

## Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 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, P Walton, K McKay, Mrs. M Whitehead, 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.**

There were no apologies for absence.

3) **Open Forum**

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

The Clerk read out the following report

**Figures: for 01/03/2015 to 31/03/2015**

### Freckleton Crime Figures

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	31	5
Freckleton East	39	3
Lower Lane/The Mede	10	4

The figures show a total of 80 incidents, resulting in 12 crimes being recorded.

The crimes for March 2015 are made up as follows:

**Five (5) Assaults** – There have been five low level assault crimes reported this month. None of these are linked to one another and four of the assaults result from domestic violence incidents and we are unable to discuss them further. The one remaining assault recorded occurred at a retirement care home where a member of staff was assaulted by an elderly service user. None of assaults took place in public.

**Three (3) Criminal Damages** – We have had three reports of criminal damage reported this month. All of which have occurred at the same address which has been targeted by an unknown offender who keeps smashing ground floor windows by throwing large stones/bricks through. The victim does not know why they are being targeted or by who. CCTV enquiries have been conducted in the area at local business premises and checks have been conducted with our Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras. Our CCTV van was also provided at the location for a number of days for reassurance and to deter or capture any further offences.

**Three (3) Thefts** – There have been three thefts reported this month. The first being an attempted theft at an unoccupied property on the Lower Lane estate where an offender has entered the rear garden and taken up an amount of wooden decking and piled this up ready to remove. For unknown reasons the offender has left empty handed. There are no lines of enquiry.

The second report is of a cement mixer being stolen from a property under renovation on Kirkham Road. There are no witnesses to this incident and no suspect identified.

The final report occurred on a retirement village, where a male has visited an elderly victim enquiring if she had jewellery to sell. The male has been invited in and has paid the victim for a small amount of jewellery but then left having taken a valuable amount. The male is described as being a white male, smart in appearance, approx. 50years of age and fat. He was possibly driving a Volvo estate. There have been no other reports of a similar nature.

**Sexual offence** – There has also been a sexual offence reported which we cannot discuss due to its sensitive nature.

It was suggested that the Police should be asked to give a follow up of the action taken (e.g. convictions, etc.) for the crimes that have been reported.

Concern was raised at the lack of police presence in the Village.

**b) Public Participation**

A member of the public enquired if any progress has been made with the drainage of the Bush lane allotments.

The Clerk reported that the Allotment holders Association had identified a drain on the grass verge at the bottom end of Green lane west and this would be referred to the next Open Spaces committee meeting.

A member of the public enquired what would happen to the grass cuttings that are being accumulated on the Bush lane Sports field.

The Clerk reported that they will be removed when there is sufficient for a trailer load. FBC will be asked to remove them when it is convenient and the ground is not too soft for the equipment.

It was suggested that a concrete bay should be built to house the cutting until they are removed. The Clerk agreed to obtain a quote and present it to the next meeting.

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

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in item 9 – revamping of the AWS area and Item 11 – revamping the Rawstone Centre.

Councillor Fiddler declared an interest in the Cricket club (item 11) and Councillor Rigby declared an interest in the Bowling club 9 (item 7c).

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

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

b) The Parish Council meeting with Plan4Sport held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**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 making donations to Various organizations**

It was resolved that the following grants should be paid:-

**Precept**

Holy Trinity Church (Parochial Church Council) £500

**Precept – Section 137**

Air Ambulance £200

The Fylde Hospice £200

**Open Spaces**

Freckleton Bowling Club £1,700

It was further resolved to withhold the donation of £2,000, to Rural Splash, until the latest accounts have been seen.

The Clerk agreed to write to Rural Splash for a copy of the Accounts.

**d) To consider what action to take regarding the Government's proposals for Pensions for all employees.**

The Clerk reported that he had received a directive from the Government that the Parish Council should register for paying of a pension to some employees. The SLCC were holding a course on the action required by Parish Council's on this new directive, in late April '15 and he would like to attend.

It was resolved that the Clerk should attend the course and report back to the next full Council meeting.

**8) To consider what action to take regarding the appointment of the Committee clerk.**

The Clerk reported that he had received one more application for the position of Committee Clerk. It was resolved that the two candidates should be interviewed with a view to making an appointment from 01/05/15.

It was further resolved that the Interview committee should consist of Councillors T Fiddler, (Chair), Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs. S Delany and Mrs. L Willis, with the authority to make an appointment.

**9) To consider what action to take following the meeting with Louise Tideswell, Plan4Sports Ltd.**

It was resolved that this should be deferred as the re-vamping of the Memorial park is the priority.

**10) To consider a request from the Chairman of the Rawstorne centre to pursue the "Tennis for free" project**

It was resolved that the Chairman of the Rawstorne Centre should progress this project.

**11) To review the email from the Cricket club regarding the re-vamping of the Rawstorne centre.**

It was resolved to defer this item until the May '15 and to ask David Ashton to attend the meeting.

**12) To clarify the lines of responsibility for Health and safety issues at all the properties and facilities owned by the Parish Council**

It was agreed to ask the Health and safety Officer, from FBC, to review the arrangements at the Rawstorne Centre.

**13) To consider a response to the LCC's consultation on the public rights of improvement plan**

The Plan was noted.

**14) To consider holding an event for Armed Forces Day on Sunday 28th June 2015**

It was resolved to take no action with this request.

**15) To receive an update from Councillors attending meetings with other Organisations**

It was reported that BAE were restructuring the Management. In addition there were now 2 units being rented in the Enterprise zone. BAE have failed to get permission to cull the gulls on and near the Airfield. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of support to BAE.

**16) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors.**

It was suggested that the clerk write a letter of condolence to Kathy, at Intrak.

The Clerk reported that he had no response from the CCTV officer at FBC, regarding the upgrading of the camera in the Memorial park.

Councillor Threlfall reported that, despite some protesting against the financial support for the children of Freckleton, FBC has finally agreed to donate £50k to the Friends of the Park, for the revamping of the children's play area in the Memorial park. His thanks goes to the Clerk and Councillor Fiddler for all the hard work that has been done to ensure the donation was approved.

Councillor Rigby objected to this statement being made, stating that it was too close to the election.

**17) To agree the date of next meeting.**

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Council and the next full Council meetings will be held on Monday 18/05/15.

Signed..... ..T Fiddler, Chairman .....

Date.....14/05/15.....

**Schedule of payments      March '15      Appendix A**

	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>	6227	1269.86		1269.86
KM Armistead - Salary	6229	£445.55		£445.55
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	6228	£244.54		£244.54
J Winstanley - salary	6230	£103.19		£103.19
KM Armistead - expenses	D/D	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
Freeola- internet rental	transfer	£7,000.00		£7,000.00
Transfer reserve to Community Development	6233	£92.89	£15.48	£77.41
Staples - stationery	D/p	-£368.40		-£368.40
Endsleigh - refund of insurance premium				
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
Golden leaf - grass cutting	6234p	£375.00		£375.00
Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	6234p	£310.00		£310.00
Golden leaf - litter picking	6234p	£360.00		£360.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£35.00		£35.00
Townsend's - diesel	6236	£47.99	£8.00	£39.99
Newgate nurseries	6231	£611.74	£101.96	£509.78
Golden Leaf - gritting & additional work	6234p	£555.00		£555.00
Total Merchandise - Club day equipment	6237	£3,303.00	£550.50	£2,752.50
Club day committee - donation for materials	Cheque	-£2,752.50		-£2,752.50
LBKV competition - entry fee	6238	£25.00		£25.00
Streton Oak Tubs - tubs for FIB	6239	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00
FIB - donation for tubs	cheque	-£300.00		-£300.00

**Community Development  
Account**

Transfer Reserve from precept account	transfer	-£7,000.00		- £7,000.00
NatWest - Interest	D/P	-£6.11		-£6.11
AWS fees	cash	-£48.00	-£8.00	-£40.00
Bowling club - donation for defibrillator	cheque	-£1,110.00		- £1,110.00
<b>Rawstorne Centre</b>				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/D	£80.03	£3.81	£76.22
CNG - Gas	D/D	£108.26	£5.16	£103.10
Talk-talk - line rental & Broadband	D/D	£22.20	£3.70	£18.50
Cricket club - Electric contribution	cash	-£5.00		-£5.00
Social member - subs	cash	-£10.00		-£10.00
Hire of room	cash	-£39.30		-£39.30
pool Table & AWS lights				
<b>Total</b>		<b>£3,720.74</b>	<b>£742.40</b>	<b>£2,978.34</b>

## Precept Account

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	March '15	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£23,000	£2,063	£22,416	£584	97%
Insurance	£4,600	-£368	£3,969	£631	86%
Stationery	£1,000	£77	£726	£274	73%
Postage	£2,000	£9	£1,240	£760	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	£7,000	£7,000	-£5,800	583%
equipment	£600	£0	£167	£433	28%
Grants	£2,500	£0	£2,500	£0	100%
Section137	£480	£0	£525	-£45	109%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£16,275	£400	£16,243	£32	100%
Bedding out & Watering	£25,175	£1,375	£21,524	£3,651	85%
Cleansing	£5,900	£395	£4,759	£1,141	81%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£0	£4,894	-£2,194	181%
Organisations	£9,850	£0	£8,156	£1,694	83%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£40	£1,819	£381	83%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£99,600</b>	<b>£10,991</b>	<b>£97,445</b>	<b>£2,155</b>	<b>98%</b>

### Other Accounts March '15

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£695	£333	£362
Bush lane Allotments		£1,151	£301	£850
Rawstone Centre	£6,339	£5,556	£3,951	£7,944
Community Development	£65,084	£10,196	£7,962	£67,318
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	£8,150	£48
<b>Total</b>	<b>£98,903</b>	<b>£38,322</b>	<b>£21,474</b>	<b>£115,751</b>