilst Councillor Robb was chairing the meetings - £1303. Councillor Robb's contribution for this service was £1,000.
- **Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2011/12**
 - Two new tennis nets, including trolleys £1.5k
 - Assistance with the new supports around the bowling green £2k
 - Improved drainage on the Junior Football pitch £5k

4. Financial Statements – unaudited.

It was resolved that the unaudited Accounts, for the year ending 31st March 2011, be accepted. – see Appendix A

5. Public participation.

There were no public present.

The Chairman and Vice chairman were thanked for all the work they had put in during the past 12 months.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed...Mrs. M Foster, Chairman

Date.....02/04/12...

Appendix A

Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2010

	2009-10	2008-09
<u>Income</u>		
Precept	£94,258	£90,952
Open Spaces		
Allotments	£1,641	£1,776
Community Dev.	£48,586	£14,544
Playground fund	£31	£2,173
Total income	£144,516	£109,445

Expenditure

Precept	£102,803	£91,682
Including:		
Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972	£584	£980
Open Spaces	£35,956	£57,752
Allotments	£4,512	£1,430
Community Dev.	£44,799	£15,565
Playground fund	£1,810	£1,637
Total Expenditure	£153,923	£110,314
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-£9,407	-£869

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2010

Fund Balance at 1st April 2009	£98,529	£99,398
Less Excess of Expenditure over income	-£9,407	-£869
Total assets	£89,122	£98,529
Represented by:		
Total Bank Balances	£88,101	£96,420
Unpresented cheques C/F (2008/09)		-£92
Prepayments	£1,021	£2,201
Fund balance at 31st March 2009	£89,122	£98,529

The above represents fairly the financial position of the Authority at 31st March 2010 and reflects its income and Expenditure