



## Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter Issue No. 52 –April 2019

### The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting 1st April, 2019

The Annual Parish Assembly took place on the 1st April, 2019 in The Library where all Councillors were present. 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.

### Chairman's Annual Report 2019

Congratulations to Freckleton in Bloom for achieving a Gold award in the North West in Bloom competition. A lot of planning and hard work goes into winning these awards and I thank the local businesses for their support. In addition, I would point out that this is an initiative that I would encourage all that live in the Village to participate in.

Again, it is disappointing to report that there has been a considerable reduction in the Policing of the Village despite there being a 13.5% increase in the charge on the rates this year and substantial increase in previous years. We have a good working relationship with them and we are making the best of what they can offer.

It is disappointing to report that there is still a lot of dog owners not picking up after their dogs. In particular, on the playing pitches on the Bush lane sports field and in the Memorial park. The Parish Council are in the process of trying to get some form of a dog control Order on the Bush lane sports field, similar to the Order that was in place prior to 2017.

The Parish Council will be upgrading the CCTV system in the Memorial park. Further information will be available when the cameras have been installed.

The Parish Council is liaising with the Churches to organise an event to mark the 75th Anniversary of Air disaster. Details will be available nearer the time.

The Parish Council is proud of its Sports and Community groups of which the Bowling, Football and Cricket clubs sets good examples. The Football section has recently introduced teams in the junior league

Both the Horticultural and Agricultural allotments, with their own Management committees, are to be proud of and set a good example of how community groups can work together.

We have supported the Village hall in keeping it a place to be proud of and my thanks go to the Management committee.

Freckleton Club day committee are to be thanked for all the great work they do for the Village. They work very hard throughout the year.

Throughout the year Freckleton has continued to be in good health and all areas are well maintained by a reliable band of workmen.

The Village has a wonderful Brass band who maintain their status as a premier league band. Everyone who is involved with the running of the band should be congratulated.

Last but not least, Freckleton Parish Council are truly committed to the care and maintenance of Freckleton's well-being. I would like to thank The Parish Councillors, the Chairman and Vice chairman of all the various committees, the Fylde Borough Councillors, Trevor Fiddler, Tommy Threlfall and Louis Rigby, for their work and support for the Village.

Finally, I give a resounding thank you to our Clerk Kenneth Armistead and my Vice Chairman Shirley Delany. Without them and their unfailing support, I would have found this year extremely difficult. Thank you and thank you all.

**Councillor Mrs Marjorie Whitehead, Chairman  
Chairman of Finance's report 2019**

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 Council's expenditure for 2018/19 was within the budget of £103,590.
- The Precept for 2019/20 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 5th year in succession that the Council has been able to set a budget with no additional cost to the Parishioners.

**Community Development Account**

- The interest on the savings, in this account, has been reduced considerably. More favourable interest rates are being achieved in a new bank account that was set up with Nationwide.

**Capital expenditure**

- The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2018/19

New Flood lights for Bowling club	£2,158
New Picnic area in the Memorial park	£1,850

**Income**

Interest on the Council's Savings accounts	£358
Hire of equipment and land	£840
FBC Council tax reduction grant	£419
LCC grass cutting contract	£2,998

**Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2019/20 (The amount of expenditure to be agreed)**

New CCTV system in the Memorial park

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.

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>			
<b>Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2019</b>			
		<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Precept</b>		<b>£103,590</b>	£102,795
<b>Open Spaces</b>		<b>£0</b>	
<b>Allotments</b>		<b>£1,886</b>	£1,846
<b>Community Dev.</b>		<b>£12,115</b>	£6,497
<b>Total income</b>		<b>£117,591</b>	£111,138
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Precept</b>		<b>£97,790</b>	£94,194
Including:			
<b>Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972</b>	<b>£1,000</b>		£480
<b>Open Spaces</b>	<b>£63,438</b>		£62,727
<b>Allotments</b>		<b>£844</b>	£2,117
<b>Community Dev.</b>		<b>£11,508</b>	£8,744
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£110,142</b>	£105,055
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>£7,449</b>	£6,083
<b>Balance sheet as at 31st March 2019</b>			
<b>Fund Balance at 1st April 2018</b>		<b>£134,567</b>	£128,484
<b>Plus Excess of Expenditure over income</b>		<b>£7,449</b>	£6,083
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>£142,016</b>	£134,567
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>		<b>£141,109</b>	£133,373
<b>Prepayments</b>		<b>£907</b>	£1,194
<b>Fund balance at 31st March 2019</b>		<b>£142,016</b>	£134,567
<b>The above represents fairly the financial position of the Authority at 31st March 2018 and reflects its income and Expenditure</b>			

### Club Day Events

The Annual Club Day Parade and Sports events will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June and the Half Marathon will run on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We wish them well with regard to the weather.

### Love Freckleton Library

Since the re-opening of the Library in Freckleton, the Library has been supported by a non-profit making Friends group, known as "Love Freckleton Library". Their purpose is as defined by their mission statement:

"Love Freckleton Library Friends Group endeavour to work with Freckleton library and supporters to make a positive social impact on our local communities. We aim to develop Freckleton Library and its facilities by providing inclusive activities, entertainment and learning opportunities for all ages, abilities and interests."

The group numbers some 47 members and has been successful in helping increase the use of the library facilities, which will be much needed if the library is to be sustained as a public facility for use by all in coming years as public finances are set to decrease for such activities. Further information on activities and Membership can be obtained by contacting the staff at the Freckleton Library, or via their social media page on Facebook.

### Upcoming events

Lego Group – every Saturday morning from 13/4/19

Hedgehog talks and exhibits – 27/4/19

Egyptian Mummification talk – 21/9/19

### BAE Systems News

### Tornado withdrawal from Service



The Royal Air Force withdrew the Tornado aircraft from service use at the end of March. Prior to that, formation of aircraft flew a number of sorties to fly by the sites that had seen major involvement with the aircraft. This included a fly past at Warton on 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Two further Boeing 747 freighter aircraft visited Warton in March and April. The first appeared on 15<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon, leaving that evening, whilst the second visited on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, arriving late morning and leaving in the afternoon.

#### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Air disaster**

There will be a remembrance service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August followed by a service at the grave.  
 A new memorial stone will be put in the memorial garden.  
 The US ambassador will be sending a representative to the service.  
 The council would like to note that they greatly appreciate the efforts of Patricia Knight for organizing the remembrance service.

#### **More Boeing 747 Visits**



#### **Over 60 club**

We are actively seeking new members to come along and join us at our get together in the village Hall every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from March to December (excluding August). Food and entertainment is supplied. Please keep your eye on the Village notice boards for details of what is happening or contact Bernard Whittle on 632566.

#### **Councillors resigning their seats.**

The following councillors are not standing for re-election in May.  
 Mr L Rigby. (Louis has served 43 years on FPC and many years as a Fylde councillor)  
 Mrs S Delany  
 Mrs M Whitehead  
 Mrs P Holt  
 Mrs J Cartmell  
 Mr P Walton

#### **Rawstone Centre**

We would like to make you all aware of the facilities and activities available at the Rawstone Sports Centre:-  
 Adult Football Saturday morning.  
 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 is also available for private parties and family functions.  
 Room hire: - £35 children's parties and £40 with bar facilities.  
 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 and telephone numbers (until 30<sup>th</sup> April 19) are:-**

#### **Freckleton East Ward**

Councillor Mrs. S Delany (Vice Chair) 01772 632349  
Councillor Mrs. P Holt 01772 635737  
Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead (Chairman) 01772 686436  
Councillor T. Threlfall 01772 633964  
Councillor St. J Greenhough 01772 634638  
Councillor Mr K McKay 01772 634345

#### **Freckleton West Ward**

Councillor Mrs N Griffiths 01772 631870  
Councillor T.J. Fiddler 01772 634889  
Councillor L. Rigby 01772 634111  
Councillor Mrs J Cartmell 01772 631853  
Councillor P. Walton 01772 632110  
Councillor Mrs E Willis 01772632777

### **Contact point**

The Clerk to the Council is Mr. K. M. Armistead  
Tel: 01253 738951  
The office is open between 9:00am & 12 noon, Monday to Friday  
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