

## Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Present by Email:** Councillor, St J Greenhough (Chair)

Councillors T Threlfall, T Fiddler, K McKay, Mrs L Willis, Mrs N Griffiths, Mrs P Mulholland, Mrs N Whalley, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs F Craig-Wilson, Mrs D Plant and J Graham.

**Apologies:**

None

### 1) Chairman's Annual Report 2020

It is my pleasure to submit my report to The Freckleton Parish Council.

Firstly, I am delighted to report again, Freckleton in Bloom won a gold award. This is a real tribute to the Organisers, the team of workers who ensure the Village is prepared and delightfully planted out. Thanks also go to the local businesses who support the initiative. I believe that residents should be encouraged to play a part in what is a prestigious occasion for Freckleton.

Freckleton Club Day went well with great support from many individuals. Grateful thanks to the hard-working committee together with officials representing the churches.

I am pleased to report that the CCTV system in the Memorial Park is working satisfactorily. This will offer reassurance to many people and the facility should be extended when possible to further aid security.

Sports and Community activities have been well supported and now include bowling, football, cricket, netball and recently introduced cycle training facilities.

The excellent Freckleton brass band continues to progress within its competitive sectors maintaining a premier status. This is another example of talented individuals giving the Village something to be proud of, illustrating their dedication and commitment which should be congratulated by everyone.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Air disaster was well attended. Grateful thanks are offered by the Parish Council to the Churches taking part, Pat Knight for organising proceedings and to the many who came along to the Service.

Two Annual events took place at the Memorial gardens, one on Remembrance Sunday and second for celebratory Tree lighting. Both were well attended and blessed with good weather given the respective times of the year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Clerk, Kenneth Armistead for his unfailing support, also to Assistant Clerk, Nigel Bibby, my Vice Chairman Tommy Threlfall and all the Councillors.

We are now experiencing strange and somewhat difficult times, restricting our normal means of communication. Hopefully, the notice board will continue to play a role in keeping our villagers in touch with updates and developments.

### 2) Chairman of Finance's report 2020

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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 2019/20 was within the budget of £103,749.

The Precept for 2020/21 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 6th year in succession that the Council has been able set a budget with no additional cost to the Parishioners.

**Community Development Account**

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 2019/20

CCTV Cameras in the Memorial Park	£20,198
Net ball equipment	£298
Football Dug Out	£1,000

**Income**

Interest on the Council's Savings accounts	£420
Rent from Hire of land (Fair/Circus etc.)	£755
Donation from Robert Rawstone Trust – CCTV cameras	£20,000
FBC New Homes Bonus grant	£800
LCC grass cutting contract	£2,998

**Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2020/21 (The amount of expenditure to be agreed)**

None

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.

**3) Financial Statement -Unaudited**

It was resolved to approve the unaudited Accounts – see Appendix A

**4) Public Participation**

None

**Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2020**

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	2019-20	2018-19
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Precept	£103,749	£103,590
Open Spaces	£0	£0
Allotments	£1,885	£1,886
Community Dev.	£24,973	£12,115
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£130,607</b>	<b>£117,591</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Precept	£98,390	£97,790
<b>Including:</b>		
Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972	£750	£1,000
Open Spaces	£63,552	£63,438
Allotments	£1,222	£844
Community Dev.	£31,152	£11,508
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£130,764</b>	<b>£110,142</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>-£157</b>	<b>£7,449</b>
<b><u>Balance sheet as at 31st March 2020</u></b>		
Fund Balance at 1st April 2019	£142,016	£134,567
Plus Excess of Expenditure over income	-£157	£7,449
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>£141,859</b>	<b>£142,016</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Total Bank Balances	£139,676	£141,109
Prepayments	£2,183	£907
<b>Fund balance at 31st March 2020</b>	<b>£141,859</b>	<b>£142,016</b>

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

Date...04/05/2020.....

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