

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2015, in the Rawstorne Centre.

Present: Councillor L Rigby, (Chairman)

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

- 1) **To receive declarations from anyone (public or Councillors) if they propose to record the meeting (film or audio) under the Openness of the Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.**

There were no declarations received.

- 2) **To accept Apologies for Absence.**

Councillors, P Walton, K McKay and Mrs. M Whitehead, (away on business)

It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

- 3) **Open Forum**

- a) **Police Update** – There was no police present

The Clerk read out the following report

Figures: for 01/01/2015 to 31/01/2015

Freckleton Crime Figures

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	14	1
Freckleton East	30	1
Lower Lane/The Mede	14	1

The figures show a total of 58 incidents, resulting in 3 crimes being recorded.

The crimes for January 2015 are made up as follows:

ASSAULT – Common assault incident at The Ship Inn. This matter has been resulted by means of restorative justice.

Damage – A window has been damaged on the Lower Lane Estate by children playing football. The youths have been identified and are being dealt with by means of restorative justice.

Assault – A domestic related assaulted that occurred in the village. Unable to discuss further due to the sensitive nature.

Of Note, Following last month's council meeting the CCTV camera in the memorial park has been checked. It was found to be operational but was of no evidential value in relation to the burglary enquiries. Brian WARD of LCC has been spoken to regarding considering further CCTV coverage at that location.

Freckleton C of E School reported that some of their year 5 girls have been approached by teenage boys in the area of the school prior to the half term holidays. No offences have taken place however, a school talk is being arranged to improve awareness for the older girls at the school.

- b) **Public Participation**

A member of the public reported that the pot holes in Goe lane, on both sides of the Bye-pass, need filling in. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Open Spaces committee to review.

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

There were no declarations of Interest

5) To read and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2015

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

6) To review the Clerk's report

The contents were noted.

The Clerk reported that there had been one application for the position of Committee clerk and the candidate had all the credentials to undertake the position. It was agreed to re-advertise the position for another month.

It was agreed that the May '15 meeting should be held on Thursday 14/05/15.

It was agreed that the Open Spaces committee should review the new fencing that has been recommended for the eastern side of the car park.

7) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

It was resolved to ratify the accounts paid by the Clerk

b) Monthly budget statements

The budget statements were noted.

The Clerk reported that the Council was holding £8k of funds for the Rawstone Centre and the Council should consider if the time was right for the Management committee to deal with its own finances. It was suggested that the Management committee did not have the resources to look after the finances.

c) To approve the transfer of the reserve of £7,000 from the Precept account to the Community development account.

The Clerk explained that the Council had agreed to reserve £1.2k of the 2014/15 Precept budget for future Community development projects. In addition, he anticipates that the Precept budget would be underspent this year.

It was resolved to transfer £7,000 from the Precept budget to the Community development fund.

d) To consider alternative investments for the Community development reserves.

The Clerk reported that the Community development reserves were currently held with the NatWest bank and only attracted interest of 0.05% per annum. He had reviewed other options and recommends that the majority of the reserves should be transferred to a Nationwide business savings account where it would attract interest of 0.8% per annum. This account would pay an additional £500 per annum in interest.

It was resolved to transfer the Community development funds to the Nationwide business savings account.

e) To ratify that the Council's internal audit procedures have been carried out for 2014/15.

It was confirmed that the Council's Internal audit procedures have been carried in for the 2014/15 accounts.

f) To consider a request from In-Trak for an additional £100 to provide additional microphones for the children's choirs at the Tree Lighting & Carol service.

It was agreed that the Clerk should find out how many additional microphones would be provided for the £100.

8) To consider the request from the British Legion to display the wreaths on their "Book Exchange window" prior to the Remembrance Sunday service.

It was resolved to allow the British Legion to display the wreaths on their "Book Exchange window" prior to the Remembrance Sunday service.

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

There were no updates from meetings held with other Organisations and Bodies.

10) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors.

Councillor Threlfall reported that the road sign for Brades lane was missing. He requested that the Councillors check the road signs in their area and report any faults to the Clerk.

Councillor Fiddler reported that Fylde Borough Council will apply a zero increase to the Budget in the next financial year. Also, it was anticipated that Fylde Borough Council would approve a grant of £50k, recommended by the Cabinet, at the Budget meeting to be held on Tuesday 03/03/15.

11) To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 13/04/2015.

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

Date.....13/04/105.....

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	6212	£1,151.78		£1,151.78
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	6214	£394.97		£394.97
J Winstanley - salary	6213	£244.54		£244.54
KM Armistead - expenses	6215	£113.30		£113.30
Freeola - internet domain charge	D/D	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00
British Legion - donation for wreaths	6217	£125.00		£125.00
Open Spaces Account				
Golden leaf - grass cutting	6222p	£500.00		500
Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	6222p	£500.00		£500.00
Golden leaf - litter picking	6222p	£405.00		£405.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£31.00		£31.00
Woodys - materials	6225	£47.98	£8.00	£39.98
Townsend's - diesel	6224	£54.42	£9.07	£45.35
Banister hall - replacement saplings	6226	£219.66	£36.61	£183.05
Snape & Hunter - Repair to Rawstorne Car park	6216	£420.00		£420.00
Newgate Nurseries - Deposit on Summer plants	6218	£191.18	£31.86	£159.32
Smiths hire - materials	6219	£34.15	£5.69	£28.46
Portable conveniences - deposit of Club day Toilets	6220	£403.50	£67.25	£336.25
J Rayton - repair to cenotaph lights	6221	£67.50		£67.50
Community Development Account				
Cobblers den - plaque & signs for Defribulator	6223	£45.00	£7.50	£37.50
Rawstorne Centre				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/D	£103.30	£4.92	£98.38
CNG - Gas	D/D	£10.52	£0.50	£10.02
Talk-talk - line rental & Broadband	D/D	£22.20	£3.70	£18.50
Cricket club - Electric contribution	cheque	-£214.09		-£214.09
Total		£4,878.11	£176.30	£4,701.81

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Feb '15	To date		
Wages	£23,000	£1,905	£20,353	£2,647	88%
Insurance	£4,600		£4,337	£263	94%
Stationery	£1,000		£649	£351	65%
Postage	£2,000		£1,231	£769	62%
LAPTC	£620		£616	£4	99%
Audit fee	£500		£470	£30	94%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100		£0	£100	0%
Civic functions	£800		£320	£480	40%
Election	£0		£0	£0	
Reserve	£1,200		£0	£1,200	0%
equipment	£600		£167	£433	28%
Grants	£2,500		£2,500	£0	100%
Section137	£480	£125	£525	£-45	109%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£16,275	£568	£15,843	£432	97%
Bedding out & Watering	£25,175	£659	£20,149	£5,026	80%
Cleansing	£5,900	£450	£4,364	£1,536	74%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£671	£4,894	£-2,194	181%
Organisations	£9,850	£336	£8,156	£1,694	83%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£31	£1,779	£421	81%
Total	£99,600	£4,751	£86,454	£13,146	87%

Other Accounts Feb '15

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£695	£333	£362
Bush lane Allotments		£1,151	£301	£850
Rawstone Centre	£6,339	£5,502	£3,754	£8,088
Community Development	£65,084	£2,040	£7,962	£59,162
Memorial park - playground	£15,275	£5,000	£0	£20,275
Tom Croft Car park	£5,274	£4,194	£776	£8,692
Open spaces -capital	£6,932	£3,332	£0	£10,263
VAT		£8,198	£7,408	£790
Total	£98,903	£30,111	£20,534	£108,481