

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015, in the Rawstone Centre.

Present: Councillor T Fiddler, (Chairman)

Councillors, St J Greenhough, T Threlfall, C Robb, Mrs S Delany, P Walton, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs J Cartmell, L Rigby Mrs P Holt and Mrs N Griffiths.

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.

K McKay (away on business)

It was resolved to accept the reason 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

Date Covered :	01/04/2015	TO	30/04/2015	
Incident Locations Covered:			Freckleton	
Number Of Incidents Logged:		72		Number Of Crimes: 10

Crimes

11/04/2015 WA1504124 Theft NAZE LANE- CLOSED

Optional Comments:

13/04/2015 WA1504258 Criminal Damage THE MEDE CLOSED

Optional Comments:

Unknown offender has thrown item at front PVC door causing damage.

15/04/2015 WA1504398 Burglary STRIKE LANE- NO FURTHER ACTION

Optional Comments:

Property taken from barn on farm as part of civil matter. Property recovered by owner not wanting any further police involvement and unwilling to provide details.

17/04/2015 WA1504429 Drugs LOWER LANE- POLICE DISPOSAL

Optional Comments:

Vehicle stop. Passenger found in possession of cannabis. Cannabis warning issued.

23/04/2015 WA1504751 Assault SHACKLETON ROAD- POLICE DISPOSAL

Optional Comments:

DV related assault.

24/04/2015 WA1504937 Criminal Damage SCHOOL LANE- CLOSED

Optional Comments:

Unknown offenders have climb roof of building and smashed window.

24/04/2015 WA1504842 Burglary NAZE LANE- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments:

Access gained to secure dwelling by forcing window.

24/04/2015 WA1504813 Burglary PRESTON OLD ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments:

Access gained to insecure commercial property.

25/04/2015 WA1504850 Burglary MEMORY CLOSE- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments:

Access gained to secure dwelling by forcing ground floor window.

25/04/2015 WA1504820 Burglary NAZE LANE- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments:

Access gained to secure dwelling by forcing ground floor window.

b) Public Participation

Members of the public reported:-

- That there were several road signs missing around the village. Councillor Mr. T Threlfall suggested that the Clerk and he have a trip around the village to assess the missing signs.
- That they had previously reported a light on the perimeter of BAE shining into houses. It was agreed that this would be reported to BAE.
- That at the exit to Tom Croft car park, on to School lane, cars were bottoming out. County Councillor P Rigby agreed to investigate.
- That the hedge to Kirkham Rd. from the roundabout was overgrown, Pedestrians are nearly in the road when walking past. County Councillor P Rigby reported that it was nesting season. LCC will cut it back in August. Councillor T Threlfall stated that it was a health and safety matter and should be considered as a matter of urgency. This was noted by P Rigby LCC that if it was considered a Health and Safety issue it would receive prompt attention. Councillor T Threlfall suggested cutting it back around 18 inches in the interim.

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

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in the Rawstone Centre.
Councillor T Fiddler declared an interest in the Cricket club.

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

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th April 2015.
- b) The Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 13th April 2015
- c) The Interview working group meeting held on Wednesday 22nd April 2015.
- d) The Communications committee meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015.

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

Councillor L Rigby raised concern that the Clerk was present when one of his relatives was interviewed. The Chairman reported that the Clerk had asked, before the meeting, if he should be present. The panel agreed that he should because he may be required to answer legal questions relating to terms and conditions of the appointment. The Clerk sat in the corner of the room and did not speak during the interviews.

6) To review the Clerk's report

The contents were noted.

7) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

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

b) Monthly budget statements – Noted

c) To review the Internal Auditors report

It was resolved to approve the Internal Auditors report.

d) To approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2014-15 accounts

It was resolved to approve the Audit Accounting statement.

e) To approve the Audit Annual governance statements for the 2014-15 accounts

It was resolved to approve the Audit Annual governance Statement.

f) To approve the final statement of accounts for 2014-15

It was resolved to approve the Final statement of accounts.

g) To review the concerns, raised by residents, regarding the Council's Fiscal matters

Councillors were made aware of the internal auditors report. It was noted in the auditors comments that; "The keeping of this councils records is of text book standard and a credit to its Parish Clerk"

It was pointed out that the comments in the two of the election leaflets referred to the "Air disaster money" and not the Parish Council's records.

8) To receive an update on the Government's new pension scheme for employees.

The Clerk gave an update on the Council's responsibilities.

It was resolved that the Clerk should progress and report back to full Council in due course.

9) To review the LCC's Public Rights of Way Plan.

It was reported that the main concern was the section of the footpath from Warton to Preston. County Councillor P Rigby agreed to progress.

10) To review the email from the Cricket club regarding the re-vamping of the Rawstrone centre.

Dave Ashton, Vice Chairman of the Cricket club, gave a presentation on re-vamping of the Rawstone centre and indicated that he had identified possible funding for the project. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to David Ashton to confirm ownership of the building.

11) To consider the requests from the Rawstrone Centre Management committee.

The following issues were considered:-

1. There is significant concern over access from some houses directly onto the fields and it was requested that the Council revisit why this is allowed.

It was reported that this has previously been raised, but the residents have indicated that legal action would be taken as the "right of easement" has been used for a number of years.

2. Dog fouling is significant and continues. Dogs off lead reported as Increased. Request for update on dog-warden outcome. Consideration for why allowed use of boundary as on-lead exercise area asked.

Councillor Threlfall stated that Fylde Borough Council would be progressing a Borough wide initiative on dog fouling to discuss actions available.

It was resolved that the Dog warden should be asked to attend the next meeting to clarify the steps that can be taken to eradicate this problem.

3. It was highlighted that the dog exercise area is actually not 'Named' as the exercise area. A number of people have ask where the area is.

It was resolved that a sign should be installed.

4. Concerns again raised that the AED is internal to the playing areas, And therefore not able to be as quickly accessed as it could be. A request to move it. Two options were aired: (1) outside the Building or (2) front foyer (but key still needed for this).

The Clerk reported that it was installed inside the building because of concern of vandalism.

It was resolved that this should be reviewed in 6 months' time.

12) To consider a response to the letter from CH2M regarding the Coastal Defence Scheme

It was resolved that the Council should support this project.

It was further resolved to ask that Freckleton coastal defences be checked.

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

None received

14) To receive an update from the FBC Councillors.

None received

15) To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next full Council meetings will be held on Monday 01/06/15.

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

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

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	6241	£1,210.81		£1,210.81
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	6260	£418.16		£418.16
J Winstanley - salary	6242	£244.54		£244.54
KM Armistead - expenses	6240	£128.87		£128.87
FBC - Precept grant Parochial Church Council - grant	D/P	-£49,800.00		-£49,800.00
Air Ambulance - S137 grant	6251	£500.00		£500.00
The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant	6252	£200.00		£200.00
LALC - annual subscription	6253	£200.00		£200.00
Kirbys - Christmas tree	6244	£688.87		£688.87
Staples - stationery & cartridges	6261	£216.00	£36.00	£180.00
D Scholes - Internal audit fees	6264	£122.72	£20.45	£102.27
DeliveredNW - print & deliver Newsletter	6267	£70.00		£70.00
SLCC - Pensions seminar	6269	£180.00		£180.00
	6268p	£10.00		£10.00
Open Spaces Account				
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£35.00	£1.67	£33.33
Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	6250p	£555.00		£555.00
Alty's - feed	6268p	£88.20	£14.70	£73.50
Golden leaf - litter picking	6250p	£390.00		£390.00
J & B Cartmell - Compost	6235	£79.80	£13.30	£66.50
Bowling Club - Open Spaces grant	6254	£1,700.00		£1,700.00
office furniture - Backs for Noticeboard	6246	£79.20	£13.20	£66.00
Townsend's - diesel, Van service & MOT	6259	£58.68	£9.77	£48.91
Craggs - red diesel	6265	£498.75	£23.75	£475.00
Newgate Nurseries - plants for Cenotaph	6245	£52.50	£8.75	£43.75
EON - Lighting for car park	6256	£110.36	£5.26	£105.10
Sport Systems - Equipment for Club day	6247	£663.00	£110.50	£552.50
Club day committee - donations towards Insurance	cheque	-£25.00		-£25.00
K Armistead - tax for Pickup	6258	£227.50		£227.50
Came & Co - Insurance - Club day	6266	£25.00		£25.00
United Utilities - water charges for storeroom & car park	6249	£349.55		£349.55
Threfall electric - Disconnect alarm at RC	6257	£60.00	£10.00	£50.00
NFU mutual - Insurance for tractors	6263p	£595.05		£595.05
NFU mutual - Insurance for pick-up	6263p	£627.49		£627.49

Bank of America - Playground fund	cheque	-£66.49		-£66.49
Club day committee - donations towards materials	cheque	-£552.50		-£552.50
FBC - Bus shelters grant	D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00
FBC - Playground maintenance	D/P	£1,009.00		£1,009.00
FBC - Rates for Storeroom	6248	£1,044.00		£1,044.00
Rawstone centre - Annual subscription	transfer	£120.00		£120.00
Allotments				
UU - Croft butts water charges	D/D	£16.41		£16.41
UU - Bush lane water Charges	D/D	£51.30		£51.30
Bush lane rents	cheques	-£1,151.00		-£1,151.00
Community Development Account				
Physio-control - defribulator	6243	£780.00	£130.00	£650.00
Bowling club - donation towards defribulator	Cheque	-£650.00		-£650.00
FBC - Council tax reduction grant	D/P	-£8,193.00		-£8,193.00
AWS area - rent	cheque	-£36.00	-£6.00	-£30.00
Rawstone Centre				
CNG - Rawstone gas	D/D	£85.94	£4.09	£81.85
British Gas - Rawstone electric	D/D	£78.35	£3.73	£74.62
Self-management - overpaid hire fees	6232	£200.00		£200.00
Talk-talk - line rental & Broadband	D/D	£22.20	£3.70	£18.50
UU - surface water & drainage charge	D/D	£51.42		£51.42
C Robb - materials	6262	£11.99	£2.00	£9.99
Robert Rawstone grant	cheque	-£2,500.00		-£2,500.00
Parish Council - Annual subscriptions	transfer	-£120.00		-£120.00
VAT				
HM Customs - VAT refund	D/P	-£1,444.85		-£1,444.85
Total		-£50,963.18	£404.87	-£51,368.05

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	April '15	To date		
Wages	£23,000	£1,874	£1,874	£21,126	8%
Insurance	£4,600			£4,600	0%
Stationery	£1,000	£282	£282	£718	28%
Postage	£1,800	£129	£129	£1,671	7%
LAPTC	£620	£689	£689	-£69	111%
Audit fee	£500	£70	£70	£430	14%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	0%
Training	£100	£10	£10	£90	10%
Civic functions	£500	£180	£180	£320	36%
Election	£2,000			£2,000	
Reserve	£0			£0	
equipment	£280			£280	0%
Grants	£2,500	£500	£500	£2,000	20%
Section137	£500	£400	£400	£100	80%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£16,275	£1,735	£1,735	£14,540	11%
Bedding out & Watering	£25,175	£701	£701	£24,474	3%
Cleansing	£5,900	£666	£666	£5,234	11%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£66	£66	£2,634	2%
Organisations	£9,850	£2,483	£2,483	£7,367	25%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£1,582	£1,582	£618	72%
Total	£99,600	£11,367	£11,367	£88,233	11%

Other Accounts April '15

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£16	-£16
Bush lane Allotments		£1,151	£51	£1,100
Rawstone Centre	£7,944	£2,620	£436	£10,128
Community Development	£67,318	£30		£67,354
Memorial park - playground	£20,275			£20,275
Tom Croft Car park	£8,692	£8,193		£16,885
Open spaces -capital	£10,263			£10,263
VAT		£1,445	£411	£1,034
Total	£114,492	£13,439	£915	£127,022