

Freckleton Parish Council

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

Present: Councillor L Rigby, (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs. L Willis, St J Greenhough, T Threlfall, C Robb, Mrs G Cowell, Mrs S Delany, Mrs. M Whitehead, P Walton, K McKay 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.**

Councillor, Mrs. J Cartmell (holiday)

It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

- 3) **Open Forum**

a) **Police Update**

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

Freckleton Crime Figures

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	16	2
Freckleton East	31	2
Lower Lane/The Mede	13	1

The figures show a total of 60 incidents, resulting in 5 crimes being recorded.

The crimes for January 2015 are made up as follows:

ASSAULT – Domestic violence assault incident. Offender has been arrested and charged with common assault. Unable to discuss further due to the nature of the incident.

THEFT – Theft of Motor Vehicle from outbuilding of large premises on Kirkham Road. A Quad bike was stolen from an insecure outhouse between 18:00 – 20:00 on 21/01/15. The quad bike was driven across fields and was most likely driven away in another vehicle.

BURGLARY – At about 2am on 29/01/15 a motorbike was stolen from a secure garage at a property on Astley Crescent. The offenders broke into a garage via the rear garden of the property and removed a Honda CFR 250 Motorcross bike. They then broke through a rear fence panel and made off with the bike across the memorial park.

THEFT – A male used at Taxi to Kirby Drive and made off without paying for the fare.

THEFT – A mobile phone has been stolen during a small house party.

*Of note, we have seen an increase in vehicle thefts across the rural Fylde area. These have mainly been thefts of motorcycles, mopeds and quad bikes stolen from outhouses or rear gardens. We advise owners of such vehicles to ensure their vehicles are properly secured at all times and are preferably stored away in secure buildings out of direct sight. If you have security lighting and CCTV, please check that they are in good working order. Most of the thefts have occurred late evening/early hours, so please report any suspicious activity to the police immediately on **101***

Concern was raised at the reduction in the Policing in the Village in recent months and in particular to the Police response to the recent thefts of thousands of pounds worth of

vehicles within the Village. A member of the public enquired if the CCTV camera, located in the Memorial park, had been checked as the theft from his garage would have been recorded on it.

It was suggested that this issue is raised with Inspector Thackeray-Scott at the meeting to be held on 16/02/15.

Councillor Threlfall agreed to contact FBC to check if the camera is working properly.

b) Public Participation

A letter was read out from a member of the public indicating that the traffic on Strike lane, at the time when the children were going to school, was dangerous. (A pupil had been thrown onto the bonnet of a car). County Councillor Paul Rigby agreed to progress this with the Highways department.

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

All Councillors, as landlords of the Rawstorne Centre, declared an interest in item 7.c.

Councillor Mrs. Cowell, declared a personal interest in item 15.

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

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th January 2015

b) The Finance committee meeting held on Monday 19th January 2015

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

6) To review the Clerk's report

The contents were noted.

It was agreed to advertise the position of Committee Clerk.

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.

c) To consider the estimate for repairing the speed humps on the Rawstorne centre car park

It was resolved to accept the quotation of £840 for the repair of the speed humps.

d) To consider re-appointing Derek Scholes as the Internal auditor for the 2014/15 accounts

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e) To approve the Assets register

It was resolved to approve the Asset register

f) To consider making a donation to KraftWorks

It was resolved not to make a donation to KraftWorks.

8) To review the relevance of commenting on Planning applications.

Concerns were raised that Fylde Borough Council do not take into consider the local comments of the Parish Council when making decisions on Planning applications.

It was reported that it is very difficult to make informed comments on Planning applications without the technical data being available. All the Parish Councils should try to use the Planning guidelines that are available and should be looking for reasons to approve the applications rather than refusing them. After the elections, in May '15, Fylde Borough Council will be arranging training programmes to describe the National Planning Policy in order to help Parish Councils with their comments.

9) To Consider and approve the reports for the Risk Assessment proposals

It was resolved to accept the Risk Assessment proposals with minor amendments.

10) To Consider whether to enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2015

It was resolved to enter the Lancashire Best kept Village competition 2015

11) To consider a response to the LCC's Budget proposals for 2015/16 - 2017/18

County Councillor Paul Rigby gave an update on the Budget proposals for 2015/16 to 2017/18.
The comments were noted.

12) To consider a response to the LCC's public consultation on the Fylde Coast Highways and Transport Masterplan.

County Councillor Paul Rigby gave an update on the Fylde Coast Highways and Transport Masterplan.
The comments were noted.

13) To consider sending delegates to the LCC's Parish & Town Council's conference

It was resolved not to send a delegate to the Parish and Town Council's conference.

14) To consider items for the Fylde's Three Tier Forum

There were no items for the Fylde Three Tier forum.

15) To consider the concerns about parking near to the C of E School

It was reported that children were walking behind cars, when they backing out, in the newly created bay areas, where the re-cycling units were located.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Chairman of Finance, Chairman of Open Spaces, the Clerk, Councillor Mrs. Cowell and a member of the public should hold a site meeting to consider a solution to the problem.

Also, it was reported that cars were parking, to drop of children, in the area on Preston Old road, adjacent to the Library.

It was suggested that the School should be asked to monitor this area. Councillor Mrs. Cowell agreed to contact the School.

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

It was reported that at the last Parish Liaison meeting concerns were raised about the way amendments to planning applications were dealt with. Alan Oldfield, FBC's Chief Executive agreed to progress this item.

It was reported that the heating in the Memorial hall was not working and Organisations had threatened to withdraw the use of the facilities. Councillor Threlfall stated that he had recently been asked to check the electrics of the boiler and that it should have resolved the problem.

It was suggested that there should be additional microphones at the Carol service, so that the children can be heard singing. The Clerk agreed to progress.

17) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors.

It was reported that additional monies may be available for the Freckleton in Bloom initiative.

It was reported that FBC should set a zero increase in the 2015/16 budget when it meets on 03/03/15.

18) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March 2015

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

Date.....02/03/15.....

Schedule of payments Jan '15

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	6195	1210.82		£1,210.82
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	6201	419.36		£419.36
J Winstanley - salary	6200	244.54		£244.54
KM Armistead - expenses	6205	119.177		£119.18
Staples - stationery	6208	3.99	£0.67	£3.33
Open Spaces Account				
Golden leaf - grass cutting	6202p	£1,000.00		1000
Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	6202p	£525.00		£525.00
Golden leaf - litter picking	6202p	£375.00		£375.00
Rigby Taylor materials for cricket	6203	£1,538.45	£211.30	£1,327.15
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£31.00		£31.00
Townsend - diesel	6207	£45.00	£7.50	£37.50
Woodys - materials	6206	£13.33	£2.22	£11.11
Threlfall Electric - repairs & Defribulator in Rawstone Centre	6210p	£559.92	£93.32	£466.60
Greenbarnes ltd - FIB noticeboard	6211	£1,055.96	£175.99	£879.97
Bank of America - Interest	Cheque	-£63.26		-£63.26
Allotments				
UU - Croft Butts water charge	D/D	£18.51		£18.51
UU - Bush lane water Charges	D/D	£54.92		£54.92
Community Development Account				
Threlfall Electric - Defribulator at Cenotaph	6210p	£162.60	£27.10	£135.50
In-Trak - hire of barriers	D/P	-£120.00	-£20.00	-£100.00
NatWest - interest	D/P	-6.41		-£6.41
Rawstone Centre				
British Gas - Rawstone electric	D/D	£92.04	£4.38	£87.66
UU - water	D/D	51.63		51.63
CNG- Rawstone gas	D/D	£0.00		£0.00
UU - surface water & drainage charge	D/D	£11.63		£11.63
TV Licence	6204	145.5		145.5
Talk-talk- line rental & broadband	D/D	£22.20	£3.70	£18.50
Self-Management	D/P	-£400.00		-£400.00
VAT -Refunds				
HM Customs - VAT Refund	d/p	-680.67		-680.67
Total		£6,430.24	£506.18	£5,924.05

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	Jan '15	To date		
Wages	£23,000	£1,994	£18,449	£4,551	80%
Insurance	£4,600	£0	£4,337	£263	94%
Stationery	£1,000	£3	£649	£351	65%
Postage	£2,000	£14	£1,239	£761	62%
LAPTC	£620	£0	£616	£4	99%
Audit fee	£500	£0	£470	£30	94%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Civic functions	£800	£0	£320	£480	40%
Election	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Reserve	£1,200	£0	£0	£1,200	0%
equipment	£600	£0	£167	£433	28%
Grants	£2,500	£0	£2,500	£0	100%
Section137	£480	£0	£400	£80	83%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£16,275	£1,000	£15,275	£1,000	94%
Bedding out & Watering	£25,175	£525	£19,490	£5,685	77%
Cleansing	£5,900	£413	£3,913	£1,987	66%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£1,358	£4,224	-£1,524	156%
Organisations	£9,850	£1,475	£8,031	£1,819	82%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£31	£1,748	£452	79%
Total	£99,600	£6,813	£81,929	£17,671	82%

Other Accounts Jan '15

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£695	£333	£362
Bush lane Allotments		£1,151	£301	£850
Rawstone Centre		£4,888	£3,627	£1,261
Community Development		£2,033	£7,924	-£5,891
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	£7,023	£1,175
Total	£27,480	£29,491	£19,984	£36,987