

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2013, in the Methodist hall.

Present: Councillor Mrs L Willis, (Chairman)

Mrs. M Whitehead, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough, L Rigby, K McKay and C Robb.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs S Delany (holiday) and T Threlfall (another meeting)

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

County Councillor P Rigby (another meeting)

2) Open Forum

a) **Police Update** – attended by PCSO Kate Heaton.

Figures: for 05/03/2012 to 02/04/2012

Last year

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	27	5
Freckleton East	52	11
Lower Lane/The Mede	21	8

The figures show a total of 24 crimes recorded for the month of March 2012.

Figures: for 05/03/2013 to 02/04/2013

This year

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	7	0
Freckleton East	38	2
Lower Lane/The Mede	7	2

The figures show a total of 4 crimes recorded for the month of February 2013, this is compared to 24 Crimes for the same period of last year.

The crimes for January 2013 are made up as follows Burglary, Drugs, Criminal Damage and Theft. 3 out of the 4 crimes from this month have named offenders and they are currently being dealt with for that offence.

As a neighbourhood team we are urgently asking that you please bear in mind the recent crime of Burglary/theft of vehicle from “The Mede”. The MO for this offence and many recent offences on Fylde area is to try door handles and look for insecurities. Some criminals will try over 300+ door handles a night looking for insecurities. Please don't give these criminals any opportunity. Lock all your doors and windows whenever possible and keep car keys out of public view.

Good News – CID have recently identified 2 offenders for 2 separate offences of burglary in Freckleton. Both offenders have been dealt with at court for these offences. A lot of work from Blackpool CID and the Forensic team has resulted in such a fantastic result with both victims claiming back there stolen property.

b) Public participation

A member of the public requested that the Annual assembly minutes be approved at the May meeting rather than in 12 months time.

It was agreed that the minutes would be approved in May.

3) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

There were no declarations of interest.

4) To read and approve the minutes of the following meeting:

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2013
- b) The Communications committee meeting held on Monday 18th March 2013

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 making donations to Various organizations

It was resolved to make the following donations:

Air Ambulance - £200

The Fylde Hospice - £200

Freckleton Bowling Club - £1,700

Rural Splash - £2,000

d) To Consider the revised rates for the LCC grass cutting contract for 2013

It was resolved to accept the revised contract amount of £3,331.60 for cutting the LCC grass areas within the village.

e) To Consider the invoice received from Lancashire Playing Fields Associated

It was resolved to pay the annual subscription of £17 to the Lancashire Playing Fields association.

f) To consider the following recommendations from the Open Spaces Committee:

1) To create three bays (for grass, plants and shrubs) in the waste storage area so that the materials can be recycled on site.

The Clerk reported that an estimate would be obtained once the existing green waste had been removed.

2) To upgrade the two borders, on the north side of the Tom Croft car park, (levelled, tidied up and chippings laid to prevent weed growing). In addition, the same action is taken with the border, on the east side of the entrance to the car park.

It was resolved to accept the quotation from Golden leaf of £1,050.

3) To remove the flags, old benches and the stands for the litterbins on the Greenacres Open spaces site. To re-site the new seat to the front of the area and the remainder of the area is grassed over

It was resolved to accept the quotation from Golden leaf of £1,200.

4) To remove the bushes, behind the two seats on the North side of Lytham Road.

It was resolved to accept the quotation from Golden leaf of £200.

5) To install a planter adjacent to the slip road, near the roundabout, to stop cars driving over the grass verge

It was resolved to accept the quotation of £385.

6) To plant 20 bushes to replace the ones removed on the Open Spaces area on Balderstone Road.

The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation of £100, but the bushes were not of an acceptable height.

Councillor Greenhough agreed to obtain another quote for bushes of a more acceptable height.

7. To Consider co-opting two people to fill the Council vacancies

It was resolved that the two Council vacancies should be advertised.

8. To Consider and approve the reports for the Risk Assessment proposals

It was resolved that the Risk assessment, previously circulated, should be approved.

9. To Consider the requests from FIB

a) For the installation of a Notice board near the library.

The Clerk reported that FIB would stand the costs of the notice board.

It was resolved to approve the installation of a notice board on the Open spaces area opposite the Library.

b) Repair the bench on the corner of Balderstone road.

It was resolved that the bench should be repaired

c) To move the bird bath in the Cenotaph gardens

The Clerk reported that FIB would stand the cost of moving the bird bath.

It was resolved that the bird bath could moved.

d) To install signage at the western edge of the Village.

It was resolved that the design of the signage and the area where it is to located should be investigated by the Open Spaces committee and then to report back to Council.

10. To Consider commenting on the Revocation of Warton Area / 1952 Order

It was resolved not to make comment on the Order.

11. To Consider commenting on the application for Heavy Goods Vehicle Operator`s Licence

It was resolved this application should be referred to the Planning Committee.

12. To consider a response to the Consultation documents from LCC regarding Minerals and waste Local plan.

It was resolved not to comment on the document.

**13. To receive an update from meetings held with other Organisations and Bodies
BAE Liaison meeting**

It was reported that progress was being made with the Enterprise Zone and orders have been received for new planes.

14. To receive an update from the FBC councillors.

It was reported that the Fylde new Local plan, upto 2030, has now been completed.

15. To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Council meeting should be held on Monday 13th May 2013, starting at 6:30 pm and followed by the Full Council meeting.

Signed..... ..St J Greenhough, Chairman.....

Date.....13/05/13.....

Schedule of	Mar-13	Appendix A		
	Cheque	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5756	£1,130.27		£1,130.27
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5758	£391.24		£391.24
J Winstanley - salary	5757	£284.29		£284.29
KM Armistead -	5761	£127.71		£127.71
Freeola- internet rental	D/D	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
DR Design - Printing	5770	£95.00		£95.00
Transfer to Community Dev. Account	transfer	£700.00		£700.00
Methodist Church - Hire	5762	£70.00		£70.00
Open Spaces Account				
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	5755p	£830.00		£830.00
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Grangeland Services- litter picking	5755p	£548.17		£548.17
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£24.00		£24.00
M Garner - tree work in	5759	£600.00	£100.00	£500.00
Golden Leaf - maintain borders as per	5760	£1,200.00		£1,200.00
J Garlick - Ignition key for Pickup	5763	£25.00	£4.17	£20.83
J Rayton - Repair Cenotaph lights	5764	£50.00		£50.00
Steve Gorton - Bulbs for Cenotaph lights	5765	£21.40		£21.40
Gary Parker - repairs to Rawstorne centre	5766	£1,635.00		£1,635.00
Townsend's - Petrol &	5767	£194.01	£32.34	£161.67
Smalleys - service	5768	£20.22	£3.37	£16.85
Bowling club - donation	cheque	-£24.00		-£24.00
Golden Leaf - maintain borders as per	5769	£600.00		£600.00
LCC - PRW - opt in	D/P	-£140.00		-£140.00
Community Development Account				
Transfer from Precept	transfer	-£700.00		-£700.00
Goodwins - repair to car -cheque not	D/P	-£314.40		-£314.40
Threfall Electric - New flood lights - lost	D/P	-£490.92	-£81.82	-£409.10
Rawstorne Centre				
British Gas - Rawstorne	D/D	£28.31	£1.35	£26.96
AWS electric & pool	cash	-£50.60		-£50.60
Total		£7,157.50	£61.20	£7,096.30

Headings	Budget	Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
	Allocation	Mar-13	To date		
Wages	£21,000	£1,806	£21,074	-£74	100%
Insurance	£6,000		£4,782	£1,218	80%
Stationery	£1,000	£95	£728	£272	73%
Postage	£1,800	£137	£1,504	£296	84%
LAPTC	£600		£532	£68	89%
Audit fee	£650		£620	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100			£100	0%
Civic functions	£500	£70	£718	-£218	144%
Election	£0			£0	
Reserve	£700	£700	£700	£0	
equipment	£600		£31	£569	5%
Grants	£3,500		£3,500	£0	100%
Section137	£420		£480	-£60	114%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,600	£3,165	£19,780	£1,820	92%
Bedding out & Watering	£18,027	£292	£23,303	-£5,276	129%
Cleansing	£6,500	£548	£6,972	-£472	107%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£1,706	£4,299	-£1,599	159%
Organisations	£9,000		£7,784	£1,216	86%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£24	£585	£1,415	29%
Total	£96,797	£8,543	£97,492	-£695	100%
Precept total	£36,970		£34,769	£2,201	94%
Open Spaces total	£59,827		£62,864	-£3,037	105%

Other Accounts Mar-13

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£695.00	£239.49	£455.51
Bush lane Allotments	£834.50	£309.40	£525.10
Rawstorne Centre	£6,884.27	£5,103.79	£1,780.48
Community Development	£4,790.21	£19,340.99	-£14,550.78
Memorial park - playground	£10,000.00		£10,000.00
Tom Croft Car park			£0.00
Open spaces	£3,600.00		£3,600.00
VAT	£8,866.86	£8,308.63	£558.23
Total	£35,670.84	£33,302.31	£2,368.53