

Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 1st April 2019

Present: Councillor, Mrs S Delany (Deputy Chair)

Councillors, T Threlfall, St J Greenhough, K McKay, Mrs P Holt, Mrs N Griffith T Fiddler, Mrs L Willis, L Rigby and Mrs. J Cartmell.

Apologies: Mrs M Whitehead & P Walton (Other business)

To review the minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018.

The minutes were noted.

Chairman's Annual Report 2019

1. Congratulations to Freckleton in Bloom for achieving a Gold award in the North West in Bloom competition.
A lot of planning and hard work goes into winning these awards and I thank the local businesses for their support. In addition, I would point out that this is an initiative that I would encourage all that live in the Village to participate in.
2. Again, it is disappointing to report that there has been a considerable reduction in the Policing of the Village despite there being a 13.5% increase in the charge on the rates this year and substantial increase in previous years. We have a good working relationship with them and we are making the best of what they can offer.
3. It is disappointing to report that there is still a lot of dog owners not picking up after their dogs. In particular, on the playing pitches on the Bush lane sports field and in the Memorial park. The Parish Council are in the process of trying to get some form of a dog control Order on the Bush lane sports field, similar to the Order that was in place prior to 2017.
4. The Parish Council will be upgrading the CCTV system in the Memorial park. Further information will be available when the cameras have been installed.
5. The Parish Council is liaising with the Churches to organise an event to mark the 75th Anniversary of Air disaster. Details will be available nearer the time.
6. The Parish Council is proud of its Sports and Community groups of which the Bowling, Football and Cricket clubs sets good examples. The Football section has recently introduced teams in the junior leagues.
7. Both the Horticultural and Agricultural allotments, with their own Management committees, are to be proud of and set a good example of how community groups can work together.
8. We have supported the Village hall in keeping it a place to be proud of and my thanks go to the Management committee.
9. Freckleton Club day committee are to be thanked for all the great work they do for the Village. They work very hard throughout the year.
10. Throughout the year Freckleton has continued to be in good health and all areas are well maintained by a reliable band of workmen.

11. The Village has a wonderful Brass band who maintain their status as a *premier* league band. Everyone who is involved with the running of the band should be congratulated.

12. Last but not least, Freckleton Parish Council are truly committed to the care and maintenance of Freckleton’s well-being. I would like to thank The Parish Councillors, the Chairman and Vice chairman of all the various committees, the Fylde Borough Councillors, Trevor Fiddler, Tommy Threlfall and Louis Rigby, for their work and support for the Village.

Finally, I give a resounding thank you to our Clerk Kenneth Armistead and my Vice Chairman Shirley Delany. Without them and their unfailing support, I would have found this year extremely difficult. Thank you and thank you all.

Councillor Mrs Marjorie Whitehead, Chairman

The full council gave a vote of thanks to the chairman for all her hard work over the past 12 months.

Chairman of Finance’s report 2019

- Thank you to Mr. Ken Armistead, our Clerk, for all the help and guidance this past year which has been much appreciated.
- **Precept account (including Open Spaces).**
 - The Councils expenditure for 2018/19 was within the budget of £103,590.
 - The Precept for 2019/20 has been set with no increase.
 - Thanks go to all the Councillors for keeping a tight control on the budgets and ensuring it receives best value for the money being spent.
 - This is the 5th year in succession that the Council has been able set a budget with no additional cost to the Parishioners.

- **Community Development Account**

- The interest on the savings, in this account, has been reduced considerably. More favourable interest rates are being achieved in a new bank account that was set up with Nationwide.

- **Capital expenditure**

- The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2018/19

New Flood lights for Bowling club	£2,158
New Picnic area in the Memorial park	£1,850

- **Income**

Interest on the Council’s Savings accounts	£358
Hire of equipment and land	£840
FBC Council tax reduction grant	£419
LCC grass cutting contract	£2,998

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- **Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2019/20 (The amount of expenditure to be agreed)**
New CCTV system in the Memorial park

COUNCIL FINANCIAL RECORDS ARE KEPT STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND ARE AUDITED REGULARLY BY COUNCILLORS AND ANNUALLY BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR.

ACCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL.

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Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2019				
			2018-19	2017--18
<u>Income</u>				
Precept			£103,590	£102,795
Open Spaces			£0	
Allotments			£1,886	£1,846
Community Dev.			£12,115	£6,497
Total income			£117,591	£111,138
Expenditure				
Precept			£97,790	£94,194
Including:				
Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972	£1,000			£480
Open Spaces	£63,438			£62,727
Allotments			£844	£2,117
Community Dev.			£11,508	£8,744
Total Expenditure			£110,142	£105,055
Excess of Income over Expenditure			£7,449	£6,083
Balance sheet as at 31st March 2019				
Fund Balance at 1st April 2018			£134,567	£128,484
Plus Excess of Expenditure over income			£7,449	£6,083
Total assets			£142,016	£134,567
Represented by:				
Total Bank Balances			£141,109	£133,373
Prepayments			£907	£1,194
Fund balance at 31st March 2019			£142,016	£134,567
The above represents fairly the financial position of the Authority at 31st March 2018 and reflects its income and Expenditure				

Public Participation

A member of the public asked if there would be a flypast to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Freckleton air disaster.
No comment was made by the council.

Signed.....St, J Greenhough, Chairman.....

Date.....15/05/19.....