

# Freckleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012

**Present:** Councillor Mrs M Foster, (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs L Willis, T Threlfall, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, D Chambers, K McKay and C Robb.

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs Delany (on holiday), Councillor T Fiddler (not well)

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

**1. To read and approve the minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual assembly meeting, held on the Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**2. Chairman's report.**

The Chairman reported that:

- Over the last 12 months your Parish Council has:
  - Obtained funding from The Fylde LSP Parish/Town Fund to drain the Bush lane sport field so that new junior football pitches could be created In addition the funding was provided for a new disabled toilet and the upgrading of the existing toilets, at the Rawstorne centre
  - Worked with LCC to ensure the pathways around the Village centre and to the Strike lane and school lane schools were gritted during the winter months.
  - Negotiated with LCC to ensure the level crossing, on Preston Old road, adjacent to the Library, was installed.
  - Negotiated with LCC to review the speed limit on Kirkham road adjacent to Strike lane. It hoped that a 20mph speed limit will be introduced during school opening and closing times.
  - Agreed that advertisement should not be placed on the Cenotaph railings as this is a garden of remembrance.
  - Negotiated with FBC to upgrade and replace all the street signs in the Village.
- Congratulations to Freckleton in Bloom for obtaining silver gilt in the Britain in Bloom competition. In addition, a certificate of merit was won by the Lamaleach Park and the Cenotaph, in the Lancashire best kept village competition. The best Community project in the New Fylde housing gardening competition.
- In November 2011 LCC introduced a 20 mph speed limit through the Village, as the first phase of their procedure to introduce this speed limit throughout all residential areas in the County.
- Terry Scholz has been appointed the Parish Council's Chaplain.
- Three new Councillors were co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacancies after the May '11 elections. These were David Chambers, Keith McKay and Peter Walton.
- The Council continues to negotiate with FBC for the transfer of ownership of three Open space areas and the Tom Croft car park.
- Finally my thanks are due to:-
  - Ken and Julie for all their hard work and support over the last 12 months.
  - Of course we must not forget Cllr. Tommy Threlfall and the Freckleton in Bloom committee, John Garlick, who achieved a prize beyond their highest hopes last year. I hope the village will rally around the Freckleton in Bloom Committee members and give them all the help they need this year.

**3. Chairman of Finance’s report**

The Chairman of finance reported the following:

- **Precept account (including Open Spaces).**
  - The Councils expenditure for 2011/12 was within the budget of £96,797.
- **Community development Account**
  - 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. Despite capital expenditure of £13k (see below), this account has only been reduced by £6,059.
- **Capital expenditure**
- The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2011/12
  - Donation to Rural Splash (for the running of Kirkham Baths) - £2k
  - A donation to the Village Hall Memorial trust, to help build up a maintenance reserve account - £1k
  - A donation to the Bowling club for repair to the bowling green perimeter - £2k
  - New drainage for the junior football pitches on the Bush lane sports field - £5k
  - Upgrade of the toilets and a new disabled toilet at the Rawstone centre - £3k
- **Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2012/13**
  - Loft and cavity wall insulation for the Rawstone centre and the Bowling Hut - £3,500
  - Revamping of the children’s play area - £10,000
  - New hand mower - £500
  - New Display unit for the Map - £1,000

Total : £15,000

**4. Financial Statements – unaudited.**

It was resolved that the unaudited Accounts, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, be accepted. – see Appendix A

**5. Public participation.**

There were no public present.

The Chairman and Vice chairman were thanked for all the work they had put in during the past 12 months.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.**

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

Date.....02/04/13.....

**Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2012**

	2011-12	2010-11
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Precept	£96,767	£96,767
Open Spaces		
Allotments	£1,481	£3,400
Community Dev.	£23,777	£20,705
Playground fund		£31
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£122,025</b>	<b>£120,903</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Precept	£93,658	£95,026
Including:		
Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972	£480	£480
Open Spaces	£62,378	£58,853
Allotments	£622	£3,298
Community Dev.	£29,837	£23,988
Playground fund		£2,006
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£124,117</b>	<b>£124,318</b>
<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>-£2,092</b>	<b>-£3,415</b>
<b><u>Balance sheet as at 31st March 2012</u></b>		
Fund Balance at 1st April 2011	£85,679	£89,094
Less Excess of Expenditure over income	-£2,092	-£3,415
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>£83,588</b>	<b>£85,679</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>	<b>£81,949</b>	<b>£83,153</b>
<b>Prepayments</b>	<b>£1,639</b>	<b>£2,526</b>
<b>Fund balance at 31st March 2012</b>	<b>£83,588</b>	<b>£85,679</b>

The above represents fairly the financial position of the Authority at 31st March 2012 and reflects its income and Expenditure