

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2022
In the Village Hall**

Present: Councillor, T Threlfall (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

None.

2) Open Forum**Police**

The Clerk has distributed an email with the issues raised in the village from the PCSO for May 2022.

Anna (The PCSO) has offered to come to the village on club day (even though it's her day off) but needs a contact. Cllr T Threlfall will pass on Cllr Mrs L Willis' details to Anna.

Public participation

A number of members of the public were in attendance and raised several issues.

- Was there an update on the replacement of the cricket nets? The Clerk reported that he was looking at the sourcing and pricing of new nets and he hoped to have them replaced by the end of the year.
- A request was made for help from the Council regarding children playing football in the street causing anti-social behavior. Cllr T Threlfall stated that it was a Police matter and he would request assistance from the village PCSO.
- What is the plan to combat the graffiti in the village and how was it going to be cleaned up? The Parish Council are trying to keep up with removing the continuing graffiti and are going to take it to FBC for support. The CCTV in the park is being checked to see if anyone can be identified. Also, the village PCSO is trying to get information from the youths in the Village. Going forward the public were asked to report any new graffiti to the Clerk. The Clerk also reported that the Parish Council don't have the resource to clean it all off but they were targeting the Council's properties as priority.
- A request was made for benches to be put on the sports field. It was agreed to put the request on the next Open Spaces committee agenda.
- Concerns were raised about drug abuse being carried out in the brick dugout. The lock has been broken off and there were needles etc. on the floor. It was reported that the dugout had been cleaned out yesterday (5th June) and the Councillors were looking at options to stop this happening.
- An enquiry was made about the Cenotaph defibrillator being out of order. The Clerk reported that some of the equipment with in the defibrillator case had expired. The Clerk has ordered new equipment but was told there was a 6-month lead time.

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

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in item 6g. To consider a quote of £400 to remove the tree in the north-west corner of the Bush Lane sports field.

Item 6h. To consider a quotation of £600 for the removal of two trees backing on to Astley Crescent.

Item 7. To consider the recommendations from the Dog owners

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

- a) **The Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022**
- b) **The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022**
- c) **The Open spaces/Fabrics Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2022**

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

5) To review the Clerk's report

The contents were noted

The Clerk reported that FBC had not received any requests for a by-election to be held for the vacancy in East Ward and that the Parish Council should now fill the vacancy by co-opting.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman for this year and last year should form the interviewing committee. The Clerk agreed to advertise the vacancy.

6) Finance**a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk**

It was resolved to approve the accounts paid by the Clerk. See Appendix A

b) Monthly budget statements

The monthly budget statements were noted. See Appendix B.

c) To review the Internal Auditors report

It was resolved to approve the Internal Auditors report.

d) To approve the final statement of accounts for 2021-22

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e) To approve the Audit Annual governance statements for the 2021-22 accounts

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f) To approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2021-22 accounts

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g) To consider a quote of £400 to remove the tree in the north-west corner of the Bush Lane sports field.

It was resolved to approve the quote of £400 to remove the tree in the north-west corner of the Bush Lane sports field. It was agreed to refer the alleged damage from the tree roots to a wall and patio area to the Open Spaces Committee for evaluation.

h) To consider a quotation of £600 for the removal of two trees backing on to Astley Crescent

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7) To consider the recommendations from the Dog owners

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council, as Trustees, had the discretion to determine what activities should be held on the Sports field. He recommended to request the dog owners to walk around the perimeter of the field and use the designated dog exercise area.

It was suggested that 2 of the responsible dog owners join the Rawstone Management Committee.

The Rawstone Centre representative reported that new CCTV cameras were to be installed to identify all the cars that drive onto the car park.

It was noted that the Dog owners are now helping to keep the sports field clear of dog fouling and it was requested that they report any incident to Chris Sheard at FBC.

It was agreed that the signs should be reviewed by the Open Spaces committee.

It was agreed that the dog fouling situation should be reviewed again at the year-end to see if improvements had been achieved.

8) To consider what questions should be submitted to the Environment Agency regarding Pool Stream. - *Email sent 17/05/22.*

It was reported that this was being dealt with by FBC.

9) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on 11th July 2022

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

Date ...18/07/22.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council					
Schedule of payments May '22					
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
29/04/2022	Salary & Expenses May 2022	BACS	£2,411.91		£2,411.91
10/05/2022	Freeola - Web-site rental	D/D	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00
15/05/2022	Bt - Internet	D/D	£41.34	£6.89	£34.45
04/05/2022	Mrs M.A. Taylor - Internal Audit	BACS	£120.00		£120.00
Open Spaces					
15/05/2022	EDF - electricity charges	D/D	£42.00	£2.00	£40.00
05/05/2022	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.99	£329.17	£1,645.83
04/05/2022	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
16/05/2022	D Taylor - Borders	BACS	£300.00		£300.00
03/05/2022	A Hasleden - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
03/05/2022	A Hasleden - remove green waste & stump	BACS	£150.00		£150.00
09/05/2022	NFU Mutual - Insurance - pick-up	BACS	£565.11		£565.11
09/05/2022	NFU Mutual - Insurance - grass cutting machines	BACS	£780.25		£780.25
04/05/2022	Woodys - Materials to repair benches	BACS	£90.03	£15.01	£75.03
16/05/2022	Black Box - Annual service charge	BACS	£315.00	£52.50	£262.50
16/05/2022	D Taylor - Repair benches, Hedges & Tree Stumps	BACs	£345.00		£345.00
16/05/2022	BOLA - Repair to Cricket roller	BACS	227.81	£37.97	£189.84
16/05/2022	CK Marquees - Marque for Jubilee	BACS	£1,766.40	£294.40	£1,472.00
16/05/2022	Portable Toilet Co - Toilets for Club Day	BACS	£720.00	£120.00	£600.00
16/05/2022	Jane Smith - Punch & judy Show	BACS	£140.00		£140.00
25/05/2022	Club Day - Payment towards marquee	D/P	-£1,472.00		-£1,472.00
Allotments					
13/05/2022	Waterplus - Water charges	D/D	£27.24		£27.24
22/05/2022	Waterplus - Water Charges	D/D	£26.95		£26.95
Community Development Account					
17/05/2022	R Rawstorne grants	BACS	£19,150.00		£19,150.00
17/05/2022	R Rawstorne grants - payment	Cheque	-£19,150.00		-£19,150.00
17/05/2022	George's garage Charity trust - Grant towards Jubilee	Cheque	-£1,000.00		-£1,000.00
20/05/2022	FBC - Donation towards Jubilee	D/P	-£640.00		-£640.00
29/04/2022	NatWest - Interest	D/P	-£0.73		-£0.73
29/04/2022	Nationwide - interest	D/P	-£2.75		-£2.75
VAT					
Total			£8,703.25	£859.13	£7,844.12

Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account May '22					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	May '22	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,412	£4,838	£24,326	17%
Insurance	£5,000			£5,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£40	£656	£294	69%
Audit fee	£550	£120	£120	£430	22%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training	£50			£50	
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200		£69	£131	35%
Grants	£500		£500		100%
Section137	£750		£650	£100	87%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£2,576	£4,229	£17,021	20%
Bedding out & Watering	£19,250	£1,908	£2,491	£16,759	13%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£850	£4,250	17%
Borders	£6,000	£300	£495	£5,505	8%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£683	£982	£4,519	18%
Organisations	£8,800	£930	£4,371	£4,429	50%
Electric & rates	£2,800	£40	£1,702	£1,098	61%
Total	£106,714	£9,433	£21,952	£84,762	21%
Other Accounts May '22					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£100	-£100	
Bush lane Allotments		£700	£54	£646	
Allotment - refurbishment	£35,000			£35,000	
Community Development	£33,595	£2,286	£17,478	£29,538	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£15,633			£19,933	
Open Spaces	£16,876			£18,953	
VAT		£891	£4,941	-£4,050	
Total	£101,104	£3,877	£22,574	£99,919	