

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012, in the Methodist hall.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs L Willis, (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs M Whitehead, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, K McKay, D Chambers, C Robb,  
Mrs S Delany, P Walton and T Fiddler,

#### 1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor Councillor P Rigby – another meeting

Councillor D Chambers – not well, Councillor Mrs Foster – on holiday

Councillor T Threlfall – another meeting

It was resolved that the reasons for absence should be accepted.

#### 2) Open Forum

##### a) Police Update – Attended by PC Dave Little

**Figures: for 01/06/2012 to 30/06/2012**

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	19	0
Freckleton East	34	2
Lower Lane/The Mede	27	3

The figures show a total of 5 crimes recorded for the month of June 2012. The crimes for June 2012 are made up as follows; 3x theft (2 of which theft from sheds) and 2x assault. This compares to a total of 12 crimes recorded for the same period last year.

#### Good news

Thankfully we have not received any further reports of youths congregating in the Village and we will continue to monitor this issue. The areas covered include Memorial Park, Goe Lane and the Rawstorne Centre.

The area has again seen a significant fall in the amount of crimes recorded for the month of June, with a reduction of over 50% for the second month running. We will continue in our attempts to ensure this remains the case as best as we can.

Freckleton Club Day and the Half Marathon appeared to run smoothly despite the heavy rain, with only a few issues which are to be raised with the Club Day Committee.

Unfortunately there was a report of hare coursing on 30/06/2012, the helicopter was deployed but there was no trace of anyone on the Marsh.

#### 20MPH Limits...

After meetings with LCC they have agreed to increase the signage and road markings on Lytham Road, however we have not been given a timescale for this.

Operation Pathway has again provided us with significant results. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by NHPT 23x seatbelts, 8x mobile phone and 4x excess speed following a total of 55 vehicles/drivers spoken with throughout the month.

Councillor Delany passed on thanks to the police and congratulated them on the way they controlled the Olympic Torch Processions.

**b) Public participation**

A discussion took place with representatives from Croft Manor regarding the comments made by the parish council to the Planning application for a fence that has been erected at Croft Manor.

**3) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**

All Councillors declared an interest in the Rawstorne Centre.

**4) To read and approve the minutes of:**

**a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meeting, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5) To receive the Clerk's report.**

The comments in the Clerk's report, previously circulated, were noted.

**6) Finance**

**a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk**

It was resolved that the accounts be approved – *see Appendix A*

**b) Monthly budget statements**

The monthly statements were noted – *see Appendix B*

**7) To receive an update from County Councillor P Rigby on the proposed contracts for maintaining the public rights of way**

It was resolved to defer this item until the next agenda. Further clarification and information is required from LCC. The Clerk will ask LCC to explain further.

**8) To consider ways of improving communications with outside organisations / bodies**

It was resolved that the Clerk will write to the Club Day committee requesting that the Parish Council be informed of any change to the standard club day plan in future.

**9) To consider what action to take regarding the reported problems with the new Zebra crossing, on Preston Old Road and the bypass signs**

It has been reported that there are blind spots close to the new Zebra crossing caused by parked cars. School children are also running across the zebra crossing without waiting for cars to stop. It was resolved to ask the school to make sure the children are taught how to use the crossing properly and to ask LCC to meet on site to discuss these issues.

**10) To approve the signing of the deeds for the purchase of Open Spaces land and the Tom croft car park, from FBC**

The Clerk read out the main points of the document. It was resolved to approve the signing of the deeds. The Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman will meet with the solicitors to sign the deeds.

**11) To adopt the new code of conduct and complaints procedures**

It was resolved to adopt the draft issued by FBC in principle. However, the draft has not yet been formally adopted by FBC yet.

**12) To consider what action to take about the number of commercial vehicles using the Tom Croft car park**

A discussion took place regarding the commercial vehicles parked on the car park. A proposal was made to charge commercial vehicles a fee to park on the car park, this was rejected by the Council as this would not be practical to implement. It was agreed that provision for the maintenance of the car park should be built into the budget / precept. Councillor Fiddler suggested that public realm money could be used towards the maintenance of the car park following the completion of the revamp of the Memorial children's park.

**13) To receive an update from meeting held with other Organisations and Bodies**

- BAE quarterly liaison meeting
- Parish Liaison meeting
- Rural Splash report

The above information previously circulated was noted.

**14) To receive an update from the FBC councillors**

Councillor Fiddler gave a brief update on the Enterprise Zone at BAE Systems in Warton and on the Localism Bill to which Councillors took note.

Councillor Rigby commented on the Co-op being given the go ahead to sell alcohol from 6am in the morning. The Council had objected to this proposal at a previous Planning meeting.

**15) To agree the date of the next meeting**

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 in the Methodist Church hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed.....Mrs. L Willis, Chairman.....

Date.....3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012.....

## Appendix A - Schedule of Payments June 2012

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
<b>Precept Account</b>				
KM Armistead - Salary	D/P	£1,011.34		£1,011.34
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	D/P	£345.74		£345.74
J Winstanley - salary	D/P	£379.05		£379.05
KM Armistead - expenses	D/P	£141.96		£141.96
Mrs.L Willis - Chair allowance	5595	£100.00		£100.00
Freeola - internet rental charge	D/D	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
Grangeland Services - grass cutting	D/P	£830.00		£830.00
Grangeland Services watering	D/P	£292.00		£292.00
Grangeland Services- litter picking	D/P	£548.17		£548.17
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/d	£33.00		£33.00
Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	D/D	£2,500.00		£2,500.00
J Cartmell - Growmore for beds	5593	£32.40	£5.40	£27.00
Townsend's - fuel & battery for pick-up	5594	£261.00	£43.50	£217.50
Smalley Hire - Materials	5596	£38.92	£6.49	£32.43
Fylde coast Towing - switch for watering	5597	£29.75	£4.96	£24.79
NFU mutual - additional premium - pickup	D/P	£22.47		£22.47
woodys - Materials	D/P	£295.61	£49.27	£246.34
<b>FBC Rates</b>	D/D	£120.00		£120.00
<b>Community Development Account</b>				
Donation from Club Day committee	cheque	-£1,059.95		£1,059.95
Parochial church Council - donation for Jubilee trees	cheque	-£434.70		-£434.70
Team strides - Club day medals etc	D/P	£1,271.94	£211.99	£1,059.95
LCC - Grass cutting payment	D/P	-£4,397.71	£732.95	£3,664.76
FBC - Strategic partnership - additional grant	D/P	-£756.50		-£756.50
Natwest - bank charges	D/P	£32.40		£32.40
<b>Rawstone Centre</b>				
C Robb - Paint for Centre	D/P	£76.45	£12.74	£63.71
British Gas - Rawstone electric	D/D	£149.70	£24.95	£124.75
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,873.84</b>	<b>£371.86</b>	<b>£2,245.70</b>

Appendix B - Precept Account June 2012

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	June '12	To date	Outstanding	
Wages	£21,000	£1,736	£5,199	£15,801	25%
Insurance	£6,000		£67	£5,934	1%
Stationery	£1,000		£217	£783	22%
Postage	£1,800	£151	£417	£1,383	23%
LAPTC	£600		£532	£68	89%
Audit fee	£650		£70	£580	11%
Chair Allow	£100	£100	£100	£0	100%
Training	£100			£100	0%
Civic functions	£500		£154	£346	31%
Election	£0			£0	
Reserve	£700			£700	
equipment	£600			£600	0%
Grants	£3,500		£3,500	£0	100%
Section137	£420		£400	£20	95%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,600	£862	£4,825	£16,775	22%
FIB - Bedding out & Watering	£18,027	£3,330	£5,809	£12,218	32%
Cleansing	£6,500	£548	£1,608	£4,892	25%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700		£484	£2,216	18%
Organisations	£9,000		£3,345	£5,655	37%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£33	£106	£1,894	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,797</b>	<b>£6,761</b>	<b>£26,831</b>	<b>£69,966</b>	<b>28%</b>

**Other Accounts June '12**

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£0	£85	-£85
Bush lane Allotments		£817	£147	£670
Rawstone centre		£5,448	£1,133	£4,504
Community Development		£9,722	£8,649	£1,074
VAT		£1,639	£1,588	£50
<b>Total</b>		<b>£17,626</b>	<b>£11,602</b>	<b>£6,212</b>