



Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter

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The Chairman's Letter

We have now got into Spring and with Easter being behind us and the weather seems to be getting better and the days lengthening we should all be feeling better. The most interesting time with the three elections on the same day. I think everyone should cast their vote and good luck to all. Fylde Borough Council have given £50,000 to the Friends of Freckleton Memorial Park so it should be looking smart when finished. I have enjoyed my year in Office as your Parish Council Chairman.

**Louis Rigby - Chairman
Freckleton Parish Council**

The Annual Parish Assembly 13th April, 2015

The Annual Parish Assembly took place on the 13th April, 2015 in The Rawstone Sports Centre 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.

The following reports were read.

Chairman's Report 2014-2015

Over the last 12 months your Parish Council has undertaken the following activities :

1. The Friends of the Memorial Park community group are raising funds for the re-vamping of the Memorial park. The Parish Council has pledged £20k and a number of other Organisations have also pledged support this project.

Also, Fylde Borough Council has agreed to support the Friends of the Park community group with a donation of £50k, for the re-vamping of the Memorial park play areas.

Special thanks go to the Parish Councillors who put in all the hard work to secure this donation.

There have been a number of exhibitions to explain the "Friends" proposals and a final plan has been agreed with the local residents.

2. Installed a blue plaque on the Cenotaph railing, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of start of World War 1, in recognition of their service to the Country by the men of Freckleton who served in the Great War.
3. Supported Rural Splash again, in order to help to keep Kirkham baths open. The junior schools in Freckleton use the baths to teach swimming.

4. Freckleton in Bloom and Golden Leaf must be congratulated for:-
- a) A Gold award in the North West in Bloom competition.
 - b) In the Lancashire Best kept Village competition, the best kept large village award; the best kept War Memorial gardens award and the best public playing fields, for the Memorial park.

A lot of planning and hard work goes into winning these awards. **Well done Indeed!**

Chair of Finance's Report 2014-2015

- **Precept account (including Open Spaces).**
 - The Councils expenditure for 2014/15 was within the budget of £99,600.
 - **Community Development Account**
 - The interest on the savings, in this account, has been reduced considerably due to the reduction in interest rates. A new bank account has been identified that will attract a better interest rate:-
 - The Council has set up the following Reserve accounts:-
 - Memorial Playground Fund - £20,275
 - Open Spaces new equipment fund - £10,263
 - Tom Croft Car park maintenance fund - £8.692
- Part of the money for these funds came from the grant from FBC in respect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

In addition, the Council is in the process of selling to United Utilities a part of the Bush lane allotment land where they built the overflow tank. This money will be "ring fenced" for future allotment developments, hopefully to include providing additional allotments for people on the waiting list.

- **Capital expenditure**
- The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2014/15

• Donation to Rural Splash (for the running of Kirkham Baths)	- £2k
• Repairs to pathways in park & car park entrance to Rawstorne Centre	- £3.6k
• Plaque to commemorate WW1	- £408
• Re-line the Tom Croft car park	- £776
• A defibrillator and box for the Rawstorne centre	- £1k
- **Financial Savings**
- The Council has saved £2k by cutting back on winter plants.
- **Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2014/15**

£20k to help the Friends of the Park re-vamp the play areas, subject to FBC supporting the project.

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.

Parish Council Meetings

May 2015

14/05/15 – Annual Parish Council meeting – starting at 6.30pm, followed by

14/05/15 – Full Council – starting at 7:00pm after the above

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 in a folder in The Library and are open to view by all. You can also visit the website <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 their contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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Clerk to the Council

The Clerk can be contacted by phone during normal Council Office hours - 9:00am to noon, Monday to Friday.

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