



## **Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter Issue No. 56 – May 2023**

### **The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023**

The Annual Parish Assembly took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023 in The Village Hall where 9 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 2023**

Thanks to the retiring Parish Councillors for their contribution to Freckleton and its residents. St. John Greenhough is a retiring Parish Councillor who for over 25 years put his heart and soul into this Village. I was privileged to be his Vice Chairman when he was Chairman for the 2 years in the very difficult times of the Covid period. On behalf of the Council and its residents I extend my thanks and gratitude to St. John.

I would like to thank LCC and County Councillor Paul Rigby, the United Utilities, FBC and the Environment Agency for the assistance I was given in tackling the flood problems in Bush Lane, Lower Lane, Lodge Close and Lytham Road and I hope the residents cannot live in fear of flooding. Thanks to Pat Knight, Susan Hankinson and all the other Volunteers that made the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration such a success. Also, the Club Day committee for their continued fantastic amount of work in providing our Club Day weekend.

I share the profound concerns expressed by the Villagers in the Boundary Commission's decision to split the Village into 2 parts for the forthcoming local elections. This will mean that the residents north of the bye-pass will not have a say in who represents them in Freckleton at Fylde Borough. Congratulations to the Village for winning the gold medal in the North West In-Bloom competition last year. Many thanks to the In Bloom committee, all the Contractors and Volunteers that made our Village so colourful. I extend a special thanks to Lorenzos for the buffet they provided us one evening.

I would like to thank the Parish Council for its support in agreeing to organise an event for the King's Coronation in the Memorial Park & Coach & Horses car park on 07/05/23.

A Blue Plaque is to be installed to mark the first Police house in the Village, on Kirkham Road. Other sites are being considered.

Dog fouling throughout the Village continues to be a major concern to residents. Fylde Borough Council are being encouraged to improve enforcement. To minimise this issue, I also extend my thanks to the residents who have helped in this matter

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.

Freckleton Cricket and Football teams are going from strength to strength. We have 6 teams from juniors to senior football and cricket in Freckleton is now a much-improved status. I would like to thank all the Management staff that make this possible.

At Christmas last year we hosted a fantastic Xmas tree which all the Village commented on how majestic it stood through the Xmas period. I extend my thanks to those who made it happen. David

Kirby, Thomas Garlick and Dean Wilson. I conclude by thanking the Council for their support and to Carol Thomas, 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 Threlfall, Chairman**

### **Chairman of Finance's report 2023**

Thank you to Mr. Ken Armistead, our Clerk, and Liz Willis for all the help and guidance this past year which has been much appreciated.

- **Precept account (including Open Spaces).**

- The Council's expenditure for 2022/23 was over spent by £16k due to the increase in energy & fuel costs and repairs to the Open Spaces areas & machinery. This will be paid for from the Council's Reserves.
- The Precept for 2023/24 has been set with no increase. Any overspend will be paid for from Council's Reserves.
- 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 9th 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 low on the Council's savings Accounts.

- **Capital expenditure**

- The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2022/23

New Doors and Facias for Band room	£4,483
Mugs for Queen's Jubilee Celebrations	£994
New gang Mower	£12,000
New Noticeboard for Bush lane Allotments	£840
Additional CCTV cameras for memorial park	£2,882
Trim Trees on Balderstone	£640
Flooring for Bowling Pavilion	£1,000
New Skirt for John Deere tractor	£200

- **Income**

Interest on the Council's Savings accounts	£375
Rent from Hire of land	£755
FBC - Donation Queen's Jubilee	£1,209
George Blackburn Trust – Donation towards Queen's Jubilee	£1,000
Donation towards Queen's Jubilee	£491
LCC grass cutting contract	£2,998
Police Crime Com – Donation towards CCTV cameras	£1,100
Donation for Bench	£700

- **Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2023/24 (The amount of expenditure to be agreed)**

Repairs to Rawstorne Centre Changing rooms & Roof	£10,000
King's Coronation Celebrations	£ 2,500

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.**

#### **The Kings Coronation Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Time Table of events.**

**01pm** – Celebrations opened by Ruby Currell, accompanied by Freckleton Parish Council Chairperson – Followed by entertainment by Frank Towers.

**1.15pm** – Children to take their seats for the 'Royal Picnic'

**1.30pm** – Freckleton Singers.

**2pm** – 'Royal' Dog parade – Judging will take place and the winner will be announced at the 5.50pm presentations

**2.15pm** - Frank Towers Entertainment.

**2.30pm** – Freckleton Brass Band.

**3pm** – ‘A Right Royal Bake Off’ - Judging will take place and the winner will be announced at the 5.50pm presentations

**3.15pm** - Frank Towers Entertainment.

**3.30pm** – Freckleton Brass Band.

**4pm** - Frank Towers Entertainment. (Adult participation a must – Mr & Mrs, Freckleton’s got talent.

**5.30pm** – Presentation of winners.

### **Club Day & Half Marathon**

The Annual Club Day Parade and Sports events will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June and the Half Marathon will run on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. **Please note the start time change to 10.30am.**

### **Half Marathon - Interesting facts.**

This year sees the 59th Male Half Marathon, it was first run on Saturday evening 19th June 1965. The event was the idea of the then Chairman of the Sports Committee, Councillor Dick Rhodes who was inspired by Ron Hill's entry in the Marathon in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics; he suggested to the then Sports Secretary for the Half Marathon Mr. Dennis Vickers, write to invite Ron to run in our first race which he did. By today's standards, the entry was a modest 53 entrants, mainly from local athletic clubs in Lancashire, but some from further afield. The race was a success and was won by Ron Hill in a time of 65.44. Four years later Ron Hill set the course record of 64.45, which stands to this day.

Ron ran in the Freckleton Half Marathon four times in total 1965,1969,1970 &1971, representing for Clayton-le -moors Harriers at Freckleton but represented Great Britain several times in the European Championship, when he won a gold medal in 1969, and England in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh where he won a gold medal in 1970. Dr. Ron Hill MBE sadly passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021.

In 1977 the women ran for the first time. In 1988, Veronique Marot ran at Freckleton and she holds the female course record of 72.56, Veronique ran in several marathons in her career and also represented Great Britain in 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Over the years there have been several multiple winners of the men's race such as Ken Moss, Pete Banks, Paul Muller, Ben Fish to name a few, and we have even had winners from as far away as Canada.

The Half Marathon race continued to take place in the evening during the adult sports until 1982. By then the entry had expanded to several hundred and the decision to switch it to the Sunday afternoon in 1983; This year's race is again switching to Sunday morning at the runner's request.

### **Freckleton Library**

LCC provide Library Services at the Freckleton Library, supported by the local Friends group, Love Freckleton Library.

The Library Staff provide a range of facilities, services, including access to the British Library Resources and computer facilities for use by Library users. Special activities are run by both the Library Service and by the Friends Group.

Full details can be found on-line at:

- [lancashire.gov.uk/Home/Libraries and Archives/Libraries](http://lancashire.gov.uk/Home/Libraries%20and%20Archives/Libraries)
- Like LanCS Libraries on Facebook
- Follow LanCS Libraries on Twitter
- #FreckletonLibrary

Or by searching for Freckleton Library on any search engine.

Activities are also signposted on the Library and Village Notice Boards.

### **BAE Systems News**

Liaison meetings with the Local Parish Councils have recommenced earlier to keep the local community aware of developments at the Company, with specific relevance to our locality.

Work continues on Typhoon development and production and the Company is hopeful of further production work on this project. The company is expanding its work force, after a period of reduction, with commencement of work on the Tempest Future Combat System. They are expecting to recruit

some 1000 persons per year for the next five years, many of which will be local to Warton or Samlesbury.

However, the changes in working practices introduced during the COVID 19 emergency are largely remaining in place, reducing the footfall on site overall. The busiest days centre around midweek, when up to 60% may be working on site, excepting for those engaged on various test facilities or aircraft assembly, maintenance or flight trials.

### **Old Peoples' Welfare**

We are actively seeking new members to come along and join us at our get togethers in the village Hall every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Liz Willis Telephone 01772 632777 email: [ejwillis88@gmail.com](mailto:ejwillis88@gmail.com)

### **Rawstone Centre**

We would like to make you all aware of the facilities and activities available at the Rawstone 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](mailto: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](http://www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk)

**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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