

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2012, in the Methodist hall.

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs M Foster – on holiday, Councillor K McKay – working, Councillor P Walton – 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 01/01/12 to 31/01/12

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	26	5
Freckleton East	40	6
Lower Lane/The Mede	28	6

The figures show a total number of 17 crimes recorded for the month of January 2012.

The crimes for January 2012 are made up as follows; 4x burglaries, 4x assaults, 2x criminal damage, 2x public order offence, 1x theft, 1x harassment, 1x fraud, 1x drugs offence and 1 other offence.

This compares to a total of 19 Crimes recorded for the same month last year. Although January saw a fall in the volume of crimes recorded compared to the previous year, I would like to point out that the decrease would have been more significant had it not been for the spike in burglaries. On that note we can confirm that an offender has been arrested and charged for burglaries in Wesham and whilst the offender has not made admissions to the crimes in Freckleton, the exact same MO was used to commit these crimes and we are confident we have the correct offender. That said, the NHPT would still ask residents to remain vigilant as always.

Good news

Following a visit to an address on Lower Lane a fully functioning cannabis farm was discovered and the offender arrested, the estimated street value of drugs present would have been in the region of £1000. All the equipment and drugs were seized by NHPT for destruction and the offender has been dealt with for the criminal offences arising from this. Following a multi-agency approach the occupants have been served with an ASB Notice of Seeking Possession, suspended for 12 months. If the individual is subject to any further drug related activity in the next 12 months this will constitute a breach of his tenancy agreement for using the property for immoral or *illegal* purposes or being arrested for an *arrestable offence*, he can then be evicted.

Continuing the multi-agency approach and a great deal of hard work from the NHPT a Suspended Possession Order is now in place for 2 well known families on the Lower Lane Estate, this will remain in place until 9th July 2014 and any breach of this by any member of the household can lead to their eviction. Combined with ASBO's and Prohibited Activity Requirement Orders already in place this seeks to reaffirm our commitment to reducing ASB on the estate.

Again the focus has been on our PACT priorities, in particular concentrating on the issue of 20MPH zones and also continuing to target problems on Lower Lane as detailed above.

Operation Pathway has again continued to run providing us with significant results. Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued by NHPT for the following: 24x seatbelts, 9x mobile phone and 1x vehicle defect rectification. A total of 46 vehicles/drivers have been spoken with throughout the month regarding these offences. Laser activity has continued on Kirkham Rd although at the times when NHPT were present no offences occurred.

20MPH Zones...

At the beginning of the year (w/c 2nd January) 2 speed counts were put in place for a period of time on Lytham Rd, the results of which have now been analysed:

Lytham Road (LC 94 – War Memorial End), Freckleton, January 2012

Average Speed – 25.1

85 % - 29.3 (85% of vehicles did not exceed this speed)

Lytham Road (LC69 – Outside Police Station), Freckleton, January 2012

Average Speed – 26.9

85 % - 31.5 (85% of vehicles did not exceed this speed)

Consultation is now due to take place with LCC in order to establish the best way forward for the area; this is likely to be the deployment of SPIDS and enhanced signage.

Key messages

- Crime levels in Lancashire are at an all time low and it is our firm intention to ensure they remain that way.
- We are committed to tackling burglary. Offenders will be pursued and brought to justice.
- Every community has a dedicated neighbourhood policing team, responsible for working with local communities to prevent and detect crime.
- Lancashire Constabulary is working with partners to address crimes like burglary including organisations like Neighbourhood Watch.
- Extra high visibility patrols will be taking place in and around areas where there have been problems in order to help deter thieves and reassure residents.
- You face an increased risk if your property is left insecure – an open window or door is an open opportunity for thieves.
- We need residents to help us keep crime low. Always keep your homes, doors and windows locked – even if you are in.
- Crime prevention information advice is available from your local neighbourhood policing team or you can visit www.lancashire.police.uk for hints and tips on how to keep your property safe.
- Help us keep crime levels low in Lancashire. If you have any information which may assist the police, contact us on 101 or call Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111. In an emergency always dial 999.

b) Public participation

There was no public participation

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 9th January 2012

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. The Clerk also informed members briefly of the issues discussed at the latest Rawstorne meeting.

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 applying for funds from the second phase of the 2011/2012 Fylde Local Strategic Partnership Parish Fund

It was resolved to support the Friends of the Memorial park in its application for £5,000 towards a new play area.

The Clerk agreed to check if it was possible to apply for £5,000, to develop and run one (or more) sustainable Neighbourhood Justice Panels, providing it did not jeopardise the Friends of the Memorial park's application.

8) To consider entering the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2012

It was resolved to enter the competition, and to look further into the different categories to enter.

9) Review of Burials ground

It was resolved to invite the Council Chaplain, Terry Scholz, to the next meeting to discuss available land for burial grounds further.

10) Comments on Road traffic regulations order 201

Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved to make the following comments:

- The Council support the order 201 on Strike Lane
- The Council would like to see the 20mph speed limit on Kirkham Road within the Strike Lane area at school times, the same as the order to be introduced outside Holy Family School, Warton
- Would like to enquire as to why Kirkham Road is not being treated the same as Church Road in Warton, as both are main through roads

Lancashire County Councillor Rigby informed members that he is meeting with LCC on 22nd February, and the issues on Strike Lane and Kirkham Road will be on the agenda.

The Clerk will also write to LCC requesting that the Council is informed of all relevant information regarding Highways and the 20mph zones.

11) To consider the major proposed changes to the Lancashire Minerals & Waste Development framework

The document was noted.

12) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors

Councillor Fiddler informed members of the Local Enterprise Zone to be designated at Warton & Salmesbury BAE sites. He has asked BAE Systems to hold a public meeting in order to explain the impact of this on local residents.

Councillor Threlfall would like to arrange something through Freckleton in Bloom to represent the Queens Jubilee. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda for further discussion.

It was reported from the last Parish Liaison meeting noted that the Parish Liaison committee meetings will continue but the new 3 Tier committee is to go ahead.

13) To consider the letter from the chair of governors of Freckleton C of E Primary School regarding the anniversaries to be held in 2014

A short discussion took place regarding the anniversaries and the comments made by the school were noted. It was agreed to discuss this further at a later date.

14) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 5th March 2012 in the Methodist Church hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....5th March 2012.....

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5503	£1,011.34		£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5505	£345.74		£345.74
J Winstanley - salary	5504	£379.04		£379.04
KM Armistead - expenses	5510p	£106.45		£106.45
Freeola Ltd - Web-site domain rental	5512	£16.79	£2.80	£13.99
KM Armistead - FIB - meeting room & refreshments	5514p	£70.00		£70.00
KM Armistead - book of Condolence	5514p	£19.99	£3.33	£16.66
Open Spaces Account				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/d	£56.78	£9.46	£47.32
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/d	£34.00		£34.00
Braithwaites - materials	5506	£39.60	£6.60	£33.00
Balmers - service john Deere Tractor	5507	£1,541.65	£256.94	£1,284.71
Townsend's - Diesel December '11	5508	£143.45	£23.91	£119.54
Boris nets - Safety nets for cricket	5509	£229.80	£38.30	£191.50
K M Armistead - Timer for Xmas tree	5510p	£5.00		£5.00
In Trak - PA testing in all buildings	5511	£450.00	£75.00	£375.00
Allotments				
Croft Butts - rents	cheques	-£45.00		-£45.00
Bush lane - water charges	5513p	62.85		62.85
Croft Butts - water charges	5513p	£36.49		£36.49
Community Development Account				
Younger Years - Donation for AWS	cheques	-£50.00		-£50.00
Bank of America - interest	cheque	-£8.13		-£8.13
Hire of Methodist hall - Nov/Dec '11	5515	£84.00		£84.00
HM Customs - VAT Refund		-£996.35		-£996.35
Total		£3,533.49	£416.34	£3,117.15

Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	January '12	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£20,000	£1,736	£17,361	£2,639	87%
Insurance	£9,500		£5,163	£4,337	54%
Stationery	£450	£17	£559	-£109	124%
Postage	£1,800	£120	£1,302	£498	72%
LAPTC	£600		£597	£4	99%
Audit fee	£650		£620	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100		£25	£75	25%
Civic functions	£500	£70	£460	£40	92%
Election					
Reserve	£700			£700	
equipment	£200		£178	£22	89%
Grants	£1,500		£500	£1,000	33%
Section137	£420		£480	-£60	114%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,571	£1,437	£20,580	£991	95%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£16,065		£15,932	£133	99%
Cleansing	£6,641		£5,139	£1,502	77%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,000	£380	£2,513	£2,487	50%
Organisations	£9,000	£192	£5,975	£3,025	66%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£81	£1,049	£951	52%
Total	£96,797	£4,033	£78,532	£18,265	81%

Other Accounts January '12

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£695	£312	£383
Bush lane Allotments	£786	£309	£477
Community Development	£15,077	£20,397	-£5,320
VAT	£11,166	£9,058	£2,109
Total	£27,725	£30,076	-£2,351