

Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 12th April 2021

Present by Zoom: Councillor, St J Greenhough (Chair)
Councillors 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:

Councillors T Threlfall, T Fiddler – Other Meeting. K McKay – Other Business.
It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

1) Chairman's Annual Report 2021

In what has been a most difficult time for everyone, the objectives of the Parish Council during the past 12 months have also faced tremendous challenges.

Consequently, my report is mostly reflective on what should have taken place and I do understand the disappointment that was faced by organisers of the annual events that had to be cancelled. These include Freckleton in Bloom and the Freckleton Club Day which always produces a colourful backdrop to the village with residents, churches and organisations normally taking part. Other sporting and community activities were also affected.

The Freckleton Brass band always brings an uplifting atmosphere to proceedings and they have been greatly missed due to the lack of communal events.

Despite being plunged in to lockdown, the Parish Council has been able to maintain continuity thanks to Zoom technology!

In an effort to lessen the impact of the particularly heavy rainfall experienced recently, a new drain has been installed to disperse surface water at the bottom of the Bush Lane playing fields. Lighting to the footpath through the Memorial Park has also been upgraded in an effort to improve both visibility and security. At long last, problems with the Millennium Clock have now been resolved. Although during this year, it has seemed like time has stood still but we didn't want our clock to actually reflect this!

As we move on through 2021, we hope that continued progress with the vaccination programme will soon bring some normality to our day-to-day activities.

Finally, I would like to thank the Clerk, Kenneth Armistead for his diligence, also assistant Clerk Nigel Bibby, my Vice Chairman Tommy Threlfall and all the councillors for their continued support.

2) Chairman of Finance's report 2021

- 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 2020/21 was within the budget of £104,755.
 - The Precept for 2021/22 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 7th year in succession that the Council has been able set a budget with no additional cost to the Parishioners.
- **Community Development Account**
- Interest rates remain very low on the Council's savings Accounts.

- **Capital expenditure**

- The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2020/21

Repair to Cricket outfield	£400
New Lights in Memorial Park	£5,516
Repair to Millennium Clock	£1,880
New drains in Bush lane Sports field	£9,510

- **Income**

Interest on the Council's Savings accounts	£77
Rent from Hire of land	£85
FBC - Donation for new lights in Memorial park	£4,000
FBC New Homes Bonus grant	£517
LCC grass cutting contract	£2,998
Donation for bench	£600

- **Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2021/22 (The amount of expenditure to be agreed)**

Removal and replace trees on Bush Lane Sport ground £6,000

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

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

Date.....10/05/21.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council				
Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2021				
		2020-21	2019-20	
Income				
Precept		£104,755		£103,749
Open Spaces		£0		£0
Allotments		£1,875		£1,885
Community Dev.		£8,277		£24,973
Total income		£114,907		£130,607
Expenditure				
Precept		£96,400		£98,390
Including:				
Section 137 of the LGA	£750		£750	
Open Spaces	£60,816		£63,552	
Allotments		£1,128		£1,222
Community Dev.		£17,551		£31,152
Total Expenditure		£115,079		£130,764
Excess of Expenditure over Income		-£172		-£157
Balance sheet as at 31st March 2021				
Fund Balance at 1st April 2020		£141,859		£142,016
less Excess of Expenditure over income		-£172		-£157
Total assets		£141,687		£141,859
Represented by:				
Total Bank Balances		£140,422		£139,676
Prepayments		£1,265		£2,183
Fund balance at 31st March 2019		£141,687		£141,859
The above represents fairly the financial position of the Authority at 31st March 2021 and reflects its income and Expenditure				
Chairman		Financial Officer.		