

## Freckleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013, in the Methodist hall.

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

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

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

Councillors – Mrs M Foster, (holiday)

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

**2) Open Forum**

a) **Police Update** – attended by PCSO Kate Heaton.

**Figures: for 07/01/2012 to 04/02/2012**

**Last year**

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	24	4
Freckleton East	34	3
Lower Lane/The Mede	21	6

The figures show a total of 13 crimes recorded for the month of January 2012.

**Figures: for 07/12/2013 to 04/02/2013**

**This year**

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	15	2
Freckleton East	47	7
Lower Lane/The Mede	17	1

The figures show a total of 10 crimes recorded for the month of January 2013.

The crimes for January 2013 are made up as follows Theft, Vehicle Crime, Drugs, Attempted theft of motor vehicle and Criminal Damage.

**Good news**

We are hoping to have Community Roadwatch up and running this week (with better weather this time). Again the A583 will be targeted in relation to speed checks. Tickets have been issued regarding parking on the zigzags outside of the Co-op on Lytham Road.

A vote of thanks was expressed to PC Andy Scarisbrick for all the hard work that he had put in to uncover the recent incident in the Village.

**b) Public participation**

There was no public participation.

County Councillor Paul Rigby agreed to progress a solution to the following problems raised at the meeting:-

a) The double yellow lines, at the corner of Douglas drive need repainting.

- b) Pot holes (near Woodys) and subsidence (near the traffic lights) on Kirkham road.
- c) Re-surfacing work has led to water retention on Green lane, at the junctions of Kimberley Close and Cookson Close.
- d) Naze Lane East has a large flood area all the times. A new drain was put in and it has blocked.

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

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in the Rawstorne centre.

All Councillors, as trustees, declared an interest in the Bush lane playing fields.

Councillors T Fiddler and St. J Greenhough declared an interest in Item 11 – *The reply from Tim Ashton regarding the request to install bollards on the pathway on Preston Old Road.*

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

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013
- b) The Communications committee meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings, 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.

It was agreed that the boundary wall, between the graveyard and the path to the park was not the Council's responsibility.

**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*

The Clerk pointed out that it was essential that the Rawstorne centre management committee should agree a means of funding for the next financial year.

It was reported that a new football section may be set up to use the facilities. This will encourage the bar to be used all the year round.

In addition, other sections may be encouraged to move to the Centre.

**c) To Consider the estimate for repair work to the Rawstorne Centre, as identified by the Fabrics committee in July `12**

It was resolved that the estimate of £1,530 be approved.

**d) To Consider moving some safety barriers on the Tom Croft car park, adjacent to the side entrance to the school**

It was suggested that three barriers should be installed.

It was resolved that the work should be undertaken for the estimated price of £250.

**e) To Consider the work required to prepare the surface for the Club day committee's storage container, at the rear of the Rawstorne Centre**

It was resolved that the work should be undertaken, for the estimated price of £575.

**f) To consider the additional estimates for the replacement of the main drain, alongside the Church wall, adjacent to the bowling green.**

It was resolved that the original estimate from Chamjet, of £2,046, should be approved.

It was further resolved that if field drains were uncovered, that ran across the park area, an estimate should be obtained for them to be cleaned out by jet washing.

**7) To Review the 2013/14 budget, based on the information from FBC relating to Council Base tax**

It was resolved that the original Precept budget for 2013/14, of £99,600, should be set.

It was further resolved that the grant from the Council Tax Reduction scheme, of £10,549 should be allocated equally between the Revamp of the Memorial park playground project and the Tom Croft car park maintenance fund.

- 8) To Consider allowing the use of Tom Croft car park for vehicles parked on School Lane**  
It was resolved that car park should not be used for parking of resident's of school lane vehicles.
- 9) To Consider whether to enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2013**  
It was resolved to enter the Lancashire best kept village competition.
- 10) To Consider the letter regarding the Proposal to alter the age range and provide additional places at Pear Tree School**  
It was resolved that the Council fully supports these proposals.
- 11) To Consider the reply from Tim Ashton regarding the request to install bollards on the pathway on Preston Old Road**  
County Councillor Paul Rigby stated that he had indicated that funds from his own budget could be used for this project.  
It was resolved to write to Tim Ashton requesting that he reconsiders his decision. County Councillor Paul Rigby agreed to progress this on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 12) To Consider giving outline approval to the plan for re-vamping the Memorial park's play area**  
It was resolved that outlined approval should be given to the proposals.  
It was suggested that resources from Fylde borough Council may be available, free of charge, to help with applying for the funding for this project.  
It was suggested that the Friends of the Memorial park committee should be asked to obtain two more estimates for this project.
- 13) To Approve the revised Standing Orders to reflect the changes approved at the January 2013 Council meeting**  
It was resolved that the revised Standing Orders should be adopted.
- 14) To receive an update from meetings held with other Organisations and Bodies**  
There were no updates
- 15) To receive an update from the FBC councillors.**  
Councillor Fiddler reported that he had met with the Planning Minister to try to get some reassurance on protecting the open countryside from further developments.
- 16) To agree the date of the next meeting**  
It was resolved that the next meeting should be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

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

Date.....05/03/13.....

## Schedule of payments January '13

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
<b>Precept Account</b>				
KM Armistead - Salary	5721	£1,130.27		£1,130.27
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5723	£391.24		£391.24
J Winstanley - salary	5722	£284.29		£284.29
KM Armistead - expenses	5730	£101.63		£101.63
Preston FM - Hire of PA system	5724	£75.00		£75.00
Staples - cartridges	5726	£68.40	£11.40	£57.00
Village hall - hire of room	5728	£25.00		£25.00
Methodist hall - hire of room - Nov & Dec '12	5729	£84.00		£84.00
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>				
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/d	£24.00		£24.00
Golden Leaf - tidy borders	5725	£210.00		£210.00
Woodys - materials	5727	£17.15	£2.86	£14.29
Smalleys - hire of chipper	5731	£168.75	£26.25	£142.50
Golden Leaf - maintain borders	5732	£500.00		£500.00
Townsend - diesel	5733	£163.90	£27.32	£136.58
Mower power - service Bowling club's machines	5735	£267.46	£44.57	£222.89
Bowling club - donation towards services	Cheque	-£222.89		-£222.89
<b>Allotments</b>				
Bush lane - water charges	5734p	£46.70		£46.70
Croft Butts - water charges	5734p	£15.34		£15.34
<b>Community Development Account</b>				
Bank of America - interest	cheque	-£9.86		-£9.86
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<b>Rawstorne centre</b>				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/D	£22.96	£1.09	£21.87
FBC - Rates	D/D	£120.00		£120.00
UU - water (Oct '12 to Jan '13)	D/D	£53.87	£0.00	£53.87
British Gas - Rawstorne gas	D/D	£216.44	£10.31	£206.13
VAT				
HM Customs - VAT Refund		-£2,488.37		-£2,488.37
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,255.42</b>	<b>£123.79</b>	<b>£1,131.63</b>

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	January '13	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£21,000	£1,806	£17,462	£3,538	83%
Insurance	£6,000	£0	£4,782	£1,218	80%
Stationery	£1,000	£57	£622	£378	62%
Postage	£1,800	£116	£1,271	£529	71%
LAPTC	£600	£0	£532	£68	89%
Audit fee	£650	£0	£620	£30	95%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£100	£0	£0	£100	0%
Civic functions	£500	£184	£648	-£148	130%
Election	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Reserve	£700	£0	£0	£700	
equipment	£600	£0	£31	£569	5%
Grants	£3,500	£0	£3,500	£0	100%
Section137	£420	£0	£480	-£60	114%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>			£0	£0	
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£21,600	£0	£12,959	£8,641	60%
Bedding out & Watering	£18,027	£867	£22,719	-£4,692	126%
Cleansing	£6,500	£137	£5,722	£778	88%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£0	£2,087	£613	77%
Organisations	£9,000	£0	£7,701	£1,299	86%
Electric & rates	£2,000	£30	£257	£1,743	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,797</b>	<b>£3,196</b>	<b>£81,494</b>	<b>£15,303</b>	<b>84%</b>

## Other Accounts January '13

Account	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments	£695	£239	£456
Bush lane Allotments	£835	£309	£525
Rawstone centre	£6,834	£4,980	£1,854
Community Development	£16,957	£18,932	-£1,975
VAT	£8,867	£7,611	£1,256
<b>Total</b>	<b>£34,187</b>	<b>£32,072</b>	<b>£2,115</b>