

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2016, in the Methodist Hall.

Present: Councillor T Fiddler, (Chairman)

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

- 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.**

K McKay – Away on business.

It was resolved to accept the reason for absence.

- 3) Open forum**

a) Police report.

The Clerk read out the following report.

Report sent separately.

Number of Incidents Logged: **82**

Number Of Crimes: **12**

04/12/2015 WA1516708 Burglary LOWER LANE- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Unknown offender(s) broke into a garage by smashing a window, stole some items and made off undetected.

06/12/2015 WA1516812 Theft ROSEACRE ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments Offenders unhitched a trailer from a vehicle, attached it to their vehicle and drove off with it.

07/12/2015 WA1516828 Assault KIRKHAM ROAD- NO FURTHER ACTION

Optional Comments: Offender known to victim assaulted victim after an argument about drugs.

09/12/2015 WA1516931 Theft HUNTER ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: Offender used a taxi service and made off without paying.

13/12/2015 WA1517200 Assault --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Known offender assaulted his partner several times while under influence of drink and drugs.

16/12/2015 WA1517334 Criminal Damage KIRKHAM ROAD- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Unknown offenders cut a cable to outdoor Christmas lights and made off undetected.

16/12/2015 WA1517299 Criminal Damage LYTHAM ROAD- NO FURTHER ACTION

Optional Comments: Known offender kicked open a front door, causing damage to it, during an argument.

20/12/2015 WA1517518 Assault HODGSON AVENUE- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: Domestic assault, offender known to victim.

26/12/2015 WA1517952 Shoplifting LYTHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

Optional Comments: One known offender and two unknown offenders stole crates of beer.

26/12/2015 WA1517773 Assault BALDERSTONE ROAD- NO FURTHER ACTION

Optional Comments: Assault by offender known to victim.

30/12/2015 WA1517973 Criminal Damage --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CLOSED

Optional Comments: Unknown offender let down a car tyre and scratched front doors with an unknown instrument, possibly while attempting to enter vehicle.

3b) Public participation

A member of the public enquired about the Clerk's monthly expenses and why no VAT was reclaimed.

The Clerk explained that the expenses were in respect of the use of a room at his home as an office, 50% of the line rental and broadband charges. Telephone calls, postages and travelling expenses. NO Vat can be re-claimed because the Clerk is not VAT registered.

Cllr Paul Rigby – My ward boundaries have been moved to include Clifton.

Currently we have 74 public libraries in the Lancs area. It is intended to drop to 34. I fear for Freckleton library. Consultation starts today and I advise people to write in to try to keep it open. Kirkham will probably stay open as it has a much higher usage. As soon as I have any more information I will let people know.

Cllr T Fiddler – How long is the consultation period? Cllr PR - 12 weeks.

Cllr M Whitehead – Can you suggest to who makes the decisions that there is an option to open less hours and run it with volunteers.

Cllr PR – I am supporting the Freckleton library.

The clerk will write to Julie Bell to request if there is any help she can give the council on this matter.

Cllr T Threlfall – Can you have the white chevron and the red bricks near the round-about cleaned in the next 6 months?

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

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

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

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th December 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 review the 2016/17 Precept budget

It was resolved that the 2016/17 Precept budget be increased by 0.5% due to an increase in single parent families in the village.

d) To approve the Committee Clerk's enrolment into the LCC run Pension scheme.

The Clerk reported that LCC had agreed in principle to accept Mr. Bibby into the Pension but required the following information to be able to set him up:-

1. Confirmation that Nigel Bibby is eligible to become an active member of the scheme.

It was resolved that Mr. Nigel Bibby, in respect of his employment with Freckleton Parish Council, is eligible for membership of the Local Government Pension scheme (England and Wales).

2. Payments.

The payments for employee and employer are reviewed every 3 years. The next review will take effect from April 2017.

In the meantime the Council should consider how the payments up to April '17 will be calculated. There are 2 options:-

a) The Actuary to individually assess the payments due. Costs £1,300 + VAT.

b) To use a pro-forma calculation provided by the Actuary. – No Charge.

It was resolved that a pro-forma calculation should be used to calculate the contributions up to April 2017.

3. Date of joining scheme.

The Council should agree a date when Mr. Bibby will join the scheme.

It was resolved that Mr. Bibby should join the scheme from 01/04/2016.

e) To consider opting in to the NALC audit service scheme

It was resolved that the council would wait for further updates before any decision was made.

8) To review the gas inspector's report on the Gas Boiler at the Rawstone Centre

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact an independent engineer for a report.

9) To receive an update on the running of the Rawstone Centre

The following issues were raised:-

- Some inspections were unable to take place
- We want to get it up and running as it used to ASAP
- Boiler problem – Waiting for an update report
- Cllr P Holt - I have a report that there is nothing wrong with the boiler itself, it is a gas feed pipe problem. The pipe is too narrow. Why has this only just been brought up as a problem? The boiler has been in for several years.
- Cllr L Rigby – There were no problems when the boiler was fitted.
- Cllr T Threlfall - Maybe an issue with the person who fitted the boiler.
- Member of the public (David) – Is there any come back on the person who fitted it?
- Clerk – It was fitted 3 years ago and the fitter came back several times with radiator issues.
- Member of the public (Ken) – There seems to be a problem when trying to get anything done at the Rawstone center. The problem is the council members on the committee don't know how the center runs and there is no secretary on the committee.

10) To receive an update on the proposals for improving the Rawstone Centre

David Ashton reported:-

- £4000 spent on refurbishment of the bar area.
- £9000 spent on refurbishment of the club house.
- There are grants available to further improve the Rawstone center

11) To receive an update on a site for an enclosed dog exercise area.

Linda Keller updated that the land on Goe Lane was not a viable option as it would be too expensive to have it cleared and fenced off.

Could we have one of the allotments or an area on the Memorial park for the dog walking area?

The Chairman reported that grants have been given to upgrade the Memorial park and the allotments have live stock on them. Dogs running nearby would cause problems. We need to keep dogs in one place as people are not picking up after them. What about the land between Norman Wilcox and the bungalow. Who owns that land?

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

The report was noted – No further action will be taken.

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

Fabrics

- We had hoped to use the florescent lights removed from the Rawstrone sports center, to replace the lights in the council store room but, we have been informed they were damaged and scrapped by the cricket club.
- Cllr St.John Greenhough now holds a full set of keys for all council properties.

Finance

- Nothing to report

Open Spaces

- We have approached Freckleton in Bloom to offer support

Planning

- Last month's meeting was very difficult we had no heating and no power to run the projector.
- Andrew Stell gave good advice at the last meeting and he has been in contact with us since. He was impressed with our running of the meeting.

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

Cllr T Threlfall had a meeting with the local Police.

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

Street cleaning has improved considerably and the drains have been cleaned out. Cllr P Walton brought up that Naze Lane never gets the drains cleaned.

16) To agree the date of the next meeting

1st February 2016

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

Date 01/02/16

Schedule of payments

December 2015

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council						
Schedule of payments December '15						
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/12/2015	KM Armistead - Salary		6405	1210.82		1210.82
01/12/2015	PO ltd - Tax & N/I		6407	£486.77		£486.77
01/12/2015	N Bibby - salary		6406	£274.57		£274.57
01/12/2015	KM Armistead - expenses		6408	£122.24		£122.24
07/12/2015	Freeola - web-site rental		D/D	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
14/12/2015	In Trak - PA system for Carol service		6421	£312.00	£52.00	£260.00
15/12/2015	Staples - desk & chair		6416	£82.98	£13.83	£69.15
21/12/2015	N Bibby - donation towards desk & Chair		Cheque	-£69.15		-£69.15
Open Spaces						
01/12/2015	Golden leaf - grass cutting		6411p	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
01/12/2015	Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders		6411p	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
01/12/2015	Golden leaf - litter picking		6411p	£465.00		£465.00
16/12/2015	Townsend's - diesel & petrol		6422	£82.03	£13.67	£68.36
20/12/2015	Scottish power - electricity charges		D/D	£36.00		£36.00
01/12/2015	T Garlick - Provide lifting gear for AWS lights repa		6409	£60.00	£10.00	£50.00
01/12/2015	Stretton Oak Tubs - tubs for FIB		6412	£600.00	£100.00	£500.00
01/12/2015	Abalone graphics - name badges fro FIB		6413	£71.34	£11.89	£59.45
01/12/2015	Mrs M Whitehead - Crisps for goody bags		6414	£19.75		£19.75
07/12/2015	FIB - donation towards materials		cheque	-£559.45		-£559.45
09/12/2015	Golden leaf - grass cutting		6420p	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
09/12/2015	Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders		6420p	£1,060.00		£1,060.00
09/12/2015	Golden leaf - litter picking		6420p	£375.00		£375.00
09/12/2015	signs of our times - FIB plaque		6418	£134.10	£22.35	£111.75
09/12/2015	Lorrenzos - FIB celebrations		6417	£130.00	£21.67	£108.33
09/12/2015	A & T Laycock - Xmas tree & delivery		6419	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00
16/12/2015	M Benson - Hedge cutting		6423	£450.00	£75.00	£375.00
21/12/2015	FIB - donation towards plaque		cheque	-£111.75		-£111.75
Community Development Account						
01/12/2015	Thomas Fattorini Ltd - new case for Chairman's ch		6410	£318.12	£53.02	£265.10
30/11/2015	NatWest - interest		D/P	-£0.40		-£0.40
30/11/2015	Nationwide - interest		D/P	-£50.93		-£50.93
Rawstone Centre						
20/12/2015	CNG - Rawstone gas		D/D	£122.24		£122.24
Total				£8,992.08	£435.23	£8,556.85

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Precept Account December '15					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	December '15	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£23,000	£2,094	£17,797	£5,203	77%
Insurance	£4,600	£0	£4,173	£427	91%
Stationery	£1,000	£0	£516	£484	52%
Postage	£1,800	£9	£1,153	£647	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	£556	-£56	111%
Election	£2,000	£0	£2,331	-£331	117%
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	£2,000	£19,567	-£3,292	120%
Bedding out & Watering	£25,175	£2,060	£16,895	£8,280	67%
Cleansing	£5,900	£908	£3,955	£1,945	67%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£50	£5,267	-£2,567	195%
Organisations	£9,850	£803	£7,538	£2,312	77%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£36	£1,799	£401	82%
Total	£99,600	£8,221	£84,163	£15,437	85%
Other Accounts December '15					
Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£710	£1,246	-£536	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,211	£357	£854	
Rawstome Centre	£7,944	£3,029	£11,207	-£234	
Rawstome Centre - refurbishment		£13,000	£13,000	£0	
Community Development	£67,318	£624	£7,515	£60,427	
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	£10,289	-£1,788	
Total	£114,492	£39,066	£52,197	£101,360	