

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015, in the Rawstone Centre.

Present: Councillor T Fiddler, (Chairman)

Councillors, 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 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.

None were received

2) To accept Apologies for Absence.

T Threlfall – Other commitment

It was resolved to accept the reason for absence.

3) Open Forum

a) Police Update –

The new PCSO for Freckleton Antony Schneider came to the meeting to introduce himself. He told council he works Friday Saturday and Sunday only. He can be contacted by email. If it was out of his hours ring 101 as normal. He will respond to email when he is on shift. He updated council and members of the public on the police report below.

Number Of Incidents
Logged:

80

Number Of
Crimes:

12

04/11/2015 WA1515218 Interfering with a Motor Vehicle RYDAL AVENUE- CLOSED

Unknown offender(s) entered and searched an insecure vehicle on a driveway.

08/11/2015 WA1515502 Assault BUSH LANE- NO FURTHER ACTION

A dog bit an infant's hand. No major injury caused.

09/11/2015 WA1515539 Assault RIBBLE AVENUE- NO FURTHER ACTION

Domestic Assault. Offender known to victim.

09/11/2015 WA1515460 Burglary KIRKHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION
Offender entered a property by smashing a rear patio door with a brick and removed numerous items from the bedrooms, including cash and jewellery.

12/11/2015 WA1515627 Drugs LYTHAM ROAD- POLICE DISPOSAL

Offender searched and found in possession of cannabis.

17/11/2015 WA1515910 Assault HODGSON AVENUE- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Domestic assault, offender known.

18/11/2015 WA1515949 Shoplifting LYTHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Offenders took several items without paying.

22/11/2015 WA1516214 Criminal Damage HODGSON AVENUE- CLOSED

Offenders smashed outer skin of two double-glazed rear conservatory windows and then left.

23/11/2015 WA1516250 Criminal Damage BUNKER STREET- CLOSED

Offender damaged gates to a secluded property.

23/11/2015 WA1516235 Theft STRIKE LANE- CLOSED

Offenders removed property from aggrieved's doorstep.

23/11/2015 WA1516208 Theft STRIKE LANE- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE

INVESTIGATION

Three suspects removed milk from the aggrieved's front doorstep.

24/11/2015 WA1516265 Public Order HODGSON AVENUE- POLICE

DISPOSAL

Offender causing problems with his partner.

b) Public Participation

Members of the public:-

- The bottle banks on the Rawstorne car park are permanently overflowing. Kids are constantly kicking and throwing them about. It was resolved that the Clerk would action this by contacting the company responsible for the recycle containers.
- Are the Council going to replace the trees removed from Memory close with two for every one taken out? As this was an item on the agenda the Chair indicated it would be dealt with when we reach that item on the agenda.

County Councilor Paul Rigby commented that the proposed changes to electoral boundaries would not impact on this area.

He commented on budgets and the upcoming cuts to Flood defenses, waste recycling, subsidised bus routes and libraries.

Administration will be hit but he will be trying to reduce the cuts as much as possible in the Freckleton area.

He also said he would be looking at different bus routes and alternatives. The clerk informed Cllr P Rigby that he had had 2 members of the public express concern over the cut to the bus route from Kirkham to Lytham.

Cllr Walton expressed concern to Cllr P Rigby about Naze Lane East flooding badly on the bend. Also Cllr L Rigby brought up Bush Lane at the bottom of Green Lane floods as well. Cllr P Rigby agreed to look into both issues.

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

All Councilors, as landlords, declared an interest in the Rawstorne centre, Bowling club, Memorial park, the Cenotaph and Bush Lane Allotments.

Councilor L Rigby declared an interest in Item 7c.

Councilor Mrs N Griffiths declared an interest in Items 9 & 10

Councillor P Walton declared an interest in item 14

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

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

b) The Finance committee meeting held on Monday 16th November 2015

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

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

b) Monthly budget statements

Noted.

c) To consider a request from the Bowling Club for the trees to be trimmed.

Cllr. L Rigby reported that it was the 2 big trees to the north side of the green.

It was resolved that the Clerk should get an estimate for the trees to be pruned.

8) To consider a request for an enclosed dog exercise area.

Linda Keller indicated that there is a small privately owned area off Go Lane. She will contact the land owners to see if it could be used as a fenced off dog walking area. Linda will report back to the next meeting.

Cllr. Mrs. Griffiths asked if the monies owed to the Council from United Utilities could be used to purchase the land. It was reported that this money has been ring fenced for the purchase of additional allotments.

Cllr Griffiths asked the Clerk how he was getting on with getting the money from UU. The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the solicitor. He is on holiday for 2 weeks and he will be in contact when he returns.

9) To comment of the FBC's tree preservation Order 2015.28, on land at Memory Close and Balderstone road.

The Clerk gave an overview on the TPO for Memory Close and Balderstone Rd. Cllr Mrs Whitehead asked why the Order was put on without it being put before Parish Council. Adding that she thought it was high handed. The Chairman said that everyone had six months to comment on the Order.

Cllr L Rigby asked who owned the land. The Chairman told the council that all Open Spaces were adopted and maintained by FBC.

It was resolved to accept the TPO.

10) To consider a request to replace the trees on Memory Close.

Cllr Mrs Whitehead asked the Clerk if he would remind everyone why the trees were cut. The Clerk explained that the Open Spaces contractor, as part of his duties, regularly reports to him on any additional maintenance work that is required. If the work is necessary and within his remit he will approve the work. In this instance there had been some complaints about over grown trees and the Contractors quotation was outside his remit. He discussed it with the Open Spaces Chairman and it was agreed that an additional quotation was required. The tree surgeon advised on how many trees to prune and which ones needed to come out. Both quotations were submitted to Council at last month's meeting.

The chairman asked the Open spaces committee to consider what type of tree to replace with and how many. Do they want to replace all 5?

11) To consider a request to allow a 16 seater mini-bus to be parked on the Tom Croft car park overnight

The Chairman told Council that they don't have a policy to cover this request. It was commented that there are commercial vehicles on the car park now. Transit vans etc.

Cllr L Rigby suggested that council defer its decision until there is more information. He needs to clarify exactly what he wants.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the person making the request for clarification.

12) To consider a request from the C of E school to design dog fouling posters.

It was resolved to accept the request. The Chairman stated that he or the Chairman of Open Spaces would judge the posters.

13) To consider a response to the Electoral review of Lancashire.

It was resolved to maintain the status quo.

14) To consider a response to the LCC's Parish based bus scheme.

The Clerk read out a notice of explanation on self-help transportation. Although the Clerk had distributed the report the council members requested a hard copy be sent to them.

The Clerk agreed to distribute a hard copy to all.

It was resolved to defer this item until the next Council meeting.

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

Fabrics.

1. Specific comments.

The clerk, Cllr. Mrs S Delany and I did an internal inspection of the guide/brownie hut on the 23rd November. This was successful.

An internal inspection of the Rawstrone sports center/score box was arranged for the 14th November.

2. The following is a summary of the work required:-

Scout hut and brownie hut, repairs to drainage

Scout hut and brownies repairs to fascia boards

Council garage and store, re wiring of the electrics

The vice chairman and I are in process of putting together specifications for this work.

3. Apart from the council garage and store, proof of insurance and completion of the fire regulations are still outstanding from all.

4. Serious concerns are raised about ability of the Rawstrone management committee to conform to lease agreement and fire regulations.

5. The notice board requires repair, a specification will be put together for this.

Cllr Mrs P Holt told the council she would give an update to the RC Management committee on the issues brought up in the Fabrics report.

The Clerk asked Cllr L Rigby to ask Frank Holden to ring him about The Robert Rawstone grant given to the Football section to clarify if it has been used.

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

No reports.

17) To receive an update from the FBC Councilors.

The Chairman advised the Government was pushing its Planning initiative.

18) To agree the date of the next meeting

4th January 2016

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

Date.....04/01/16.....

Schedule of payments

Nov-15

Appendix A

		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
02/11/2015	KM Armistead - Salary	6387	1210.82		1210.82
02/11/2015	PO ltd - Tax & N/I	6389	£486.76		£486.76
02/11/2015	N Bibby - salary	6388	£274.57		£274.57
02/11/2015	KM Armistead - expenses	6390	£125.58		£125.58
02/11/2015	N Bibby - Expenses	6391	£40.56		£40.56
02/11/2015	Freeola - internet domain charge	D/D	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00
02/11/2015	British legion - poppy wreaths	6395	£100.00		£100.00
14/11/2015	Intrak - PA for Remembrance Sunday	6396	£192.00	£32.00	£160.00
14/11/2015	Came & co - Council's insurance	6399	£4,125.11		£4,125.11
Open Spaces					
20/11/2015	Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£35.00		£35.00
14/11/2015	Townsend's - Petrol & diesel	6402	£79.09	£13.17	£65.92
14/11/2015	Newgate Nurseries - winter plants	6397	£761.28	£126.88	£634.40
14/11/2015	Bolwing club - donation towards deflectors	6398	£375.00		£375.00
14/11/2015	S Delany - goody bags for Carol service	6401	£178.00	£29.67	£148.33
14/11/2015	woodys - paint for buildings	6403	£735.85	£122.64	£613.21
14/11/2015	R womack - trim back trees	6404p	£1,800.00		£1,800.00
Allotments					
14/11/2015	R womack - remove trees	6404p	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
Community Development Account					
02/11/2015	T Fattorini - repair ti Vice Chair's chain	6392	£528.09	£88.02	£440.08
02/11/2015	Divine Signs - signs for Pick-up	6393	£96.00	£16.00	£80.00
02/11/2015	Threlfall electric - Repair to AWS lights	6394p	£553.03	£92.17	£460.86
30/10/2015	Natwest - interest	D/P	-£0.38		-£0.38
30/10/2015	Nationwide - interest	D/P	-£52.58		-£52.58
Rawstorne Centre					
14/11/2015	UU - water compensation	6400	£60.00		£60.00
02/11/2015	Threlfall electric - new lights for Centre	6394p	£1,630.90	£271.82	£1,359.08
04/11/2015	UU - water compensation	Cheque No	-£60.00		-£60.00
20/11/2015	CNG - Gas	D/D	£86.59	£4.11	£82.48
17/11/2015	Rawstorne Centre - payments for new lights	Cheque No	-£1,359.09	£0.00	-£1,359.09
Total					
			£13,009.38	£797.68	£12,211.70

Precept Account

Nov-15 Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	November '15	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£23,000	£1,972	£15,702	£7,298	68%
Insurance	£4,600	£4,131	£4,173	£427	91%
Stationery	£1,000	£0	£516	£484	52%
Postage	£1,800	£166	£1,144	£656	64%
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	£260	£476	£24	95%
Election	£2,000	£0	£2,331	-£331	
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	£1,866	£17,567	-£1,292	108%
Bedding out & Watering	£25,175	£634	£14,835	£10,340	59%
Cleansing	£5,900	£0	£3,046	£2,854	52%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£988	£5,217	-£2,517	193%
Organisations	£9,850	£148	£6,555	£3,295	67%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£35	£1,762	£438	80%
Total	£99,600	£10,201	£75,941	£23,659	76%
Other Accounts November '15					
Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£710	£1,246	-£536	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,211	£357	£854	
Rawstone Centre	£7,944	£3,029	£11,056	-£83	
Rawstone Centre - refurbishment		£13,000	£13,000	£0	
Community Development	£67,318	£573	£7,250	£60,641	
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		£8,501	£9,858	-£1,357	
Total	£114,492	£39,015	£51,350	£102,156	