



**Freckleton Parish Council
Newsletter
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The Annual Parish Assembly 9th April, 2018

The previous Annual Parish Assembly took place on the 10th April, 2017 in The Methodist Hall 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 2018

1. Congratulations to Freckleton in Bloom and Golden Leaf 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.
2. We are grateful and thank County Councillor Paul Rigby LCC for ensuring the Library was opened promptly when LCC decided that it had changed its policy on the closing of Libraries. To date it is a very popular venue for Villagers to meet and use. Long may it do so.
3. Again, it is disappointing to report that there has been a considerable reduction in the Policing of the Village. We have a good working relationship with them and we are making the best of what they can offer. The Police have recently started 5 PCSOs in the Fylde area. This is a step in the right direction
4. In October 2017 Fylde Borough Council introduced new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) to replace the existing Bye-laws and Dog Control Orders. The full details of these new Orders can be found on the FBC's web-site.
5. The Parish Council is considering upgrading the CCTV system in the Memorial park. Further information will be available when a decision has been made.
6. The Parish Council is liaising with the Churches to organise an event to mark the 100th Anniversary of WW1. Details will be available nearer the time.
7. 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, under the management of Paul Martland, is progressing well and we are grateful to all who are involved in making a success of our Sports facilities.
8. 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.

9. We have supported the Village hall in keeping it a place to be proud of and my thanks go to the Management committee.
10. 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. I commend the Parish Council's support for them.
11. Throughout the year Freckleton has continued to be in good health and all areas are well maintained by a reliable band of workmen.
12. 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 and I would like to thank them for supporting the Parish Council with the events that we have held in the past year.
13. 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. Also, a thank you to our Assistant Clerk.

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

Councillor Mrs Shirley Delany, Chairman

Chairman of Finance's report 2018

- 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 2017/18 was within the budget of £102,795
- **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 set up with Nationwide that attracts a better interest rate.
- **Capital expenditure**
- The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2017/18

Additional equipment for the new play area in the Memorial park	- £3,543
New Seat in the Memorial park	- £1,062
A grass verge on Lower lane, adjacent to Quakers wood	- £1,369
Repairs to the Rawstorne centre roof	- £3,760
- **Income**

Interest on the Council's new Savings account	- £229
Hire of equipment and land	- £690
FBC Council tax reduction grant	- £3,163
LCC grass cutting contract	- £2,415
- **Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2018/19 (The amount of expenditure to be agreed)**
 - New CCTV system in the Memorial park
 - Part resurface the Bush lane Allotment lane
 - To progress Phase 3 of the development of 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.

Councillor St J Greenhough, Chairman of finance.

Sky Lanterns

FBC are encouraging people not to use the Chinese style sky lanterns. There is a policy in place to not allow them to be used on Council owned land but this does not cover the Parishes.

FBC would request an event notification be completed on the council website. (Please use the link below) should anyone wish to hold an event or similar on Parish land.

<http://www.fylde.gov.uk/business/events-notify-council-about-proposed-event/>

Note for Dog owners and use of footpaths

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 and follow the guidance of the Fylde PSPO. Clean up, please, and use the bins!

Litter Picking

The council are hoping to assemble and coordinate litter picking volunteer groups in the village in the near future. Please keep an eye on the notice board and website for information.

BAE Systems

The third 747 out of planned 12 arrived on 28th Feb and departed on 1st March. Another 9 are due at around 2 monthly intervals.



Environment Agency Advice

Environment Agency publish advice to landowners whose property has watercourses crossing or adjoining – including underground culverts. More information is available via the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

Club Day Events

The Annual Club Day Parade and Sports day will be held on Saturday 16th June and the Half Marathon and fun run on Sunday 17th June. Entry to the fun run and half marathon is still open and will remain so until and include race day. We wish them well with regard to the weather ☺



Police - Useful Contact Details and Information

Call 999 always in emergency

Call 101 for a non-emergency

Do it online: <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk>

Local Police Stations

St. Anne's and Lytham 01253 604697

Kirkham 01253 604734

The above numbers offer a facility for you to leave a message for your local Policing Team, they shouldn't be used for reporting incidents you should still do this via 999, 101 or via the do it online portal. Alternatively you can email them on the addresses shown below

Kirkham Neighbourhood Policing Team

Kirkham.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Crime stoppers 0800 555 111

(A free anonymous way of reporting information and intelligence)

Lancashire Victim Services a service that can be accessed by victims of crime regardless of whether they have decided to report the crime or not. Visit www.lancashirevictimservices.org or phone 0300 323 0085 or email info@lancashirevictimservices.org for more information.

Communication

Advance notice of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the council notice board. If anyone would like to display a notice on the board please contact Councillor St J Greenhough on the number below. 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

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 are:-

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Councillor Mrs N Griffiths 01772 631870

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