

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015, in the Rawstone Centre.

Present: Councillor T Fiddler, (Chairman)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

None

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update – There was no Police present.

The Clerk read out the following report.

Number Of Incidents Logged:

80

Number of Crimes:18

02/09/2015 WA1511694 Theft CROFT COURT- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: Offender claimed he was collecting for charity and took the money from the victims hand and left.

04/09/2015 WA1511904 Theft IVES AVENUE- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Offender had stolen milk from various addresses.

04/09/2015 WA1511744 Theft IVES AVENUE- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Milk stolen from outside the home.

04/09/2015 WA1511720 Prison Offence KIRKHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: holdalls containing phones and various other items left by prison wall.

07/09/2015 WA1511971 Theft LODGE CLOSE- CLOSED

Optional Comments: insecure bike left in garden was taken by offender.

09/09/2015 WA1512042 Theft KIRKHAM ROAD- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Unattended stunt scooter was taken from the garden.

10/09/2015 WA1512123 Harassment TOP CLOSE- NOT FOUND

Optional Comments: Unable to comment.

10/09/2015 WA1512021 Theft LYTHAM ROAD- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Offender has entered insecure garden and stolen ornaments.

14/09/2015 WA1512360 Theft –ASH DRIVE--- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Milk stolen from outside house.

14/09/2015 WA1512279 Theft KIRKHAM ROAD- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Milk left outside house has been taken by offender.

16/09/2015 WA1512479 Theft KIRKHAM ROAD- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Milk stolen from rear of the house.

18/09/2015 WA1512547 Arson LYTHAM ROAD- CLOSED

Optional Comments: unknown offender gained entry to rear garden of aggrieved address and set fire to clothes on washing line causing damage to clothes washing line.

23/09/2015 WA1512939 Wounding DERWENT CLOSE- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

23/09/2015 WA1512809 Assault LYTHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: Domestic assault.

26/09/2015 WA1513144 Assault --ADDRESS SANITISED--- NO FURTHER ACTION

Optional Comments: Victim bitten by dog after playing with it and winding it up.

29/09/2015 WA1513186 Assault LYTHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: Unable to comment.

29/09/2015 WA1513164 Assault LYTHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: Domestic assault, both parties known.

29/09/2015 WA1513162 Assault LYTHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: Domestic assault, offender known.

29/09/2015 WA1513156 Assault LYTHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: Domestic assault, offender known.

Councillor Rigby expressed concerns that the milk theft situation was getting worse and that more action is required. "The Police need to do more" It was agreed that it needs to be escalated to a higher level. It was requested that the Clerk send a letter of response to the police.

b) Public Participation

Members of the public:-

- Can the notice board inside the village hall be updated as some of the information seems to be up to 3 years out of date?
- Is there an update on the monies owed to FPC for land sold to United Utilities' The Clerk gave an update.

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

Councillor Mrs. N Griffiths declared an interest in Item 6.d.

All Councillors as landlords of Bush Lane Sports Field declared an interest in Item 8.

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

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2015

It was resolved that item 6g be amended from *resolved to agreed* then minutes of the above meeting, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

b) The Open Spaces committee meeting held on Monday 21st September

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings, previously circulated, be approved.

5) To review the Clerk's report

The contents were noted.

Councillor Threlfall requested the Clerk send a letter to Kirkham Prison to express thanks at the quick response to a request made to paint public buildings.

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

Noted. – see appendix B

c) To consider the cost of the exercise equipment for Tony Barlow to train Youths on Bush lane playing field

The Clerk gave an update on the above. Also Cllr Threlfall has taken it to Rotary

d) To consider the request for financial support from the Preston New Road Action Group

The Chairman pointed out that it would be unfair for the Parish Council to spend ratepayer's Precept money supporting a Group opposed to fracking when there are members of the community in the Village that support Fracking.

The Clerk pointed out that this group is located outside the Village and therefore it was outside the Council's remit to consider offering financial support to them. All the budget money, to be spent under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, has already been allocated.

It was resolved, by a majority decision, that this request was outside the remit of the Council. Councillors Mrs. N Griffith and L Rigby voted against the resolution and Councillors T Fiddler and T Threlfall abstained from voting.

7) To consider the concerns of the Club day committee regarding the running of the ½ marathon

A full report was given by the club day committee on the running of the half marathon 2016. The committee were bringing this up with the council for support for the event as they are under the impression there will be no support from the Police and they require the road to be closed for 15 minutes. Cllr Fiddler will make the relevant enquiries with tourism and events and feedback before the next meeting. Cllr Threlfall echoed Cllr Fiddlers comments. Cllr Threlfall also brought up the cycling event that comes through every year and this causes disruption all day.

8) To consider a request for the Bush lane Sports field to be used for a fit camp

Michael Kearney gave a short presentation to the council to use the Bush Lane Sports Field for a free boot camp.

It was resolved to allow the use of the field for a 6 month trial period. Council wants it noting that they do not support their product 'Herbal Life'.

9) To receive an update from the Friends of the Memorial park.

Nobody came to the meeting to give an update

10) To consider a response to the FBC's Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2021

It was agreed that a hard copy be printed of and put behind the bar for reference

11) To receive updates from the Chairman of the Committees.

The Finance committee completed an audit of the accounts. All was transparent and very well kept.

Fabrics Chairman's report 05-10-2015.

1. **Scout hut, band room, and Guide hut painting** - Kirkham prison has agreed to do the painting. They are expected to start work in the next two weeks.
2. **Cenotaph electrics** – work completed
3. **Guide hut doors and windows** – Work started Monday 05/10/15
4. **Repairs to Rawstorne roof and fascia board** - ongoing
5. **New arising's**
 - Scout hut fire door, needs refurbishing
 - Scout hut rear drain pipe needs to be re-directed, to prevent flooding of band room
 - Palisade fencing to rear of Rawstorne needs to be re-visited.
 - Run off from compost heap at rear of scout hut needs to be resolved.
 - Repair to bowling green gate (£20)
 - Repairs to security lighting at bowling club completed.
 - Following open spaces meeting, Compost heap on Bush lane playing fields needs a specification and quotations.

Other matters

An internal inspection of all the buildings will take place at the next Fabrics meeting, scheduled for 26/10/15, to ensure that all lease holders are conforming to the lease agreements, and all insurance documents and safety certificates are in order.

Additionally I would like to see the Clerk holding a set of keys for each building to enable access for any repair work required.

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

Cllr Fiddler reported on a meeting held with the chief inspector. It was pointed out that there was severe resentment over the lack of policing in the village. E.g. the ongoing issue with milk theft.

The Clerk reported on the Parish liaison meeting in respect of the new government legislation that all councils have to provide a pension to all council employees. St. Annes Town council run a pension scheme through LCC. He has spoken to the LCC pension administrator and she would look in to how to join the scheme.

13) To receive an update from the FBC Councilor's.

CC Paul Rigby raised the letter from the clerk with inspector Thackeray-Scott. He stated that parking on double yellow lines had been de-criminalised and was no longer a Police matter. It is now the responsibility of the County Council.

He added that Freckleton was to get a new PCSO at the beginning of October. Cllr Griffiths stated that the PCSO had called into the shop and left his card.

14) To agree the date of the next meeting

2nd November 2015

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

Date...02/11/15.....

Schedule of Payments

September '15

Appendix A

		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
01/09/2015	KM Armistead - Salary	6354	1210.82		1210.82
01/09/2015	PO ltd - Tax & N/I N Bibby -	6356	£486.76		£486.76
01/09/2015	salary	6355	£274.57		£274.57
01/09/2015	KM Armistead - expenses	6357	£120.99		£120.99
07/09/2015	Freeola - website rental	dd	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
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11/09/2015	FBC - Precept grant M Mason - flowers for	D/P	£49,800.00		£49,800.00
15/09/2015	children's graves	6360	£25.00	£4.17	£20.83
Open Spaces Account					
15/09/2015	Golden leaf - grass cutting	6364p	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
15/09/2015	Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	6364p	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
15/09/2015	Golden leaf - litter picking	6364p	£390.00		£390.00
15/09/2015	Golden leaf watering	6364p	£745.00		£745.00
20/09/2015	Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£36.00		£36.00
15/09/2015	Townsend's - petrol & diesel FBC - Playground	6363	£240.23	£40.04	£200.19
11/09/2015	maintenance	D/P	£1,009.04		£1,009.04
15/09/2015	Smalleys - materials	6359	£13.99	£0.33	£13.66
11/09/2015	FBC - bus shelter cleaning grant	D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00
01/09/2015	The window doctor - Repair to Bowling club	6349	£185.00		£185.00
01/09/2015	SMS - Light covers for Bowling club floodlights	6350	£1,815.60	£302.60	£1,513.00
01/09/2015	Batterby - Replace manhole cover -Sports field	6353	£300.00	£50.00	£250.00
01/09/2015	Bowling club - donation towards Light covers	Cheque No	-£1,513.00		-£1,513.00
15/09/2015	Newgate Nurseries - deposit-winter plants	6362	£190.32	£31.72	£158.60
Allotments					
21/09/2015	UU -contamination refund	cheque	-£60.00		-£60.00
21/09/2015	UU -contamination refund	cheque	-£60.00		-£60.00
Community Development Account					
01/09/2015	Fylde coast Towing - pump for watering system	6352	£314.00	£52.34	£261.66
01/09/2015	Divine Signs - New signs for car park	6351	£640.80	£106.80	£534.00
14/09/2015	DVLA - refund of tax on old pick-up	cheque	-£131.25		-£131.25
15/09/2015	Andy Moore - Water valve for tank	6361	£75.00		£75.00
15/09/2015	Golden Leaf - additional	6364p	£196.90		£196.90

	work for Pick-up				
	NatWest -				
28/08/2015	Interest	D/P	-£0.36		-£0.36
28/08/2015	Nationwide - Interest	D/P	-£52.49		-£52.49
14/09/2015	Intrak - hire of barriers	D/p	-£156.00	-£26.00	-£130.00

Rawstorne Centre

25/09/15	British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/D	£149.86		£149.86
20/09/15	CNG - gas	D/D	£31.61		£31.61
17/09/15	Talk-talk - line rental & Broadband	D/D	£23.45		£23.45
01/09/15	Carpets of Lytham - New flooring	6358	£3,000.00	£500.00	£2,500.00
21/09/15	George Garage Trust - donation for refurbishment	cheque	-£9,000.00		-£9,000.00

Total			£47,567.36	£1,063.80	£48,631.16
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Precept Account September '15 Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	September '15	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£23,000	£1,972	£11,758	£11,242	51%
Insurance	£4,600	£0	£42	£4,559	1%
Stationery	£1,000	£0	£378	£622	38%
Postage	£1,800	£130	£847	£953	47%
LAPTC	£620	£0	£689	-£69	111%
Audit fee	£500	£0	£470	£30	94%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£100	£0	£324	-£224	324%
Civic functions	£500	£21	£216	£284	43%
Election	£2,000	£0	£0	£2,000	
Reserve	£0	£0	£0	£0	
equipment	£280	£0	£133	£147	48%
Grants	£2,500	£0	£500	£2,000	20%
Section137	£500	£0	£400	£100	80%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£16,275	£1,014	£13,812	£2,463	85%
Bedding out & Watering	£25,175	£1,665	£13,407	£11,768	53%
Cleansing	£5,900	£390	£2,656	£3,244	45%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£435	£851	£1,849	32%
Organisations	£9,850	£1,009	£5,812	£4,038	59%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£35	£1,810	£390	82%
Total	£99,600	£6,671	£54,206	£45,394	54%

Other Accounts September '15

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£60	£131	-£71
Bush lane Allotments		£1,211	£182	£1,029
Rawstone Centre	£7,944	£3,029	£1,432	£9,541
Rawstone Centre - refurbishment		£9,000	£8,310	£690
Community Development	£67,318	£468	£1,269	£66,518
Memorial park - playground	£20,275	£0	£0	£20,275
Tom Croft Car park	£8,692	£8,193	£534	£16,351
Open spaces - capital	£10,263	£3,798	£8,050	£6,012
VAT		£3,536	£7,056	-£3,521
Total	£114,492	£29,295	£26,964	£116,823