

## Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014, in the Rawstorne Centre.

**Present:** Councillor L Rigby, (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs. L Willis, T Threlfall, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough, Mrs S Delany, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. G Cowell, Mrs. J Cartmell, C Robb and K McKay.

**1) To accept Apologies for Absence.**

Councillors P Walton (on holiday)

It was resolved to accept the reason for absence.

**2) Open Forum**

a) **Police Update** – attended by Sgt. Andy Hill and a colleague

**Freckleton Crime Figures**

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	13	0
Freckleton East	29	1
Lower Lane/The Mede	15	1

The figures show a total of 2 crimes recorded for the month of June 2014.

The crimes for July 2014 are made up as follows:

**Assault** – 16/06 Assault occurred within the village. Domestic related. Offender named and being dealt with by police for this offence.

**Vehicle crime** – Car damaged on lower lane. Youth dealt with by the police for this offence. Positive outcome

Great news ☺

Community Road Watch conducted on Lytham Road Freckleton. Over 150 vehicles passed the check point and 15+ to be sent letters due to their speed.

Councillor Threlfall expressed concern about the lack of Policing of the Club day procession.

Councillor Fiddler stated that he had received an email from the Chief Executive of FBC indicating that FBC would have supported the road closure if the police and LCC had not objected. In addition, the police had indicated that they would support the Kirkham procession this year, but no others.

It was agreed to ask Inspector Thackeray Scott to attend the next Council meeting.

**b) Public Participation**

Two representatives from the Bowling club expressed concern at not being able to park in the yard outside the storeroom. This would be dealt with under item 7 below.

Concern was expressed at the pot holes on the Kirkham road end of Goa lane. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Open Spaces committee.

It was pointed out that there was a discrepancy between the Fracking report, produced by DECC and a report produced in America. This does not come under the remit of the Parish Council and it was suggested that it should be referred to LCC, as they are dealing with the Planning applications.

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

All Councillors, as landlords of the Band room and Scout and Guide huts declared an interest in item 6.c & 6.d – repairs to buildings.

Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell declared an interest in item 7. Parking in the yard outside the storeroom.

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

- a) The Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014
- b) The Planning committee meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- c) The Open Spaces committee meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014
- d) The Communications committee meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5) To review the Clerk's report**

The contents were noted.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chief Executive of the Office of Rail Regulation in support of Mark Menzies suggestion for a park and ride facility at Kirkham station, to support the new rail link between Blackpool north and London.

The Council supports the request from Reg Kippax to install a de-fribulator adjacent to the Noticeboard, in memory of his wife who recently died on the bowling green.

**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 repairs to the band room and Scout hut doors.**

It was resolved to accept the estimate of £1,285 + vat, for the repair/replace the doors at the band room and scout hut.

**d) To consider the estimates for repairs to the band room, Scout hut and Guide hut.**

The Chairman of Fabrics reported that she had yet received the estimate for this work.

**7) To receive an update on the meeting with the Bowling Club regarding the complaint about parking in the yard outside the storeroom.**

The Clerk reported that he and the Vice Chairman had held a meeting with the Bowling club committee and it had been agreed that they would not park in the yard. Also, it was agreed that the Contractor should be instructed not to block in any cars that are inadvertently parked in the yard.

In view of the concerns expressed in the public participation section, it was agreed that this should be referred to the Open Spaces committee.

**8) To consider whether to respond to the email from Singleton Parish Council**

The Clerk reported that Singleton PC were suggesting that this be discussed at the next Parish liaison meeting in order that all Parish Councils are made aware of the problems that it had experienced with the anti-frackers.

It was resolved that the Council would support this being discussed at the Parish liaison meeting.

In addition, it was resolved that the Council's report, on the issues raised at the public meeting, should be circulated to all Parishes as it may help to resolve issues raised with them.

**9) To consider the request to pay for a referendum**

The Chairman stated that he would like to hold a referendum to make Freckleton a fracking free area.

The Clerk reported that the Council has already made a statement, in the report produced in February 2014, that there are no plans for Fracking to take place in or near Freckleton in the foreseeable future. A referendum would have to be funded from the Precept account and would

cost around £4,000. The Parish Council has no powers to act on the decisions of a referendum on fracking.

The Chairman of Finance reported that no funds were available from this year's Precept budget and if the referendum was approved it would have to take place and be funded with next year's Precept budget.

It was resolved not to pay for a referendum.

**10)To consider the request to support the right for Parish Council's to sell electricity.**

The information was noted.

**11)To review the LCC's proposals for a new method for assessing subsidised local bus services**

It was resolved to respond indicating that the Council does not agree with the method of assessing subsidized local bus services.

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

Councillor Mrs. Delany reported that the Club day committee was pleased with this year's Club day and the ½ marathon. In addition, they have agreed to paint the container green and share the costs of the new fencing. They were disappointed at the number of chairs that had initially been delivered. Councillor Threlfall indicated that he had sorted out this problem.

**13)To receive an update from the FBC councillors.**

Councillor Threlfall stated that there would be an exhibition, on the plans for re-vamping the memorial park play area, to be held in the Village hall, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. He requested all the Councillors to attend the meeting.

Councillor Fiddler stated that the first 2 businesses have been set up in the Enterprise zone.

**14)To agree the date of the next meeting**

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014, starting at 7:00 pm.

Signed.....L Rigby, Chairman.....

Date.....01/09/14.....

		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
<b>Precept Account</b>					
02/06/2014	KM Armistead - Salary	6066	£1,141.47		£1,141.47
02/06/2014	PO ltd - Tax & N/I	6068	£388.39		£388.39
02/06/2014	J Winstanley - salary	6067	£284.29		£284.29
02/06/2014	KM Armistead - expenses	6072	£123.30		£123.30
06/06/2014	Freeola - internet rental charge	D/D	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
02/06/2014	Scottish power - electricity charges	D/d	£25.00		£25.00
02/06/2014	Golden leaf - grass cutting	6075p	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
02/06/2014	Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	6075p	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
02/06/2014	Golden leaf - litter picking	6075p	£405.00		£405.00
02/06/2014	K Armistead- Signs Store & compound	6070	£76.95	£12.81	£64.14
02/06/2014	Sidlanco Textiles - flags for club day	6073	£3,748.50	£624.75	£3,123.75
11/06/2014	Portable conveniences - loos club day	6078	£1,536.00	£256.00	£1,280.00
02/06/2014	Ashton Plant Centre - Hanging baskets	6074	£1,134.00	£189.00	£945.00
02/06/2014	Golden leaf - return bench & planters	6075p	£30.00		£30.00
02/06/2014	R Cartmell - additional work	6076	£119.00		£119.00
11/06/2014	Townsend - diesel	6081	£120.95	£20.16	£100.79
02/06/2014	Club day committee - donation flags	cheque	-£3,123.75		-£3,123.75
11/06/2014	Team Strides - Materials for club day	6077	£959.22	£159.87	£799.35
11/06/2014	Woodys - materials	6080	£177.83	£29.64	£148.19
11/06/2014	Club day committee - donation	cheque	-£799.35		-£799.35
11/06/2014	Ribble fuels - red diesel	6079	£516.60	£24.60	£492.00
<b>Allotments</b>					
13/06/2014	UU - water charges	D/d	6.82		6.82
<b>Community Development Account</b>					
02/06/2014	Signs of the times - blue plaque	6069	£489.60	£81.60	£408.00
26/06/2014	Intrak - hire of barriers	D/P	-£96.00	-£16.00	-£80.00
25/06/2014	Cubbins - fair rent	cash	-£600.00		-£600.00
<b>Rawstorne Centre</b>					
02/06/2014	C Robb - materials	6071	£8.99	£1.49	£7.50
13/06/2014	UU - surface water & drainage charge	D/D	£11.63		£11.63
20/06/2014	CNG - gas	D/D	£50.73	£2.42	£48.31
01/06/2014	British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/D	£107.01	£5.09	£101.92
25/06/2014	BBQ -raffle	cash	-£53.00		-£53.00
25/06/2014	Pool Table	cash	-£57.00		-£57.00
05/06/2014	Robert Rawstorne trust donations	cheques	-£2,500.00		-£2,500.00
05/06/2014	Function Booking	cash	-£10.00		-£10.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,232.98</b>	<b>£1,393.22</b>	<b>£4,839.76</b>

Appendix B

Precept Account June '14

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	June '14	To date	Outstanding	
Wages	£23,000	£1,814	£5,447	£17,553	24%
Insurance	£4,600		£42	£4,559	1%
Stationery	£1,000		£248	£752	25%
Postage	£2,000	£132	£620	£1,380	31%
LAPTC	£620		£616	£4	99%
Audit fee	£500		£70	£430	14%
Chair Allow	£100	£100	£100	£0	100%
Training	£100			£100	0%
Civic functions	£800			£800	0%
Election	£0			£0	
Reserve	£1,200			£1,200	
equipment	£600			£600	0%
Grants	£2,500		£2,500	£0	100%
Section137	£480		£400	£80	83%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£16,275	£1,000	£4,171	£12,104	26%
Bedding out & Watering	£25,175	£2,165	£4,380	£20,795	17%
Cleansing	£5,900	£405	£1,032	£4,868	17%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£242	£270	£2,430	10%
Organisations	£9,850	£1,280	£2,674	£7,176	27%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£25	£3,074	-£874	140%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£99,600</b>	<b>£7,164</b>	<b>£25,642</b>	<b>£73,958</b>	<b>26%</b>

Other Accounts June '14

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£0	£43	-£43
Bush lane Allotments		£1,151	£0	£1,151
Rawstone Centre		£2,750	£666	£2,084
Community Development		-£2,422	£4,039	-£6,460
Memorial park - playground	£15,275	£5,000	£0	£20,275
Tom Croft Car park	£5,274	£4,194		£9,468
Open spaces -capital	£6,932	£3,332	£0	£10,263
VAT		£1,493	£3,173	-£1,681
Total	£27,480	£15,498	£7,922	£35,056