

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2012, in the Methodist hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs L Willis, (Chairman)

Mrs S Delany, Mrs M Foster, Mrs. M Whitehead, L Rigby, T Threlfall, St J Greenhough, D Chambers, C Robb, P Walton and T Fiddler,

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor Councillor P Rigby – other commitments

Councillor K McKay – not well

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

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update – Attended by PCSO Kate Heaton

Figures: for 01/07/2012 to 31/07/2012

| Location | Total Incidents | Total Crimes |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Freckleton West | 20 | 1 |
| Freckleton East | 32 | 2 |
| Lower Lane/The Mede | 13 | 1 |

The figures show a total of 4 crimes recorded for the month of July 2012. The crimes for July 2012 are made up as follows; 3x assaults and 1x fraud. This compares to a total of 16 crimes recorded for the same period last year.

Figures: for 01/08/2012 to 31/08/2012

| Location | Total Incidents | Total Crimes |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Freckleton West | 20 | 1 |
| Freckleton East | 55 | 3 |
| Lower Lane/The Mede | 27 | 3 |

The figures show a total of 7 crimes recorded for the month of August 2012. The crimes for August 2012 are made up as follows; 4x thefts, 2x assaults and 1x public order. This compares to a total of 15 crimes recorded for the same period last year, which again is a significant reduction in crime for the area.

Unfortunately we had a house party on Lower Lane which turned into a Public Order incident involving a number of people from both the Estate and elsewhere. Arrests have been made and enquiries are ongoing.

Please be vigilant when using the cash machines in the Village, we have had an incident whereby a device has been placed over the cash slot with a view to collect the money. This was seized before any money was obtained and sent for forensics, CCTV of possible offenders has also been obtained.

We have conducted a leaflet drop in the immediate area of the Allotments following the recent problems at the location; unfortunately no further info has been received as a result of this.

There are a large number of incidents for the Freckleton East Ward, however, this is almost solely due to calls to 999 from one address on a daily basis and sometimes in excess of 10 calls in a single day. Steps are being taken to address this matter in conjunction with other agencies.

Good news

Operation Pathway has again provided us with significant results. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by NHPT 12x seatbelts, 3x mobile phone, and 26x excess speed following a total of 54 vehicles/drivers spoken with throughout the month.

Speed Enforcement to be continued on A584 Preston New Rd between Freckleton and Clifton following numerous complaints of excess speed despite new 50MPH restriction. BAE have been contacted again regards staff from the site at Warton.

Operation Firecrest will run again this year following on from last year`s success targeting travelling criminals committing crime in rural areas of Lancashire. This will hopefully again increase Police visibility in the Freckleton area.

b) Public participation

A member of the public informed the Council that there had been reports of hare coursing on Clifton Marsh.

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.
Councillors Fiddler and Rigby declared an interest in the Cricket Club.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

- a) **The Open Spaces meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2012**
- b) **The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2012**
- c) **The Communications meeting held on Monday 9th July 2012**
- d) **The Fabrics meeting held on Monday 23rd July 2012**
- e) **The Extra Ordinary meeting held on Monday 6th August 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*

7) To consider the email regarding the Dog Control Order on Bush Lane

It was confirmed that the Dog Control Order on the bush lane sports field was still in force.
It was resolved to ask the Dog wardens, FBC, to monitor the Bush lane sports field and the Memorial park.

8) To consider the recommendations for promoting the more sport at the Rawstorne centre

A suggestion was made to enquire at YMCA as to whether this would be something they could get involved with.
Councillor Chambers volunteered to look into the suggestions made and report back to the Council.

9) To consider what action to take regarding items required by the Rawstorne Centre

It was resolved to look into the cost of obtaining a notice board, and a steel container or add on building for storage.
It was further resolved to obtain thumb screw locks for the building.

10) To review the procedures for Remembrance Sunday taking into account the suggestions

made by the Council's Chaplain

It was resolved to amend the procedures to include the Council's Chaplains suggestions.

11) To Consider the email regarding the removal of trees at the bottom of Balderstone Road

The Clerk provided the background on the removal of trees. Councillor Rigby was concerned that this had not come to a full Council meeting before a decision was made.

It was pointed out the Open Spaces committee would be reviewing the area with a view to re-landscaping it.

12) To consider a request to plant a tree in Freckleton Park in memory of Andy Davies

It was resolved that this matter should be referred to the next Open Spaces committee.

13) To consider whether the Parish Council should carry out the maintenance of the Open Spaces areas in Goe Lane

It was resolved that the Council would carry out minimum maintenance in this area including skimming nettles etc.

14) To consider further the Public Rights of Way Maintenance Scheme

The Clerk explained the information provided by LCC.

It was resolved to try the scheme.

15) To formally adopt the new Code of Conduct and complaints procedure

It was resolved that the new Code of Conduct be adopted by the Council. The Complaints procedure will be discussed at the next meeting

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

Councillor Fiddler held a meeting with LCC regarding the parking around Trinity Close area. It was agreed with LCC that the parking be changed to allow better access to Trinity Close particularly in times of emergencies.

17) To receive an update from the FBC councillors

There was nothing to report from the FBC councillors.

18) To consider commenting on the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Performance Action Plan 2012

The document was noted.

19) To consider the email regarding the consultation on the Sustainable Communities Act

The document was noted

20) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st October 2012 in the Methodist Church hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed.....Mrs. L Willis, Chairman.....

Date.....01/10/12.....

Schedule of payments July '12

| | Cheque No. | £ | VAT | Net of VAT |
|--|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Precept Account | | | | |
| KM Armistead - Salary | D/P | £1,011.34 | | £1,011.34 |
| PO ltd - Tax & N/I | 5599 | £340.91 | | £340.91 |
| J Winstanley - salary | D/P | £379.05 | | £379.05 |
| KM Armistead - expenses | 5611 | £89.31 | | £89.31 |
| C Robb - software | 5607 | £31.30 | | £31.30 |
| Open Spaces Account | | | | |
| Grangeland Services - grass cutting | D/P | £830.00 | | £830.00 |
| Grangeland Services watering | D/P | £292.00 | | £292.00 |
| Grangeland Services- litter picking | D/P | £548.17 | | £548.17 |
| Scottish power - electricity charges | D/d | £33.00 | | £33.00 |
| Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders | D/D | £2,500.00 | | £2,500.00 |
| Rigby Taylor - materials for Bowling club | 5600 | £216.00 | £36.00 | £180.00 |
| Kwik Skip - Skips for Club day & Jubilee | 5602 | £340.00 | £56.67 | £283.33 |
| Portable Conveniences - Hire of toilets for club day | 5603 | £1,524.00 | £254.00 | £1,270.00 |
| Chubb - Storeroom annual contract | 5604 | £119.90 | £19.98 | £99.92 |
| Window doctor - Locks & keys for Rawstorne centre | 5605 | £210.00 | | £210.00 |
| Balmers - repair to John Deere | 5606 | £987.64 | £164.61 | £823.03 |
| P Smith ltd - Hanging baskets | 5608 | £1,800.00 | £300.00 | £1,500.00 |
| L Quirke - security Club day | 5609 | £300.00 | | £300.00 |
| NWP - New Urns | 5610 | £720.00 | £120.00 | £600.00 |
| Steve Gorton - light bulbs for Cenotaph | 5612 | £15.94 | | £15.94 |
| Sports Systems - Equipment for club day | 5613 | £1,824.00 | £304.00 | £1,520.00 |
| BAC - playground donation | Cheque No | -£10.15 | | -£10.15 |
| Bowling Club - donation for materials | cheque | -£180.00 | | -£180.00 |
| Club day committee - donation for equipment | cheque | -£1,520.00 | | -£1,520.00 |
| Woodys - materials for Borders & FIB | 5615 | £375.35 | £54.78 | £320.57 |
| Towsends - diesel | 5616 | £192.41 | £32.07 | £160.34 |
| WEFS ltd - repairs to heaters in Guide hut | 5617 | £90.50 | £15.08 | £75.42 |
| Divine signs - FIB Signs | 5623 | £132.00 | £22.00 | £110.00 |
| FIB donations for Plants & materials | cheque | -£1,219.70 | | -£1,219.70 |
| J Garlick - extra watering | 5618 | £195.25 | | £195.25 |
| Smalleys - hire of hand mower | 5619 | £97.32 | £16.22 | £81.10 |
| Club day committee - donation for portaloos | cheque | -£200.00 | | -£200.00 |
| Window doctor - Repair to Rawstorne centre doors | 5620 | £425.00 | | £425.00 |
| Cartmells - summer plants | 5621 | £4,270.57 | £711.76 | £3,558.81 |
| Cleveleys sheds - Disabled shelter for Bowling green | 5622 | £1,020.00 | £170.00 | £850.00 |
| Ribble fuels - Red diesel | 5624 | £419.74 | £19.99 | £399.75 |
| Allotments | | | | |
| Bush lane -water charges | 5625 | £60.84 | | £60.84 |
| Community Development Account | | | | |
| UU - Donation for Diamond jubilee display | cheque | -£500.00 | | -£500.00 |
| Natwest - refund of bank charges | D/P | -£1.11 | | -£1.11 |

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|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Intrak - Hire of barriers | D/P | -£45.00 | -£7.50 | -£37.50 |
| Rawstorne Centre | | | | |
| Cricket - subscriptions | cheque | -£100.00 | | -£100.00 |
| FBC - | | | | |
| Rates | D/D | £120.00 | | £120.00 |
| Rowlands & Hames - Insurance | 5614 | £450.00 | | £450.00 |
| BT - land line & calls - | | | | |
| alarm | D/d | £47.22 | £7.87 | £39.35 |
| talk talk - land line & broadband | D/D | £42.53 | £7.09 | £35.44 |
| UU -water charges | D/D | £69.24 | | £69.24 |
| UU -water charges | D/D | £74.24 | | £74.24 |
| talk talk - land line & broadband | D/D | £22.60 | £3.77 | £18.83 |
| Warton Typhoons - subscriptions | cheque | -£150.00 | | -£150.00 |
| Warton Typhoons - Hire of room | cheque | -£20.00 | | -£20.00 |
| VAT | | | | |
| HM Customs - VAT | | | | |
| Refund | | -£1,332.10 | | -£1,332.10 |
| Total | | £16,939.31 | £2,308.38 | £14,630.93 |

Schedule of payments Aug '12

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|--|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Precept | | | | |
| KM Armistead - Salary | 5628 | £1,011.34 | | £1,011.34 |
| PO ltd - Tax & N/I | 5630 | £340.91 | | £340.91 |
| J Winstanley - salary | 5629 | £379.05 | | £379.05 |
| KM Armistead - expenses | 5635 | £135.33 | | £135.33 |
| Freeola - website rental | dd | £7.20 | £1.20 | £6.00 |
| Standard print - Printing Newsletter | 5638 | £160.00 | | £160.00 |
| Open Spaces Account | | | | |
| Scottish power - electricity charges | D/D | £33.00 | | £33.00 |
| Grangeland Services - grass cutting | 5526p | £830.00 | | £830.00 |
| Grangeland Services | | | | |
| watering | 5526p | £292.00 | | £292.00 |
| Grangeland Services- litter picking | 5526p | £548.17 | | £548.17 |
| Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders | 5627 | £650.00 | | £650.00 |
| Battersby - cricket | | | | |
| materials | 5631 | £256.50 | £30.00 | £226.50 |
| Balmers - repair to John Deere Tractor | 5636 | £158.21 | £26.37 | £131.84 |
| Bowling club - Donation towards disabled hut | cheque | -£50.00 | | -£50.00 |
| Woodys - Materials | 5637 | £189.89 | £31.65 | £158.24 |
| Smalleys - Hire of mower | 5639 | £83.16 | £13.86 | £69.30 |
| Townsend's - petrol & Tyre | 5640 | £276.71 | £46.12 | £230.59 |
| SMS - repair to John Deere | 5642 | £54.00 | £9.00 | £45.00 |
| Allotments | | | | |
| PO Ltd - Croft Butts Water | 5632 | £104.58 | | £104.58 |
| Community Development Account | | | | |
| Webster's - New hand | | | | £0.00 |
| mower | 5641 | £560.00 | £93.33 | £466.67 |
| Bankline refund | D/D | -£28.00 | | -£28.00 |
| Bankline - charges | D/D | £29.48 | | £29.48 |
| Rawstorne Centre | | | | |
| British Gas - electric | | £386.85 | £64.48 | £322.38 |
| FBC - | | | | |
| Rates | | £120.00 | | £120.00 |
| UU - Water charges | | £108.45 | | £108.45 |
| UU -water charges | | £74.24 | | £74.24 |
| British Gas - gas | | £229.45 | £10.93 | £218.52 |

BT - land line & calls -

alarm

£47.22 £7.87 £39.35

talk talk - land line & broadband

£22.71 £3.79 £18.93

Total

£7,010.45 £338.58 £6,671.87

Precept Account July '12

| Budget | | Expenditure | | Balance | Percentage used |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Headings | Allocation | July '12 | To date | Outstanding | |
| Wages | £21,000 | £1,731 | £6,925 | £14,075 | 33% |
| Insurance | £6,000 | £0 | £67 | £5,934 | 1% |
| Stationery | £1,000 | £0 | £217 | £783 | 22% |
| Postage | £1,800 | £89 | £506 | £1,294 | 28% |
| LAPTC | £600 | £0 | £532 | £68 | 89% |
| Audit fee | £650 | £0 | £70 | £580 | 11% |
| Chair Allow | £100 | £0 | £100 | £0 | 100% |
| Training | £100 | £0 | £0 | £100 | 0% |
| Civic functions | £500 | £0 | £154 | £346 | 31% |
| Election | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | |
| Reserve | £700 | £0 | £0 | £700 | |
| equipment | £600 | £31 | £31 | £569 | 5% |
| Grants | £3,500 | £0 | £3,500 | £0 | 100% |
| Section137 | £420 | £0 | £400 | £20 | 95% |
| Open Spaces Account | | | £0 | £0 | |
| Grass cutting & shrub borders | £21,600 | £2,134 | £6,959 | £14,641 | 32% |
| FIB - Bedding out & Watering | £18,027 | £8,017 | £13,827 | £4,200 | 77% |
| Cleansing | £6,500 | £548 | £2,156 | £4,344 | 33% |
| Maintaining Buildings | £2,700 | £826 | £1,310 | £1,390 | 49% |
| Organisations | £9,000 | £2,493 | £5,838 | £3,162 | 65% |
| Electric & rates | £2,000 | £33 | £139 | £1,861 | 7% |
| Total | £96,797 | £15,904 | £42,730 | £54,067 | 44% |

Other Accounts July '12

| Account | Income | Expenditure | Balance |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Croft Butts lane Allotments | £0 | £85 | -£85 |
| Bush lane Allotments | £835 | £208 | £627 |
| Rawstorne centre | £5,718 | £2,060 | £3,658 |
| Community Development | £10,261 | £8,649 | £1,612 |
| VAT | £2,971 | £3,897 | -£926 |
| Total | £19,784 | £14,898 | £4,886 |

Precept Account August '12

| Budget | | Expenditure | | Balance | Percentage |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Headings | Allocation | August '12 | To date | Outstanding | used |
| Wages | £21,000 | £1,731 | £8,657 | £12,344 | 41% |
| Insurance | £6,000 | £0 | £67 | £5,934 | 1% |
| Stationery | £1,000 | £160 | £377 | £623 | 38% |
| Postage | £1,800 | £141 | £647 | £1,153 | 36% |
| LAPTC | £600 | £0 | £532 | £68 | 89% |
| Audit fee | £650 | £0 | £70 | £580 | 11% |
| Chair Allow | £100 | £0 | £100 | £0 | 100% |
| Training | £100 | £0 | £0 | £100 | 0% |
| Civic functions | £500 | £0 | £154 | £346 | 31% |
| Election | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | |
| Reserve | £700 | £0 | £0 | £700 | |
| equipment | £600 | £0 | £31 | £569 | 5% |
| Grants | £3,500 | £0 | £3,500 | £0 | 100% |
| Section137 | £420 | £0 | £400 | £20 | 95% |
| Open Spaces Account | | | | | |
| Grass cutting & shrub borders | £21,600 | £1,234 | £8,193 | £13,407 | 38% |
| FIB - Bedding out & Watering | £18,027 | £1,173 | £14,999 | £3,028 | 83% |
| Cleansing | £6,500 | £548 | £2,704 | £3,796 | 42% |
| Maintaining Buildings | £2,700 | £0 | £1,310 | £1,390 | 49% |
| Organisations | £9,000 | £177 | £6,015 | £2,985 | 67% |
| Electric & rates | £2,000 | £34 | £173 | £1,827 | 9% |
| Total | £96,797 | £5,198 | £47,928 | £48,869 | 50% |

Other Accounts August '12

| Account | Income | Expenditure | Balance |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Croft Butts lane Allotments | £0 | £190 | -£190 |
| Bush lane Allotments | £835 | £208 | £627 |
| Rawstorne centre | £5,718 | £2,965 | £2,753 |
| Community Development | £10,289 | £9,145 | £1,144 |
| VAT | £2,971 | £4,232 | -£1,261 |
| Total | £19,812 | £16,740 | £3,073 |