

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2013, in the Methodist hall.

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. G Cowell, Mrs. J Cartmell, T Fiddler, L Rigby, K McKay, C Robb, and P Walton.

County Councillor P Rigby

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor, T Threlfall, (other work)

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

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update – attended by PCSO.

Figures: for 02/09/2012 to 07/10/2012

Last year

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	21	2
Freckleton East	31	3
Lower Lane/The Mede	12	3

The figures show a total of **8** crimes recorded for the month of September 2012.

Figures: for 02/09/2013 to 07/10/2013

This year

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	21	2
Freckleton East	30	1
Lower Lane/The Mede	27	2

The figures show a total of 5 crimes recorded for the month of September 2013, this is compared to 8 Crimes for the same period of last year.

The crimes for October 2013 are made up as follows

Criminal Damage x2 (1 cannot be discussed), Theft, Assault and Burglary.

Theft relates to a mobile phone being delivered to an Address on Lower Lane and being signed for by somebody who wasn't the intended recipient. This has now been reported to the police as a theft.

Assault relates to children on Lower Lane becoming involved in a fight and one has become injured and reported an assault to the police. – Offender dealt with.

Burglary relates to a shed being broken into in the village and items being stolen from within that shed.

Criminal damage relates to damage being caused to a window of a residential property in the village.

b) Public Participation

There was a lengthy discussion, with some of the tenants of the allotments, on the reasons for the decisions made by the Open Spaces committee.

It was then resolved that item 8 on the agenda should be brought forward for debate. – see item 8 below for the action taken

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

All Councillors, as Landlords and Trustees, declared an interest in the Rawstorne Centre and the Bush lane allotments.

Councillors Mrs. L Willis declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 8 – “to consider what action to take regarding the existing tenants that stable/graze horses on the Bush lane allotments”.

Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 6.c – “Tree felling on the Hawthorns and Balderstone road”.

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

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2013

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.

6) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

It was resolved that the accounts should be approved – see Appendix A

b) Monthly budget statements

The statements were noted – see Appendix B

c) To consider the estimates for tree felling on the Croft Butts allotments (£1750), the Hawthorns and the park.

It was resolved to accept the quotation for £1,750 for felling four trees on the Croft Butts Allotments.

Councillors Mrs. J Cartmell left the room

It was further resolved to accept the quotation of £230 for removing dead trees on the Hawthorns and Balderstone road.

It was further resolves to accept the quotation of £15 per hour for the removal of ivy and brambles from the borders in the park. The work and costs will be monitored by the Open Spaces Chairman.

Councillors Mrs. J Cartmell returned to the room

d) To consider a request from Freckleton in Bloom for Financial support towards the costs of attending the Award presentation ceremony in Cleethorpes.

It was resolved that £250 should be paid from the Robert Rawstorne trust fund.

7. To receive an update from Councillor Fiddler on the Frecklestone project.

Councillor Fiddler gave a brief summary of the fund raising that had been undertaken by the project team and indicated at the last meeting it was agreed that it was unrealistic to expect the project to raise sufficient funds for the new multi-purpose building. The Project team had agreed that the monies raised should be put towards the improvement of the existing facilities at the Rawstorne Centre. He stated that Louise Tidesdale, from “plan4sport”, had attended the meeting and she had reported that the AWS surface was not up to the required standard and she would be able to assist in ideas for improving the building.

Councillor Fiddler suggested that the Council, as Landlords, should be more involved in the development of the Centre.

It was resolved to invite Louise to the next meeting to give the Council an update on her ideas for the development of the Centre.

8. To consider what action to take regarding the existing tenants that stable/graze horses on the Bush lane allotments

It was resolved to defer this item and arrange a meeting with all the tenants of the Bush lane allotments and the members of the full Council.

9. To consider a suggestion from a member of the public, at last month's meeting, that future meetings should be held at the Rawstone Centre.

It was reported that the lighting would have to be improved and new table and chairs would be needed.

It was resolved to defer this decision until the costs of new light, table and chairs were obtained.

10. To consider a request that notices should be erected in the Rose garden indicating that it is a "no play area".

It was resolved that two notices should be erected on the entrances to the Rose gardens.

It was suggested that the main problem in the park was dog fouling in all the play areas. It was suggested that this should be discussed at next Council meeting.

11. To consider a request for a blue plaque to be erected in the Village to commemorate the First World War.

It was resolved to erect a blue plaque, in memory of the World war one, in the Cenotaph.

It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain more information.

12. To consider the emails from LCC Highways regarding the parking problems outside the Co-op and the shops on Kirkham road/Preston Old road.

It was resolved to ask the Police to monitor the illegal parking outside the Co-op.

It was further resolved to support the suggestion from LCC to erect smaller diameter bollards for the footway on Kirkham road.

13. To review the procedures for Remembrance Sunday service.

It was resolved that the procedures would be same as last year and the Councillor Mrs. Delany would organise the procession and Councillors Mrs. Willis and P Walton would organise the places in the Cenotaph for the groups in the procession.

14. To receive an update from meetings held with other Organisations and Bodies

The following updates, previously circulated, were noted:-

a) BAE liaison meeting.

15. To receive an update from the FBC councillors.

Councillor Fiddler reported that the FBC team was available to help the Friends of the Memorial park with its Project to revamp the park.

It was resolved to ask the representatives from the Friends of the Park to attend the next meeting to give an update of the progress made and to see if the Council could assist them.

16. To agree the date of the next meeting

The Clerk reported that the planned date of Monday 4th November 2013 clashed with a meeting being organized by FBC, to receive an update from BAE system.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on next available date in the week commencing Monday 4th November 2013. The Clerk agreed to check the bookings.

Signed.....ST J Greenhough, Chairman.....

Date.....06/11/13.....

Schedule of payments

September '13

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5900	£1,130.27		£1,130.27
PO ltd - Tax &	5902	£388.89		£388.89
J Winstanley -	5901	£284.29		£284.29
KM Armistead -	5899	£124.03		£124.03
Freeola - website	dd	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
FBC - Precept	D/P	-£49,800.00		-£49,800.00
Methodist hall - hire of	5906	£42.00		£42.00
Staples - new accountancy software	5910	£88.99	£14.83	£74.16
Open Spaces Account				
Golden leaf -	5904p	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	5904p	£2,220.00		£2,220.00
Golden leaf -	5904p	£405.00		£405.00
Golden leaf	5904p	£817.00		£817.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£27.00		£27.00
Townsend -	5903	£142.08	£23.68	£118.40
FBC - Playground	D/P	£954.62		£954.62
R Cartmell -	5905	£50.00		£50.00
Woodys -	59047	£2.98	£0.50	£2.48
FIB - contribution to watering &	cheque	-£567.00		-£567.00
Balmers - belt for	5908	£140.33	£23.39	£116.94
SMS - put up new Cricket protection	5909	£210.00	£35.00	£175.00
Leeming associates - printing for FIB	5911	£30.00	£5.00	£25.00
Bannister hall -	5912	£118.17	£19.70	£98.48
FBC - bus shelter cleaning grant	D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00
Community Development Account				
Rawstorne				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric		£234.24	£39.04	£195.20
Subscriptions cricket & Frecklestone &		-£910.00		-£910.00
UU - surface water & drainage charge		£11.28		£11.28
C Robb - Materials		£16.74		£16.74
CNG - gas		£160.26	£8.55	£151.71
Total		-£42,948.03	£171.48	-£43,119.51

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Sept '13	To date		
Wages	£22,500	£1,803	£10,821	£11,679	48%
Insurance	£5,000	£0	£67	£4,934	1%
Stationery	£1,000	£0	£395	£605	39%
Postage	£1,800	£133	£1,035	£765	58%
LAPTC	£550	£0	£614	£64	112%
Audit fee	£650	£0	£470	£180	72%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Civic functions	£500	£42	£224	£276	45%
Election	£70	£0	£70	£0	
Reserve	£1,200	£0	£0	£1,200	
equipment	£300	£74	£74	£226	25%
Grants	£2,500	£0	£2,500	£0	100%
Section137	£480	£0	£400	£80	83%
Open Spaces Account			£0		
Grass cutting & shrub	£16,760	£1,117	£8,082	£8,678	48%
Bedding out & Watering	£24,400	£2,432	£16,896	£7,504	69%
Cleansing	£7,080	£405	£2,536	£4,544	36%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£52	£2,511	£189	93%
Organisations	£9,710	£1,130	£8,171	£1,539	84%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£27	£1,595	£605	72%
Total	£99,600	£7,216	£56,561	£43,039	57%

Other Accounts Sept '13

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£0	£305	£-305
Bush lane Allotments		£755	£193	£562
Rawstone Centre		£8,720	£2,762	£5,958
Community Development		£3,149	£14,179	£-11,030
Memorial park -	£15,275			£15,275
Tom Croft Car park	£5,274			£5,274
Open spaces -capital	£6,932			£6,932
VAT		£3,826	£5,693	£-1,867
Total	£27,481	£16,450	£23,131	£20,799