

# Freckleton Parish Council



## Newsletter

### Issue No. 25 - May 2010

I am honoured to have been made the Parish Council Chairman for this year. Firstly I would like to give a vote of thanks to Cllr. Mrs. M. Whitehead for her leadership over the last twelve months. You can see from her Annual report how much was achieved.

Many of you do not realize the time and effort your Parish Councillors and our Clerk, Ken Armistead, put in to make sure that the residents of Freckleton get the best that is going from Fylde Borough Council, Lancashire Council, and other Organisations. One example being the grant that was obtained for the re-surfacing of the All Weather Centre. This incidentally leads me to the question of tennis. Is anybody out there willing to reform the tennis club, if so please contact myself or Frank Towers at the Rawstorne Sports Centre, Bush lane, Freckleton

**Councillor Colin Robb, Chairman**

### Annual Report 2010

During the past 12 months the Parish Council has completed the following:-

- In the Cenotaph, the pathways, lights and the Memorial stone have been upgraded.
- The All Weather Surface area, on Bush lane, has been re-surfaced. Some of the costs were met from a grant from the Lancashire Environmental Fund. The Council would like to see the new area being used for other sporting activities such as Tennis and Netball. Anyone interested in forming a new section please contact the Chairman of the Rawstorne sports centre.
- The Remembrance Sunday and Tree lighting & Carol service events has now become so popular that the Council reviewed the procedures before this year's services. It is hoped that the new procedures, introduced for health and safety reasons, were acceptable to everyone.
- Once again, the Council has agreed to support the "YMCA Rural Splash" committee with a donation of £2,000 to help keep Kirkham baths open
- A number of Open spaces areas in the Village have been upgraded. This, together with the usual colourful plants throughout the Village has resulted in a wonderful display. Our thanks go to Councillor Threlfall and all the Freckleton in Bloom team for all the hard work that has been put in.
- The water supply on the Croft Butt lane allotments have been upgraded to allow easier access to the water supply for all the allotments. The Council is aware that there are a large number of Villagers who are on the waiting lists for allotments and it is hoped that additional allotment land will be obtained in the near future.
- I would like to thank the Clerk Mr K Armistead for his guidance and patience, also to welcome Julie Winstanley this year to our team., To thank Councillor Robb for his work with the website, to thank Councillor Delaney for her help with all things this year, She does a lot of work for the Council year in & year out which she does not look for recognition, but it is much appreciated. Also, to my fellow Councillors for their help & support this year. Lastly but not least, John Garlick & Andy Davies who work so hard all year to keep the village looking it's best.

#### Chairman of Finance's report

- Precept account (including Open Spaces).  
There was only a small overspend on this account.
- Allotment accounts  
There was an overspend of £3.3k on the Croft Butts allotments, due mainly to upgrading the water supply
- Playground fund  
The monies received from the Bank of America shares have reduced considerably. As a result there was an overspend in this account of £1,778.

- Community Development account (Capital expenditure)
  - The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2009/10
    - Replace the existing tractor £17k – FBC paid for this machine out of the Housing development fund.
    - Resurface the All weather surface area. £10.5k- The Lancashire Environmental fund made a donation of £8.25k towards this cost.
    - Upgrade the paths and lights in the Cenotaph - £2k.
    - Upgrade the water supply on the Croft Butts allotments - £3.3k
    - New tank for red diesel - £1.3k
    - Remove the trees on the west side of Bush lane playing fields - £2.8k
    - Donation to Rural Splash (for the running of Kirkham Baths) - £2k
    - New irrigation system for the plants and Troughs around the Cenotaph – £1k
    - New lights for Christmas tree - £650

The interest on the savings, in this account, has been reduced considerably due to the reduction in interest rates as a result of the recession.

This account was overspent by £4,474, due to capital expenditure items mentioned above.

- Proposed capital Expenditure for 2010/11  
£6k for new heating facilities in the Band, Scouts and Guides rooms.

#### Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2010

	2009-10	2008-09
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
<b>Precept</b>	<b>£94,258</b>	£90,952
<b>Open Spaces Allotments</b>	<b>£1,641</b>	£1,776
<b>Community Dev.</b>	<b>£48,586</b>	£14,544
<b>Playground fund</b>	<b>£32</b>	£2,173
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£144,517</b>	£109,445
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
<b>Precept</b>	<b>£94,570</b>	£91,682
<b>Including:</b>		
<b>Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972</b>	<b>£584</b>	£980
<b>Open Spaces</b>	<b>£59,956</b>	£57,752
<b>Allotments</b>	<b>£4,512</b>	£1,430
<b>Community Dev.</b>	<b>£53,060</b>	£15,565
<b>Playground fund</b>	<b>£1,810</b>	£1,637
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£153,952</b>	£110,314
<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>-£9,435</b>	-£869
<b><u>Balance sheet as at 31st March 2010</u></b>		
<b>Fund Balance at 1st April 2009</b>	<b>£98,529</b>	£99,398
<b>Less Excess of Expenditure over income</b>	<b>-£9,435</b>	-£869
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>£89,094</b>	£98,529
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>	<b>£88,099</b>	£96,420
Unpresented cheques C/F (2008/09)		-£92
<b>Prepayments</b>	<b>£995</b>	£2,201
<b>Fund balance at 31st March 2010</b>	<b>£89,094</b>	£98,529

The above represents fairly the financial position of the Authority at 31st March 2010 and reflects its income and Expenditure

The list of Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

#### **Freckleton East Ward**

Councillor Mrs. S Delany 01772 632349  
Councillor Mrs. M.M. Dowling 01772 633488

Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead	01772 686436
Councillor T. Threlfall	01772 633964
Councillor St. J Greenhough	01772 634638
Councillor Linda Burn	01772 634889

#### **Freckleton West Ward**

Councillor Mrs M.E. Foster	01772 631184
Councillor T.J. Fiddler	01772 634889
Councillor L. Rigby	01772 634111
Councillor C. Robb	BT Talk type 1800201772635814
Councillor Mrs E Willis	01772 632777

#### **Co-opted Members**

Councillor P Quinn	01772 632668
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#### **Contact point**

The Clerk to the Council is Mr. K. M. Armistead

**Please note new number. Tel: 01253 731258**

**The office is open between 9:00am & noon, Monday to Friday**

Email: [clerk@freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk).

#### **Communication**

Advance notice of all Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's web-site and the two Council notice boards, within the village. One is situated on the footpath in front of the Coach & Horses car park and the other on Lytham road, at the junction of Balderstone Road.

The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's web-site and are held in a folder in the Library.

#### **The Parish Council website**

The website is at [www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Please visit this web site to keep up to date with the Council's business. All minutes of meetings, Agendas, Newsletters and contact points are available.**

#### **Forthcoming Events**

7<sup>th</sup> June 2010 - Full Council meeting.  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 - Planning Committee meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 - Open Spaces Committee meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 - Fabrics committee meeting  
5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 - Full Council meeting.  
12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 - Planning Committee meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 - Open Spaces Committee meeting