

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2016, in the Methodist Hall.

Present: Councillor T Threlfall (Chairman)
Councillors, T Fiddler, St J Greenhough, Mrs M Whitehead, K McKay, Mrs S Delany,
Mrs J Cartmell, Mrs N Griffiths, Mrs. P Holt, Mrs. L Willis and L Rigby.

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.

Cllr. Noreen Griffiths.

2) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor, P Walton (Sick)

It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

3) Open forum

a) Police report.

Inspector Sue Horn attended the meeting and presented the report. She stated that she had arranged an increase in police presence in the village during the last few weeks due to the increase in incidents.

Number Of Incidents Logged: 75

Number Of Crimes: 12

02/03/2016 WA1603091 Criminal Damage --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CLOSED

Optional Comments:

Unknown offender approached salt storage box and damaged same by ripping felt from roof.

03/03/2016 WA1603094 Criminal Damage BUSH LANE- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments:

Unknown offender drove vehicle around playing fields, causing damage to same.

04/03/2016 WA1603149 Burglary --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments:

Unknown offenders approached property from the side, climbed over wooden gate to rear garden, forced open bedroom window with unknown object, made a tidy search, stole a Samsung tablet and made off undetected.

04/03/2016 WA1603143 Burglary LOWER LANE- CLOSED

Optional Comments:

Offenders climbed onto conservatory roof of large detached house while owners away during hours of darkness, forced bathroom window using flat bladed instrument, targeted wardrobes and stole jewellery, made downstairs activating alarm and left via unlocking lounge window.

05/03/2016 WA1603227 Burglary BUTTS LANE- CLOSED

Optional Comments:

Unknown offender(s) during hours of darkness entered allotments through broken fencing, approached two secure wooden sheds, forced one lock by unknown means and removed other lock with bolt cutters or similar; removed property from one shed and made off undetected.

07/03/2016 WA1603302 Shoplifting LYTHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments:

Offender selected a sandwich from the display and left the shop, stealing same and not offering any

payment.

08/03/2016 WA1603424 Shoplifting --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments:

Two offenders, one known, stole two sandwiches and left, making no attempt to pay.

11/03/2016 WA1603567 Fraud HERON WAY - POLICE DISPOSAL

Optional Comments:

Unknown offender failed to pay for taxi service.

11/03/2016 WA1603553 Assault NAZE LANE- CLOSED

Optional Comments:

Details not disclosed.

14/03/2016 WA1603783 Theft --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CLOSED

Optional Comments:

Unknown offenders approached locked and secure van on driveway of property, gained entry by unknown means, took property and left undetected.

25/03/2016 WA1604242 Assault NAZE LANE- CLOSED

Optional Comments:

Assault by an offender known to the victim.

25/03/2016 WA1604218 Assault HUNTER ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments:

Domestic assault.

The Clerk asked the members if they preferred the emails to the monthly report

It was agreed that this was a better way of communicating and both methods would be used for the next two months.

3b) Public participation.

A member of public brought up the pile of grass on the Bush Lane sports field.

It was agreed to pass it on to the Open Spaces committee.

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

All Councilor's, as landlords, declared an interest in Memorial park playground area.

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

a) The Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 4th April 2016

b) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th April 2016

c) The Open Spaces committee meeting held on Tuesday 12th April

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

6) To review the Clerk's report

The report was 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 review the Internal Auditors report

It was resolved to accept the auditor's report.

- d) **To approve the final statement of accounts for 2015-16**
It was resolved to approve the final statement of accounts for 2015-16
- e) **To approve the Audit Annual governance statements for the 2015-16 accounts**
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- f) **To approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2015-16 accounts**
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- g) **To agree the allocation of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant.**
It was resolved to allocate the Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant to the open spaces vehicle replacement fund.
- h) **To consider a request from the 4 Churches for financial support towards the celebration for the Queen's 90th Birthday**
It was resolved to make a donation of up to £500.
- i) **To consider opting in to the LCC's Public Rights of Way – Local delivery scheme**
It was resolved to opt in to the LCC's Public Rights of Way – Local delivery scheme
8. **To consider whether the Council should submit an expression of interest in Freckleton library.**
- Concern was expressed about the removal of the books donated by the Americans. The Clerk agreed to write to Julie Bell at LCC.
 - It was resolved to defer the decision to express an interest in the library building until after the consultation period has ended and LCC have indicated what will happen to the building.
9. **To consider commenting on LCC's proposals for a 40mph speed restriction on part of Kirkham road.**
It was resolved to support the 40mph proposals.
10. **To review the LCC's final recommendations of the Electoral Review**
It was resolved to support the electoral review.
11. **To consider FBC's request to install smoke free playground signage**
It was resolved to support the smoke free playground signage.
12. **To consider the Diocese of Blackburn's recommendations for the benefices of Freckleton & Warton**
It was resolved to support the recommendations.
13. **To receive an update from meetings held with other Organisations and Bodies**
Cllr Mrs M Whitehead reported that Brian Willis had taken over the chair of the Library support group and that the community was not showing much interest.
Rawstone Centre – Cllr Mrs P Holt reported that the fire brigade had inspected the building and considered it high risk. The management committee have to do their own risk assessment annually and they recommended an alarm linked to a mobile phone.

The Clerk said that the cricket section were trying to do their own risk assessment for the score box and asked Cllr Mrs Holt to liaise with them.

14. To receive an update from the FBC Councillors.

Cllr's Threlfall and Fiddler stated they were meeting FBC to progress the revamping of the park.

15. To agree the date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting Full Council would be held on 6th June 2016.

Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....

Date.....06/06/16.....

Schedule of Payments – April 2016 – Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council						
Schedule of payments April '16						
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT	
Precept Account						
01/04/2016	KM Armistead - Salary	6460	£1,151.68		£1,151.68	
15/04/2016	PO ltd - Tax & N/I	6480	£461.77		£461.77	
01/04/2016	N Bibby - salary	6461	£274.57		£274.57	
01/04/2016	KM Armistead - expenses	6464	£88.09		£88.09	
08/04/2016	FBC - Precept grant	D/P	-£49,800.00		-£49,800.00	
07/04/2016	Parochial Church Council - grant	6474	£500.00		£500.00	
07/04/2016	Air Ambulance - S137 grant	6475	£200.00		£200.00	
07/04/2016	The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant	6476	200.00		200.00	
01/04/2016	LALC - annual subscription	6463	£656.69		£656.69	
01/04/2016	Staples - stationery	6465	56.62	£9.44	£47.18	
01/04/2016	N Bibby - Expenses	6469	32.68		£32.68	
07/04/2016	Mcafee - Internet security renewal	6472	38.05		£38.05	
Open Spaces						
20/04/2016	Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£36.00	£1.71	£34.29	
07/04/2016	Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	6471p	£34.00		£34.00	
07/04/2016	Golden leaf - litter picking	6471p	£405.00		£405.00	
01/04/2016	Electr- Test PA testing all buildings	6466	£157.00		£157.00	
07/04/2016	Smithshire - line for strimmer	6470	£25.00	£4.17	£20.83	
07/04/2016	Bowling Club - Open Spaces grant	6477	£1,700.00		£1,700.00	
07/04/2016	Eon - Electricity for car park	6473	£142.68	£6.79	£135.89	
07/04/2016	Lancs. Playing Fields association - annual subscrip	6478	£17.00		£17.00	
15/04/2016	Rawstorne centre - PA Testing	cheque	-£38.00		-£38.00	
15/04/2016	Bowling club - PA Testing	cheque	-£33.50		-£33.50	
15/04/2016	Disley - replace toilet seat - Bowling club	6479	£46.00		£46.00	
15/04/2016	Methodist church - hire of romm Jan & Feb '16	6481	£61.60		£61.60	
15/04/2016	Townsend's - Diesel & Petrol	6482	£85.78	£14.29	£71.49	
15/04/2016	M Mason - Flowers for P Shakeshaft reading	6483	£25.00	£4.17	£20.83	
30/04/2016	United Utilities - water charges for storeroom	D/D	£321.60		£321.60	
30/04/2016	United Utilities - water charges for car park	D/D	£41.90		£41.90	
15/04/2016	Hanson Cleaning - Repair to Power washer	6484	£236.69	£39.45	£197.24	
07/04/2016	Bank of America - Playground fund	cheque	-£69.53		-£69.53	
08/01/2016	FBC - Bus shelters grant	D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00	
08/04/2016	FBC - Playground maintenance	D/P	£1,019.00		£1,019.00	
01/04/2016	FBC - Rates for Storeroom	6462	£1,052.70		£1,052.70	
28/04/2016	UU - water charges for Storeroom	D/D	£321.60		£321.60	
28/04/2016	UU - water charges for car park	D/d	£41.90		£41.90	
Allotments						
22/04/2016	UU - Croft butts water charges	D/D	£13.05		£13.05	
22/04/2016	UU - Bush lane water Charges	D/D	£60.74		£60.74	
15/04/2016	Bush lane rents	cheques	-£1,126.00		-£1,126.00	
Community Development Account						
01/04/2016	Parish Noticeboard co - deposit for new noticeboa	6467	£1,200.00	£200.00	£1,000.00	
08/04/2016	FBC - Council tax reduction grant	D/P	-£8,111.00		-£8,111.00	
31/03/2016	Nationwide - interest	D/P	-£52.79		-£52.79	
Rawstorne Centre						
15/04/2016	Rawstorne Centre - gas bills	cheque	-£444.03		-£444.03	
VAT -Refunds						
03/04/2016	HM Customs - VAT refund	D/P	-£1,158.94		-£1,158.94	
Total			-£50,409.40	£280.01	-£50,689.41	

Precept Account – March 2016 – Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	April '16	To date	Outstanding	
Wages	£23,000	£1,888	£1,888	£21,112	8%
Insurance	£4,600	£0	£0	£4,600	0%
Stationery	£1,000	£47	£47	£953	5%
Postage	£1,800	£159	£159	£1,641	9%
LAPTC	£620	£657	£657	-£37	106%
Audit fee	£500	£0	£0	£500	0%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Training	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Civic functions	£500	£0	£0	£500	0%
Election	£2,000	£0	£0	£2,000	
Reserve	£0	£0	£0	£0	
equipment	£280	£0	£0	£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	£55	£55	£16,220	0%
Bedding out & Watering	£25,175	£0	£0	£25,175	0%
Cleansing	£5,900	£476	£476	£5,424	8%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£329	£329	£2,371	12%
Organisations	£9,850	£2,469	£2,469	£7,381	25%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£1,950	£1,950	£250	89%
Total	£99,600	£8,930	£8,930	£90,670	9%

Other Accounts April '16

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£13	-£13
Bush lane Allotments		£1,126	£61	£1,065
Rawstone Centre	-£444	£444	£0	£0
Community Development	£60,583	-£29	£1,350	£59,204
Memorial park - playground	£20,275			£20,275
Tom Croft Car park	£16,351	£8,193		£24,544
Open spaces -capital	£6,012			£6,012
VAT		£1,159	£280	£879
Total	£102,776	£10,893	£1,704	£111,965