

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2012, in the Methodist hall.

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor T Fiddler – other commitments

2) Open Forum

a) **Police Update – Attended by PC Dave Little and PCSO Kate Heaton**

Figures: for 01/04/2012 to 30/04/2012

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	26	2
Freckleton East	39	4
Lower Lane/The Mede	35	13

The figures show a total of 19 crimes recorded for the month of April 2012.

The crimes for April 2012 are made up as follows; 9x criminal damage, 4x burglaries, 3x assaults and 3x thefts

This compares to a total of 13 crimes recorded for the same period last year.

Unfortunately the area has been subjected to a high level of crime we suspect to have been committed by 2 local youths, these individuals have been arrested by myself as part of an on-going investigation and following interview they have been charged and remanded to separate secure units out of the area awaiting sentencing. All outstanding crimes suspected to have been committed by these individuals will be collated and put to them at a later date in order to resolve the matters.

There are also other matters I'm currently discussing with partner agencies to ensure the problems in the Lower Lane area are robustly targeted. I will hopefully have an update on these matters for the next meeting.

Good news

Operation Trojan has been utilized in the area involving the NHPT and use of plain vehicles resulting in the seizure of 16 lots of alcohol, 6 YRS, 3 Sec. 27 Direction to Leave notices were issued to youths from Warton, this took place on Friday 27th April banning the youths from the area for a period of 48hrs and all ASB hotspot areas were patrolled. Heavy patrol was continued by myself on the following Saturday and Sunday with a very positive outcome as observations suggested that no youths were in the area. Areas covered included Memorial Park, Goe Lane and the Rawstone Centre.

PC Little introduced a new PCSO, 7566 Kate Heaton, who will eventually work the opposite scale from himself and improve visibility for Freckleton. My request to remain in Freckleton during the weekend has been authorised and I will continue to target the issue with youths drinking in the area.

20MPH Zones...

Community Road Watch applications are being processed and are expected to be finalised in approximately 2 months. The use of CRW in 20MPH zones is being piloted in the East of the County and expected to be rolled out county wide once it has been evaluated.

Operation Pathway has again provided us with significant results. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by NHPT 13x seatbelts, 5x mobile phone, 2x excess speed and 1 for other motoring offence(s) following a total of 53 vehicles/drivers spoken with throughout the month.

b) Public participation

A question was raised from a member of the public enquiring if an alternative can be found to the closed police house. Councillor Threlfall confirmed that this is being looked into.

PC Little confirmed that the Spids should be place on Lytham Road within the next week or two.

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 and the allotments.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd April 2012

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meeting, 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 date for the Councillors to visit Lamaleach Caravan Park was agreed as Wednesday 13th June.

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*

c) To review the Internal Auditors report

It was resolved that the Internal Auditors report be approved

d) To Approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2011-12 accounts

It was resolved that the audit accounting statement be approved

e) To Approve the Audit Annual governance statements for the 2011-12 accounts

It was resolved that the audit annual governance statement be approved

f) To Approve the final statement of accounts for 2011-12

It was resolved that the final statement of accounts for 2011-12 be approved

g) To Approve the Assets register as at 31st March 2012

It was resolved that the assets register be approved

h) To Consider a request from the Bowling club for financial assistance in erecting a disabled shelter

Councillor L Rigby declared an interest in the Bowling club.

It was resolved to donate £800 to assist financially in the erection of a disabled shelter.

i) To Consider the quotations for the Bedding out and Shrub Borders contracts

Councillor Walton declared an interest one of the Contractors and did not vote on this item.

After considering the quotes provided, it was resolved to accept the quote of £9,800 from "Golden leaf Gardening services" for the bedding out and shrub borders contracts until March 2013.

The Clerk was thanked for all his hard work during the year regarding the above accounts.

7) To receive an update from meetings held with other Organisations and Bodies

Councillors noted the information previously circulated regarding the following meetings:

- **Rawstorne Sports Centre Update**
- **LALC Meeting**
- **BAE Systems Meeting**

8) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors

Councillor Threlfall reported the chief executive is visiting Freckleton this week and is meeting with himself and the Clerk.

Freckleton in Bloom propose to place 2 new urns at the entrance to the Memorial Gardens.

Councillor Rigby attended a meeting in St Annes regarding “fracking” and suggested that the speaker should hold a public meeting in Freckleton to advise residents on the impact of “fracking”. It was noted that public meetings have already been arranged in various areas.

9) To review the outstanding items on the Parish Plan

The report previously circulated was noted. Councillor Threlfall will progress the repair or replacement of the notice board. Councillor Robb was congratulated for all his hard work on the project.

10) To consider the email regarding the “Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Act of 2010”

The document was noted

11) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the next Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th June at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Signed.....Mrs. E Willis, Chairman

Date.....11th June 2012.....

Appendix A

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	April '12	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£21,000	£1,736	£1,736	£19,264	8%
Insurance	£6,000	£0	£0	£6,000	0%
Stationery	£1,000	£217	£217	£783	22%
Postage	£1,800	£125	£125	£1,675	7%
LAPTC	£600	£532	£532	£68	89%
Audit fee	£650	£0	£0	£650	0%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Training	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Civic functions	£500	£0	£0	£500	0%
Election	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Reserve	£700	£0	£0	£700	
equipment	£600	£0	£0	£600	0%
Grants	£3,500	£3,500	£3,500	£0	100%
Section137	£420	£400	£400	£20	95%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,600	£1,674	£1,674	£19,926	8%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£18,027	£1,250	£1,250	£16,777	7%
Cleansing	£6,500	£512	£512	£5,989	8%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£418	£418	£2,282	15%
Organisations	£9,000	£2,644	£2,644	£6,356	29%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£69	£69	£1,931	3%
Total	£96,797	£13,075	£13,075	£83,722	14%

Other Accounts April '12

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£0	£15	-£15
Bush lane Allotments	£719	£147	£572
Rawstorne centre	£4,528	£147	£4,381
Community Development	£0	£2,301	-£2,301
VAT	£1,382	£580	£802
Total	£6,629	£3,190	£3,439

Appendix B

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5556	£1,011.14		£1,011.14
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5559	£345.74		£345.74
J Winstanley - salary	5557	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses	5564	£105.42		£105.42
FBC - Precept grant	D/P	£48,399.00		-£48,399.00
Parochial Church Council - grant	5568	£500.00		£500.00
Air Ambulance - S137 grant	5569	£200.00		£200.00
The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant	5570	£200.00		£200.00
LALC - annual subscription	5567	£531.53		£531.53
Sportmedia - printing Newsletter	5566	£90.00		£90.00
Rural Splash - donation	5572	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
Village hall Mang't committee - donation	5573	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
Staples - Stationery	5578	£151.92		£151.92
KM Armistead - Internet security	D/P - 104878292	£19.99		£19.99
Open Spaces Account				
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5555p	£1,080.33		£1,080.33
Grangeland Services -Borders	5555p	£710.00		£710.00
J Garlick - litter picking	5555p	£511.50		£511.50
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£62.00	£2.95	£59.05
G Parker - repair to Scout hut door	£5,558.00	£48.00		£48.00
Disley's - repair to gutters & plumbing - Rawstorne centre	5560p	£205.00		£205.00
Lancs Playing fields - annual subscription	5562	£17.00		£17.00
Kernock Park - Plant for Diamond Jubilee display	5663	£984.00	£164.00	£820.00
Bank of America - Playground fund	cheque	-£10.03		-£10.03
Lancs best kept Village Comp - Entry fee	5548	£20.00		£20.00
Smalley - Repair to Ransome	5565	£197.94	£32.99	£164.95
Bowling Club - Donations for bowling green maintenance	5571	£1,700.00		£1,700.00
Woodys - materials	5574	£53.72	£8.95	£44.77
Townsend's - diesel & MOT for pickup	5576	£264.86	£35.92	£228.94
Balmers - repair to John Deere	5579	£239.20	£39.87	£199.33
Rawstorne centre - Annual subscription	transfer	£120.00		£120.00
FBC - Bus shelters grant	D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00
FBC - Playground maintenance	D/P	£927.00		£927.00
Allotments				
PO Ltd - Croft butts water charges	5577p	£14.64		£14.64
PO Ltd - Bush lane water charges	5577p	£48.86		£48.86
Bush lane - rents	cheques	-£719.00		-£719.00
Bush lane allotment rents - returned cheque - account closed.	D/P	£98.00		£98.00

Community Development Account

Disley's - Balance due on Toilet upgrade	5560p	£1,020.00		£1,020.00
Threlfall electrics - electric work Rawstorne centre	5575	£1,537.68	£256.28	£1,281.40

Rawstorne Centre

Kwik Skip - Hire of skip for Rawstorne Centre		£85.00	£14.17	£70.83
Robert Rawstorne trust donations		-£3,500.00		-£3,500.00
Younger Years - Annual subscriptions		-£80.00		-£80.00
British Gas - Rawstorne electric		£76.04		£76.04
Parish Council - Annual subscriptions		-£120.00		-£120.00
Rawstorne centre - Balance transfer		-£827.93		-£827.93

VAT	D/P	-£1,382.46		-£1,382.46
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