



Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter Issue No. 54 –April 2022

The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting 4th April, 2022

The Annual Parish Assembly took place on the 4th April, 2022 in The Village Hall where 10 Councillors were present and 2 gave apologies. The purpose of this meeting is to summarise the year's activities and to invite the public to hear these reports from the Chairman and Chairman of Finance, or any organisation that the Council give significant funding to, along with Financial Statements for the year. The public are provided with an opportunity for participation to express opinions on what the Council are doing. Unfortunately, there were no members of the public present.

Chairman's Annual Report 2022

The year got off to a good start with the relaxation of the Covid restrictions which allowed a return to face to face meetings.

This was followed by post lockdown celebrations held at the Rawstone Centre. An Event that was well supported in spite of the incessant rain. My thanks to all that contributed and a special thanks to Carol Thomas for her involvement.

Unfortunately, Freckleton did not enter the In-Bloom competition due to the lack of volunteers. However, this has now been rectified and I am pleased to see us back in the Competition.

For the first time in many years the Tree Lighting and Carol service was cancelled due to the inclement weather and the associated gathering in the Village Hall was cancelled due to Covid.

The Parish Council had recently been advised that the Memorial Village Hall and the land that it was built on was owned by the Parish Council. This was a surprise to the widely held view to the contrary. The confusion has now been resolved – it was false information – and the Council does not own the building or the land.

Preparations for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations are well under way. My thanks to all of you who are actively involved.

The Village has experienced severe flooding especially in Lower Lane and Bush Lane. The cause of the flooding in Lower Lane has been identified and hopefully rectified. My thanks to Councillor Tommy Threlfall for his involvement and resolution.

Dog fouling, especially on the Bush Lane Sports field, continues to be a major problem. Fylde Borough Council are being encouraged to improve enforcement.

The celebrations on Christmas Eve, including the Fireworks displayed was enjoyed by many of the villagers. My thanks go to Peter Walton, for organising the display and to Carol Thomas for arranging the event.

Finally – Boundary Changes.

The Boundary Commission put forward electoral changes that would reduce Freckleton's representation at Fylde Borough from 4 to 2 Councillors. This necessitated all properties to the north of the A584 to be transferred to Newton & Clifton ward (Fylde East). A proposal that effectively split the Village in to two.

The proposal for the Parish representation was to abolish the east-West wards only to be replaced by a single constituency – Freckleton Village – represented by 10 Councillors. Properties to the North of the A584 would elect 2 Councillors to the Parish Council.

The proposals were discussed at a public meeting. The discussions generated dismay and much anger. The meeting overwhelmingly supported a total rejection of these proposals, but to no avail as the Boundary Commission went ahead and adopted their proposals

I conclude by thanking the Council for their support and to Pam Mulholland, the Vice Chairman, for her support and encouragement.

A special thanks goes to Ken Armistead, our Clerk, for the professional way he conducts Council business.

Councillor Mr T Fiddler, Chairman

Chairman of Finance's report 2022

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 2021/22 was within the budget of £105,602.
- The Precept for 2022/23 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 8th 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 2021/22

Re-surfacing Village Hall car park	£7,777
Re-surface & re-line part of Tom Crofts car park	£4,300
Re-surface part of the Bush Lane Allotment track	£1,400
Major repairs to the John Deere tractor	£5,075
Cut back the trees on Bush lane	£3,000
End of Covid celebrations & Queen's Jubilee	£4,126
Printing Leaflets for FBC Ward boundary Changes	£ 235

Income

Interest on the Council's Savings accounts	£34
Rent from Hire of land	£135
FBC - Donation for Covid disruption	£2,000
FBC New Homes Bonus grant	£2,333
LCC grass cutting contract	£2,998
LCC – Donation towards Speed Indicator sign	£ 400
FIB – Donation towards Queen's jubilee Celebrations	£ 500

Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2022/23 (The amount of expenditure to be agreed)

Replace the Ransome Mower	£14,000
Purchase New Speed indicator unit	£ 2,700
Queen's Jubilee Celebrations	£ 7,500

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.

Upcoming and on-going events.

Queen's Jubilee Time Table - Friday 3rd June 2022

10.00 The Chairman of the Parish Council be asked to officially open the event

Vintage cars, coaches and Tractor display's until 4pm

11.00 Punch and Judy

12.00 Marquee presentations
1.00 Punch and Judy
1.30 Freckleton Singers
2.00 Harlequins
2.30 Ukulele Band
3.00 Presentation of prizes
4.00 Picnic in the park
5.00 Marquee to be set up for Band concert
6.00 Dan Clarke – soloist on stage
7.00 Freckleton Band in Marquee
10.00 Finish

Please note, All times are approximate

Falklands War 40th Year Commemoration.

A Remembrance Service will be held at Freckleton War Memorial on Wednesday 25 May 2022 starting at 11am until 12 noon. We will remember the sacrifice made by all who lost their lives during the conflict, but in particular those named on our local war memorials.

Freckleton: Chief Petty Officer David Strickland, Royal Navy (H.M.S. Coventry)

Weeton: Petty Officer Frank Foulkes, Merchant Navy (S.S. Atlantic Conveyor)

Both men died following separate attacks on their ships by Argentinian aircraft on 25 May 1982.

Club Day & Half Marathon

The Annual Club Day Parade and Sports events will be held on Saturday 18th June and the Half Marathon will run on Sunday 19th June. We wish them well with regard to the weather.

Best Kept Village.

The judging dates for Lancashire best kept village are: 1st round, 1st -17th June. 2nd round, 5th - 14th July

Freckleton Library

Freckleton Library is supported by its local volunteer Friends group, as are the other libraries across Lancashire. Their purpose is to support the LCC Library Service and provide local input to the activities undertaken within the local library and better link the Library Service to the local community, thereby ensuring these valuable services provided can be maintained into the future. Whilst activities were mostly curtailed by the pandemic, the Friends group have been able to re-start at Freckleton Library. The activities cover a range of social events, craft and creative events, specialist talks, information sessions with specialist support from organisations such as Citizens Advice Bureau. The events are supported by associated fund-raising activities, on a strictly not-for-profit basis, with all monies raised being used to develop either the existing or new activity proposals or library facilities.

Details of the activities being planned can be found on notice boards at the Library, Churches or Parish Council displays, or on-line at the Friends of Freckleton Library pages on Facebook, under "Love Freckleton Library", as well at the Lancashire County Council Libraries web sites.

Old Peoples' Welfare

We are actively seeking new members to come along and join us at our get togethers in the village Hall every 3rd Tuesday of the month from March to December (excluding August). Food and entertainment are supplied. Please keep your eye on the Village notice boards for details of what is happening or contact is Jill Atherton Telephone 01772 634563

Rawstorne Centre

We would like to make you all aware of the facilities and activities available at the Rawstorne Sports Centre:-

Adult Football, Junior Football, Netball, Youth Club Wednesday 7.00pm and 9.00pm, Community Event's.

Cricket when in season.

There is an All-Weather Surface that is available for hire, for tennis, football or other sports @ £12.00 per hour.

The function room and bar are also available for private parties and family functions.

Room hires: - £40 with bar facilities for all hires.

For further information please contact Mrs Carol Thomas tele: 07966831660.

Or email carolthomas23@hotmail.com.

Contacting the Police

We would like to remind residents' that if they have an issue which is not an emergency, they should contact the Police on 101. We are assured that dialling 101 will not only get a response but each report helps the Police to build a picture of events that are of a repeat nature and help them to deal with offenders more effectively.

Communication

Advance notice of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the council notice board. This is on the footpath opposite The Cenotaph and by The Coach and Horses Car Park. The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are held on the Council's website www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk

Note for Dog owners

When using the village footpaths, all of which are public rights of way crossing private land then public are requested to keep dogs under control as per the local Public Space Protection orders and clean up, please, and use the bins!

Public Participation - There is an opportunity for public participation at full council meetings. The aim is to enable any member of the public to raise issues of local concern or observation and this should be addressed through The Chairman. Unless time permits, questions and statements will be limited to 3 minutes each (the length of time permitted is at the discretion of The Chairman).

Your Parish Councillors telephone numbers and email addresses are:-

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