

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 In the Village Hall

Present: Councillor, Mrs P Mulholland (Chair)
Councillors, K McKay, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs N Whalley, Mrs L Willis, T Threlfall,
Mrs F C-Wilson, Mrs J Atherton, Mrs D Dickinson, T Fiddler, Mrs N Griffiths, A Smith.

1) New members to sign the declaration of acceptance of office.

The newly Co-opted Councillors Mr A Smith and Mrs. Dickinson signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

2) To accept Apologies for Absence.

None.

3) Open Forum

Police

There were no Police in attendance at the meeting, and no report had been received.

Cllr. Threlfall reported that there had been a lot of anti-social in the village and no police presence. He spoke to the Police to raise concerns and that he was disappointed with the response he received. It was agreed that the Clerk would request Deputy PCC Andy Pratt to attend the next council meeting to discuss the police response to the issues in the village.

Public participation

None.

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

All councilors as landlords declared and interest in item 7e, to consider the cost of reducing the height of the Hedge between the Bush Lane Allotments & the Sports field. Item 11, to consider Opting in to the LCC's Local Delivery Scheme. 12, to consider a request to ban cars using/parking on the Bush Lane sports field. 13, to consider a request to ban the mowing of communal areas of grass during May 2024 and onwards, thus helping to promote wildlife.

5) To read and approve the minutes of:-

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023
- b) The Planning committee meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023
- c) The Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023
- d) The meeting to Co-opt new Councillors on Monday 25th July 2023.

It was resolved that the above-mentioned minutes, 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 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 External Auditors report.

The External Auditors report was reviewed and the content was noted.

d) To consider the Banking procedures

The clerk reported that banking interest rates were steadily raising and recommended switching accounts to a higher interest rate account. This would give a yearly income of £4023 compared to the current income of £1041.

It was resolved to approve the clerk's recommendation to switch accounts.

e) To consider the cost of reducing the height of the Hedge between the Bush Lane Allotments & the Sports field.

The clerk has requested 2 quotes for the hedge cutting, to date, he has only received 1 which came in at £2850. He is waiting for the 2nd quote to come in. It was agreed to refer this item to the open spaces meeting.

f) To consider purchasing the Hedgehog Highways project

It was agreed that no action will be taken.

8) To review the date of future meetings.

It was agreed that the status quo would remain and no changes will take place.

9) To review the Election of officials

There were 2 volunteers for Fylde CAB. The meeting dates are to be clarified first. Cllrs. Mrs. D Dickinson and Mr. A Smith will join the Communications Committee.

10) To consider Opting in to the LCC's Local Delivery Scheme.

It was resolved to opt in to LCC's Local Delivery Scheme. Councilors with any items they would like considering for the scheme to email the clerk with details.

11) To review the response to the request to allocate a small plot for youths to use on the Croft Butts Lane allotments.

The response from the allotment committee was noted. Further discussions and investigation are required before any decisions can be made.

12) To consider a request to ban cars using/parking on the Bush Lane sports field

This item has been discussed previously and the feeling of the council remains the same. It was agreed to refer the requestee to the previous discussion and comments. No action to be taken.

13) To consider a request to ban the mowing of communal areas of grass during May 2024 and onwards, thus helping to promote wildlife

It was reported that the council do not mow many of the communal grassed areas until after May. This has been happening for several years and will continue in the future.

14) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 9th October 2023.

Signed.....Mrs. P Mulholland, Chairman.....

Date.....09/10/23.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council					
Schedule of payments July/Aug '23					
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
01/07/2023	Salary & Expenses July 2022	BACS	£2,396.88		£2,396.88
15/07/2023	Bt - Internet	D/D	£54.18	£9.03	£45.15
01/08/2023	Salary & Expenses August 2023	BACS	£2,455.93		£2,455.93
22/08/2023	Br Legion - pooppy wreaths	BACS	£99.95		£99.95
15/08/2023	Freeola - website rental	dd	£7.92	£1.32	£6.60
18/08/2023	PKF- External audit fees	BACS	£504.00	£84.00	£420.00
15/08/2023	Bt - Internet	D/D	£54.18	£9.03	£45.15
25/08/2023	FBC - Precept grant	D/P	-£53,966.00		-£53,966.00
Open Spaces					
04/07/2023	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
04/07/2023	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£2,795.81		£2,795.81
04/07/2023	D Taylor - Borders	BACS	£280.00		£280.00
04/07/2023	A Hasleden - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
17/07/2023	Br Gas - electricity charges	D/D	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
04/07/2023	A Hasleden - remove rubbish	BACS	£150.00		£150.00
17/07/2023	Scriven Recycling - Compost for beds	BACS	£318.00	£53.00	£265.00
04/07/2023	J Rhodes - Work on Borders	BACS	172.8	£28.80	£144.00
04/07/2023	HM Prison - Summer plants	BACS	£3,113.50	£518.91	£2,594.59
04/07/2023	HM Prison - Summer plants - FIB	BACs	£654.50	£109.10	£545.40
04/07/2023	Mark1mowers - service Cricket mower	BACs	£60.00		£60.00
14/07/2023	Bank of America - playground fund	cheque	-£316.50		-£316.50
12/07/2023	In trak - PA system for Club day	BACS	£1,440.00	£240.00	£1,200.00
11/07/2023	Club day committee - donations PA system	BACS	-£1,200.00		-£1,200.00
04/07/2023	Club day committee - donations towards materials	D/P	-£783.95		-£783.95
05/07/2023	Teamstrides - Medals for Club day	BACS	£940.74	£156.79	£783.95
12/07/2023	Chubb - Annual contract for security system	BACS	£186.22	£31.04	£155.18
18/07/2023	G Seed - new wheels for John deere Deck	BACS	£61.08	£10.18	£50.90
24/07/2023	DVLA - Road Tax for Pickup	BACS	£320.00		£320.00
16/08/2023	Br Gas - electricity charges	D/D	£13.26	£0.63	£12.63
01/08/2023	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/08/2023	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/08/2023	D Wilson - Border work	BACS	£792.00		£792.00
01/08/2023	A Hasleden - litter picking	BACS	425		425
07/08/2023	FIB - donation towards plants and baskets	D/P	-£2,261.40		-£2,261.40
01/08/2023	Bob Pye - remove dead tree in car park	BACS	£290.00		£290.00
25/08/2023	FBC - Playground maintenance	D/P	£2,320.91		£2,320.91
25/08/2023	FBC - bus shelter cleaning grant	D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00
22/08/2023	Defibshop - Infant pads	BACs	£122.40	£20.40	£102.00
Allotments					
22/07/2023	Waterplus - water charges	D/D	36.98		36.98
17/07/2023	P Marquis - Skip for asbestos	BACS	£1,440.00	£240.00	£1,200.00
17/07/2023	Fair - Water usage	cash	-£50.00		-£50.00
18/07/2023	Circus - Water usage	D/P	-20		-20
12/08/2023	WaterPlus - water charges	D/D	£29.01		£29.01
22/08/2023	Waterplus - Water Charges	D/D	£39.11		£39.11

Community Development Account					
24/07/2023	Divine Signs - Plaque for M Mullens bench	BACS	£22.20	£3.70	£18.50
05/07/2023	Civic Pride - Blue Plaque for Kirkham road	BACS	£580.20	£96.70	£483.50
31/5 & 30/6/23	Natwest - interest	D/P	-18.05		-18.05
30/06/2023	Nationwide - interest	D/P	-£80.45		-£80.45
18/07/2023	Circus - Rent	D/P	-£150.00		-£150.00
17/07/2023	Fair - rent	cash	-800		-800
01/08/2023	Glasdon - New Plaque for C Robb's seat	BACS	£136.67	£22.78	£113.89
07/08/2023	Bob Disley - Part payment for materials - RC	BACS	£3,800.00		£3,800.00
10/08/2023	Travis Perkins - materials to repair in front of green waste	BACS	£1,201.74	£200.29	£1,001.45
08/08/2023	M Wilson - Donation for plaque	D/P	-£136.67		-£136.67
16/08/2023	M Wilson - refund of VAT	BACS	£22.78		£22.78
31/07/2023	Nationwide - Interest	D/P	-£83.23		-£83.23
10/08/2023	Transfer from Savings Account		-£5,000.00		-£5,000.00
10/08/2023	Transfer from Savings Account		£5,000.00		£5,000.00
VAT -Refunds					
15/07/2023	HM Customs - VAT Refund	d/p	-£3,551.88		-£3,551.88
Total			-£30,628.55	£2,494.70	-£33,123.25

APPENDIX B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account July/Aug '23					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Aug '23	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,456	£12,139	£17,025	42%
Insurance	£5,500			£5,500	
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£52	£892	£58	94%
Audit fee	£550	£420	£545	£5	99%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election	£300		£100	£200	
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants	£500			£500	
Section137	£750	£100	£500	£250	67%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,646	£11,260	£9,990	53%
Bedding out & Watering	£18,850	-£919	£11,468	£7,382	61%
Litter	£5,100				
Borders	£6,468	£145	£1,845	£4,623	29%
Maintaining Buildings	£800	£1,082	£3,841	-£3,041	480%
Organisations	£5,500	£102	£3,562	£1,938	65%
Electric & rates	£8,200	£2,321	£8,212	-£12	100%
Total	£3,000	£13	£2,134	£866	71%
	£107,932	£7,417	£56,599	£46,233	52%
Other Accounts Aug '23					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£29	-£29	
Bush lane Allotments		£520	£1,387	-£867	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160		£840	£33,320	
Community Development	£7,507	£2,602	£4,076	£6,033	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£18,133			£18,133	
Open Spaces	£16,876		£5,075	£11,801	
VAT		£5,137	£6,047	-£910	
Total	£76,676	£8,259	£17,454	£67,481	