

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th June 2012, in the Methodist hall.

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor Councillor P Rigby – another meeting, Councillor Mrs Whitehead – other commitments, Councillor Mrs Foster – another meeting

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

2) Open Forum

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

Figures: for 01/05/2012 to 31/05/2012

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	22	3
Freckleton East	41	4
Lower Lane/The Mede	16	2

The figures show a total of 9 crimes recorded for the month of May 2012. The crimes for May 2012 are made up as follows; 5x theft, 2x burglaries, 1x assault and 1x criminal damage. This compares to a total of 19 crimes recorded for the same period last year.

Good news

Thankfully we have continued see a fall in the number of reports concerning youths drinking and congregating within the village, despite this we will continue to patrol the areas commonly used and endeavour to maintain the visibility by NHPT. The areas covered included are the Memorial Park, Goe Lane and the Rawstone Centre.

The area has also seen a significant fall in the amount of crimes recorded for the month of May, a reduction of over 50%. We will obviously aim to ensure this continues as best as we can.

20MPH Limits...

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 were 12x seatbelts, 8x mobile phone and 4x excess speed following a total of 26 vehicles/drivers spoken with throughout the month.

b) Public participation

A member of the public asked why the Olympic torch is not coming through Freckleton and is stopping at the roundabout between Warton and Freckleton. It was explained that the Parish Council have no input on the route of the Olympic torch.

Mr Porter who is carrying the Olympic torch in this area was present and confirmed that any residents who want to see or have a photograph taken with the torch can do so on the afternoon of the 23rd June at Freckleton Sports & Social Club from 2pm. Leaflets will be distributed to advertise this.

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.

Councillor Chambers declared an interest in item 15 – To Consider a response to the questions asked by the Charity Commission regarding the Frecklestone Project.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:

- a) **The Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2012**
- b) **The Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2012**
- c) **The Open Spaces meeting held on Monday 16th April 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.

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 consider a request from the Open Spaces committee to purchase new railings and posts to replace the existing ones around the Cenotaph stone – Quotation - £730

It was resolved to purchase the new railings and posts at a cost of £730.

d) To approve the signing of a new bank mandate to include the new Councillors signatures

The signing of the new bank mandate to include the new councillors was approved.

e) To consider whether the Audit Commission should continue to use the BDO LLP, external auditors for the next 5 years

It was resolved to continue to use the BDO LLP auditors

f) To consider making a donation to the Sue Ryder Fund

It was resolved to take no action.

7) To receive an update on whether the delegation of authority to committees, as approved at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May, is legal.

The Clerk confirmed that it is legal to delegate authority to committees under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was re-emphasized that the Council has resolved not to permit any Committee to make any financial decisions.

8) To consider whether to hold a public meeting on "Fracking"

It was resolved not to hold a meeting at this early stage.

9) To consider whether to hold future meetings at the Rawstorne centre, and if so, to consider purchasing new tables.

It was resolved not to hold future meetings at the Rawstorne centre for the time being, but this may be considered again at a later date.

10) To receive an update on the New Members Code of Conduct and the registration and disclosure of their interests

The Clerk explained that this is for information only at this stage. A new code of conduct is to be introduced early July, and all Councillors will have to accurately complete a new declaration of interest form.

11) To approve the signing of the legal documents for the purchase of the three pieces of Open

Spaces land and Tom Croft car park from FBC.

It was resolved to defer this item until the next meeting.

12) To consider whether cars should be parked on the football pitch to watch cricket matches.

It was resolved that no cars should park on the football pitch and grassed areas apart from special events such as Club Day and the marathon. In the first instance this should be self policed by the sections, if this is not effective the Council may decide to erect signage.

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

Cllr Greenhough attended the Rural Splash meeting. He reported that Rural Splash had made a loss of £12,000 last year, but within the last 6 months, since opening the gym, the organisation is starting to make money.

Cllr Robb reported that the Rawstone Centre is still not being cleaned properly after use by the cricket section. The cleaning of the Centre and the distribution of keys were discussed at the last meeting.

14) To consider the report suggesting a new boiler for the Rawstone Centre

The current boiler is not sufficient for the centre.

It was resolved that Councillor Rigby will do a specification of what is required, and the Clerk will then obtain 3 quotes for a new boiler to control hot water and heating separately.

15) To consider a response to the questions asked by the Charity Commission regarding the Frecklestone Project

Councillor Chambers gave an update on the progress so far. A survey will be conducted over the club day period.

16) To receive an update from the FBC councillors

Councillor Threlfall confirmed that the “In Bloom” work is well underway, and the judges will be visiting on July 23rd. Decorative urns will be situated around the village later in the week.

The orange cables laid to determine where shale gas can be accessed, will be laid in each area for approximately 3 weeks.

Councillor Fiddler reported that the new proposed residential development on BAE land would provide a new entrance to serve the Enterprise Zone and the new residential area.

In addition he informed the meeting that, with regards to Brades Lane, the “article 4 directive” has been turned down by FBC.

17) To consider commenting on the Order 201 (prohibition of U-Turn) on the A584, Preston New Road

It was resolved to make comment that the Parish Council strongly support the order.

18) To consider email previously sent to councillors of 8th May regarding “Public Rights of Way Maintenance”

It was resolved to ask County Councillor P Rigby at the next Council meeting to explain how LCC would like to proceed on this item.

19) To consider commenting on the Proposed Local Development Order relating to advanced Manufacturing and Engineering at the Enterprise Zone at BAE Systems.

Councillor Fiddler explained that this proposed local development order will do away with a lot of the bureaucracy concerning planning and make it easier for the new businesses to develop at the Enterprise Zone.

20) To consider whether to hold a meeting regarding “Circle of light – Fylde” with Christine Stringfellow

Councillor Chambers volunteered to contact Christine and report back to the Council with any points of interest.

21) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 2nd July 2012 in the Methodist Church hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Date.....2nd July 2012.....

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	May '12	To date		
Wages	£21,000	£1,726	£3,463	£17,537	16%
Insurance	£6,000	£67	£67	£5,934	1%
Stationery	£1,000		£217	£783	22%
Postage	£1,800	£140	£266	£1,534	15%
LAPTC	£600		£532	£68	89%
Audit fee	£650	£70	£70	£580	11%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	0%
Training	£100			£100	0%
Civic functions	£500	£154	£154	£346	31%
Election	£0				
Reserve	£700			£700	
equipment	£600			£600	0%
Grants	£3,500		£3,500	£0	100%
Section137	£420		£400	£20	95%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,600	£2,289	£3,963	£17,637	18%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£18,027	£1,229	£2,479	£15,548	14%
Cleansing	£6,500	£548	£1,060	£5,440	16%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£66	£484	£2,216	18%
Organisations	£9,000	£701	£3,345	£5,655	37%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£31	£73	£1,927	4%
Total	£96,797	£7,023	£20,070	£76,727	21%

Other Accounts May '12

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£0	£85	-£85
Bush lane Allotments	£817	£147	£670
Rawstorne centre	£5,448	£944	£4,504
Community Development	£3,807	£7,556	-£3,750
VAT	£1,639	£1,960	-£321
Total	£11,710	£10,693	£1,017

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Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	D/P	£1,011.34		£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5580	£336.08		£336.08
J Winstanley - salary	D/P	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses	D/P	£134.47		£134.47
Freeola - Web-site rental	D/D	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00
Came & Co	D/P	£25.00		£25.00
D scholes - Internal audit fees	5583	£70.00		£70.00
Methodist church - Hire of hall Jan - April '12	5584	£154.00		£154.00
NFU - annual subscriptions	D/D	£41.50		£41.50
Open Spaces Account				
Smalleys - service machinery	5588	£158.05	£26.34	£131.71
Grangeland Services - grass cutting, shrubs & borders	D/P	£830.00		£830.00
Grangeland Services - watering	D/P	£292.00		£292.00
Grangeland Services- litter picking	D/D	548.17		548.17
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£33.00	£1.57	£31.43
J Garlick - additional work	D/P	£66.00		£66.00
KM Armistead - Road tax for pick up van	D/P	£108.75		£108.75
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Woodys - Materials for FIB	D/P	£30.00	£5.00	£25.00
NFU - Insurnace for Tractors	D/P	£832.28		£832.28
NFU - Insurance for pick up	D/P	£671.90		£671.90
A & SM Singleton - Service cricket machinery	5581	£531.18	£88.53	£442.65
Road safety Services - Hire of barriers for club day	5582	£306.00	£51.00	£255.00
Townsend - Diesel & petrol	5590	£130.00	£21.67	£108.33
Rigby Taylor - materials for Bowling green	5592	£44.20	£6.80	£37.40
Donation from Bowling club	Cheque	-£34.00		-£34.00
Ribble fuels - red diesel	D/P	£430.24	£20.49	£409.75
Allotments				
Kwik Skip - Hire of skip for Croft Butts	D/P	£85.00	£14.17	£70.83
Bush lane - rent	cheque	-£98.00		-£98.00
Community Development Account				
Bannister Hall - Trees for Jubilee event	D/P	£421.24	£68.74	£352.50
Team Strides - Jubilee mugs		£1,224.64	£204.11	£1,020.53
Plaques for Diamond Jubilee & Dibbs pocket		£162.00	£27.00	£135.00
Natwest - bank charges		£0.42		£0.42
In-Trak - Hire of barriers		-£72.00	-£12.00	-£60.00
Club Day committee - donation for shoe bags		-£3,746.50		-£3,746.50
Logotek - shoe bags for cub day committee		£4,495.80	£749.30	£3,746.50

Rawstorne Centre

FBC - rates	£120.00		£120.00
ADT - annual service for Rawstorne Centre alarm	£537.92	£89.65	£448.27
UU - Water charges upto April '12	£70.45		£70.45
Cricket club - annual subscription (part)	-£300.00		-£300.00
Rawstorne centre - balance transfer	-£380.00		-£380.00
C Robb - cleaning materials	£96.17		£96.17
Club day committee - annual subscription	-£240.00		-£240.00
British Gas - Electricity	£80.01		£80.01
Total	£9,702.31	£1,363.56	£8,338.75