

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2013, in the Methodist hall.

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chairman)

T Threlfall, Mrs L Willis, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs S Delany, L Rigby, K McKay, Mrs. G Cowell, Mrs. J Cartmell, C Robb, and P Walton.
County Councillor P Rigby

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor, T Fiddler (holiday)

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

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update – attended by PC John Bennett.

Figures: for 01/08/2013 to 31/08/2013

Last year

Location	ASB	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	2	3
Freckleton East	3	6
Lower Lane/The Mede	5 (L.L)	8 (L.L)

The figures show a total of 17 crimes recorded for the month of August 2012.

Figures: for 01/08/2013 to 31/08/2013

This year

Location	ASB	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	5	3
Freckleton East	4	1
Lower Lane/The Mede	1	4 (L.L)

The figures show a total of 8 crimes recorded for the month of August 2013

17 crimes in August period 2012 – 8 in 2013

10 ASB in August 2012 – 10 in 2013

In the Month of August between 01/08/2013 – 31/08/2013 8 crimes have been recorded for Freckleton. 3 from Freckleton West, 1 from Freckleton East and 4 from Lower Lane.

The breakup of the crimes is as follows:

AL1301909 - Burglary in a dwelling - Lower Lane (F.E) ex partner stole £70 of property. (Detected)

AL1301860 - Burglary none dwelling - Freckleton Village (F.E) Theft from garden shed app. £1000 of power tools. CSI attended but negative, no CCTV, nothing seen, no further lines of enquiry.

AL1301861 - Other theft - Lower Lane (F.E) empty push chair stolen from front of house. Nothing seen or heard no lines of enquiry.

AL1301839 - Racist Incident - Lower Lane (F.E) group shouted EDL and Nigger, 1 male arrested to prevent B.O.P.

AL1301836 - None injury assault - Lower Lane (F.E) sister of aggrieved had a verbal argument which resulted in a push (community resolution)

AL1302058 - Theft - Freckleton Village - (F.W) Theft of milk Naze Lane – unknown youths, enquiries ongoing. £1.50

AL1302056 - Burglary none dwelling - Freckleton Village (F.W) keys taken from jacket pocket in sports changing room

AL1301916 - Other theft - Freckleton Village (F.W) Theft of Milk £15

In the Month of August between 01/08/2013 – 31/08/2013 9 ASB issues have been recorded in Freckleton. 5 from Freckleton West, 4 from Freckleton East and 1 from Lower Lane.

The breakup of ASB issues are as follows:

Nuisance - F.W Youths causing nuisance on Bush Lane playing fields (ASB car)

Personal - F.W Children on push bikes in surgery car park trying to make ramps out of bricks.

Nuisance - F.W - Local vagrant sleeping in insecure caravan, this has now been removed.

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Nuisance – F.E -Noise nuisance at Coach and Horses pub, licensing and FBC made aware (22:00 hrs 25/08 B/H Sunday)

Nuisance – F.E - Children on the school roof Freckleton C of E

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Nuisance – F.E children making noise next to bowling green on memorial park.

Personal – Lower Lane EDL chants (same incident arrest was made)

Speed enforcement in Freckleton Village with Community Road Watch/Pathway 4 people reported for driving without seat belts, 1 driver issued section 59 warning for driving at speed. 30th July 22 vehicles stopped for speeding in the village.

It was reported that youths were throwing stones at cars passing on the Lytham road side of the Village hall. The Police asked if future incidents could be reported via the telephone reporting procedures.

It was reported that youths were playing in the rose gardens. The Police agreed to investigate. It was suggested that a “No playing in this area” notice may help.

b) Public Participation

A member of the public again queried the 14% increase in this year Precept rates and what steps were being taken to make cost cutting savings. The Clerk explained that there had only been a small increase in the amount of rates paid this year compared with last year and the 14 % increase was a book keeping figure because the base, for determining the rates, had changed due to government withdrawing some grants for people on benefits. In addition, the Council are continuously reviewing its expenditure to ensure best value is obtained.

A member of the public expressed concern about cars parked on the footpath in Ribble Ave. He stated that there was insufficient space for mother with push chairs and they have to go into the road to pass the cars. The Police agreed to investigate.

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

All Councillors, as trustees, declared an interest in the Rawstone centre and the Bush lane allotments.

Councillors Mrs. J Cartmell and P Walton, as relatives of the Grass cutting Contractor, declared a pecuniary interest in item 6.g – “To consider paying for the Grass cutting Contractor to attend a course on chemical spraying”.

4) To read and approve the minutes of the following meeting:

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st July 2013

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 should be approved – see Appendix A

b) Monthly budget statements

The statements were noted – see Appendix B

c) To approve the External Auditor's report.

It was resolved to accept the External auditor report.

Once again, a vote of thanks was expressed to the Clerk for the excellent work in maintaining the financial records to a high standard.

d) To consider a quote from In-Trak for the supply of the PA system for the Remembrance Sunday service.

It was resolved to accept the quotation of £160, for the hire of a PA system from In-Trak, providing they agreed to fix the price for the next 3 years and they resumed hiring the barriers at £1.00 per barrier.

It was further resolved that the price of this quotation would be accepted for the hire of equipment for the Tree lighting and Carol service, for the next three years.

e) To consider a request from Rural Splash for additional financial support.

The Clerk reported that the Council has already donated £2,000 to Rural Splash, in April this year.

It was resolved that no further donation should be made to Rural Splash in this financial year.

f) To consider purchasing a Fertiliser spreader for use on the Sport Fields.

The Clerk explained that this equipment was required to undertake work on the Bush lane sports field and it would cost the Council £415 if a contractor was used to undertake the work.

He reported that after the agenda had been issued he had received an offer of a secondhand spreader for £150.

It was resolved to purchase the secondhand spreader for £150, if it was fit for purpose, or if not, to purchase the new spreader for £495, from Balmers.

g) To consider paying for the Grass cutting Contractor to attend a course on Chemical spraying (approx. £250)

Councillors Mrs. J Cartmell and P Walton left the room.

The Chairman reported that the Grass cutting contractor had requested this as it was law that anyone spraying in public places should be qualified in the use of the equipment and materials being used.

The Clerk pointed out that if the contract was terminated the Council would need someone else, who is qualified, to undertake this work.

In addition, the Bowling Club's green keeper is already qualified to undertake this work.

It was resolved that the Council should pay 50% of the costs for the Contractor to attend the course.

Councillors Mrs. J Cartmell and P Walton returned to the room.

h) To consider the estimate for the laying of a new drain on the Bush lane allotments.

It was resolved to approve section 1 of the estimate for £650.

It was further resolved to approve the Section 2 of the estimate, for £1,850, if the report from section 1 proves that there will be sufficient fall to allow the water to drain away.

It was reported that there was a raised drain cover on the Bush lane playing field and this was a trip hazard. It was agreed that this should be investigated.

7. To consider a request from the Frecklestone Project to use part of the Rawstone centre car park for the proposed multi-purpose building.

The Clerk reported that the Frecklestone project team had requested that this item be deferred until the October '13 meeting so that they would be able to attend.

It was resolved to defer this item until the October '13 meeting

8. To review the supply of electricity to the allotments on Bush lane. .

The Clerk reported that in July and October 2010 it was agreed at meetings, with representatives from the Council, the Allotment Holders Association and United utilities that the electricity supply to the two tenants would be disconnected and a temporary supply would be reconnected bypassing the site of the new overflow tank. It was felt that the existing supply (that was installed some 30 years ago) was now below current industry standards and should not be reconnected to the domestic supply on a permanent basis.

United Utilities proposed that the new supply should come from the Pumping station and new meters should be fitted, on site, adjacent to the new overflow tank area. This work was undertaken in 2012 and the tenants have been requested to apply for meters to be installed by their chosen suppliers.

The tenants are reluctant to apply for the meters as it will incur extra cost.

United Utilities have asked the Council to make a decision on whether to push through the concept of having meters on the allotments.

It was agreed to hold a meeting, on site, with representatives from the Council and the tenants and report back to Council.

The following Councillors were nominated to attend the meeting:-

Councillors T Threlfall, L Rigby, St J Greenhough, K McKay and Mrs. S Delany.

9. To consider sending a delegate to the Parish & Town Council Conference, at County Hall, on 9th November 2013.

It was resolved that Councillor L Rigby should attend the Conference.

10. To consider sending a delegate(s) to the Open Day, at Westinghouse, Springfield, on 7th November 2013, commencing at 12 noon.

It was resolved that Councillors T Threlfall, P Walton, St J Greenhough, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Whitehead and Mrs. J Cartmell should attend the Open Day.

11. To receive an update from meetings held with other Organisations and Bodies

There were no updates from meetings held with other Organisations and Bodies.

12. To receive an update from the FBC councillors.

Councillor Threlfall reported that LCC were now responsible for the Shale gas development and any enquiries should be directed to them.

13. To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 7th October 2013.

Signed.....St J Greenhough, Chairman.....

Date.....07/10/13.....

Schedule of payments July '13

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5858	£1,130.27		£1,130.27
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5860	£388.89		£388.89
J Winstanley - salary	5859	£284.29		£284.29
KM Armistead -	5857	£131.37		£131.37
Methodist church - hire	5862	£98.00		£98.00
DeliveredNW - print & deliver Newsletter	5873	£221.79		£221.79

Open Spaces Account

Golden leaf - grass	5849p	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	5849p	£2,783.00		£2,783.00
Golden leaf - litter	5849p	£450.00		£450.00
Golden leaf watering	5849p	£825.00		£825.00
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/d	£27.00		£27.00
Chubbs - Alarm system review at Storeroom	5869	£86.05	£14.34	£71.71
Kwik Skip - Skips for Club day & Jubilee	5863	£230.00	£38.34	£191.66
EC Landscapes - re-turf in memorial gardens	5850	£400.00		£400.00
Towsends - diesel &	5866	£306.36	£51.06	£255.30
FIB donations for Plants & materials	cheque	-£793.00		-£793.00
G & H Walsh - foundation for club day	5872	£725.00		£725.00
R Cartmell - put up signs & repair fence	5851	£80.00		£80.00
Team Strides - materials for club day	5852	£313.74	£52.29	£261.45
FCR Events - materials for club day	5853	£1,182.48	£197.08	£985.40
Sport Systems - materials for club day	5854	£1,212.00	£202.00	£1,010.00
IN Trak - PA system for club day	5855	£1,050.00	£175.00	£875.00
Club day committee - donations towards	cheques	-£3,131.85		-£3,131.85
Porter Barrowmix - cement for FIB	5856	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00
R Carr - Club day security - cheque stopped	5848	-£250.00		-£250.00
R Carr - Club day	5861	£250.00		£250.00
Donation from FIB	cheque	-£64.65		-£64.65
Club day committee - donations towards	cheque	-£55.99		-£55.99
Road safety services - Hire of barriers for	5864	£309.60	£51.60	£258.00
Smalley - materials	5865	£20.00		£20.00
Woodys - materials	5867p	£83.75		£83.75
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Bank of America - playground fund	cheque	-£10.27		-£10.27
Bowling club - donation for petrol	cheque	-£20.23		-£20.23
Allotments				
Bush lane - rent	cheque	-£17.50		-£17.50
Community Development Account				
Natwest - interest	D/P	-£9.36		-£9.36
Cubbins - fair rent	cash	-£600.00		-£600.00
Cubbins - transfer to Rawstone centre	transfer	£100.00		£100.00
Rawstone Centre				
British Gas - Rawstone electric -final bill	D/D	£121.59	£5.79	£115.80
FIB - Insurance	5871	£394.28	£0.00	£394.28
Cubbins - contribution towards electric	transfer from	-£100.00		-£100.00
British Gas - Rawstone	D/D	£410.60	£68.43	£342.17
CNG - Rawstone gas	5870	£24.45	£1.16	£23.29
UU - surface water & drainage charge	D/D	£11.28		£11.28
Woodys - 2 waste bins	5867p	£29.98	£5.00	£24.98
C Robb - materials	5868	£11.37	£1.88	£9.49
VAT				
HM Customs - VAT	D/P	-£3,001.94		-£3,001.94
Total		£6,824.54	£895.18	£5,929.36

Schedule of payments Aug '13

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5880	£1,130.27		£1,130.27
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5882	£389.39		£389.39
J Winstanley - salary	5881	£284.29		£284.29
KM Armistead -	5879	£124.65		£124.65
Freeola - website rental	dd	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00
Staples - Stationery	5875	£51.50	£8.58	£42.92
BDO - External audit	5891	£480.00		£480.00
Open Spaces Account				
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£27.00		£27.00
Golden leaf - grass	5890p	£500.00		£500.00
Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	5890p	£1,050.00		£1,050.00
Golden leaf - litter	5890p	£412.50		£412.50
Golden leaf watering	5890p	£808.99		£808.99
Townsend's - petrol	5886	£325.49	£54.25	£271.24
J & B Cartmell -	5874	£4,487.80	£747.97	£3,739.83
SMS - fence for club day container	5876	£2,082.00	£347.00	£1,735.00
Ribble fuels - red diesel	5878	£440.74	£20.99	£419.75
St J Greenhough - cleaning materials	5884	£3.00		£3.00
Woodys- materials for	5887	£3.60	£0.60	£3.00
Chubbs - repair alarm	5888	£642.55	£107.09	£535.46
R Cartmell - Repair watering system	5889	£30.00		£30.00
Club day committee - donation towards	cheque	£-200.00		£-200.00
PO ltd - water rates for car park & Storeroom	5896	£174.19		£174.19
Golden leaf - extra	5897	£770.00		£770.00
FIB - donation towards plants & watering	cheque	£-973.95		£-973.95
Allotments				
PO Ltd - Bush lane	5877p	£70.64		£70.64
PO Ltd - Croft Butts	5877p	£136.66		£136.66
Bush lane - Rent	Cheque	£-17.50		£-17.50
Community Development Account				
Club day committee - donation for container	cheque	£-1,630.00		£-1,630.00
Golden Leaf - revamp Open spaces area at	5890p	£1,385.00		£1,385.00
Glasdon - New seat	5893	£961.06	£160.17	£800.89
SMS - new gate for	5895	£228.00	£38.00	£190.00
G Taylor - donation	cheque	£-820.00		£-820.00
Bowling club - donation towards new gate	cheque	£-190.00		£-190.00
FIB - payment for	cheque	£380.00		£380.00
Rawstorne Centre				
British Gas - electric		£290.60	£48.43	£242.17
Pool table money		£-61.00		£-61.00
UU - Water charges		£108.82		£108.82
UU - surface water & drainage charge		£11.28		£11.28
C Robb - materials		£26.99		£26.99
Pool table money		£-115.70		£-115.70
CNG - Gas		£38.74	£1.84	£36.90
Staples - new		£48.46	£8.08	£40.38
Football club -		£-140.00		£-140.00
Total		£13,763.26	£1,554.20	£12,219.06

Headings	Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
	Allocation	July '13	To date			
Wages	£22,500	£1,803	£7,213		£15,287	32%
Insurance	£5,000		£67		£4,934	1%
Stationery	£1,000	£222	£352		£648	35%
Postage	£1,800	£131	£771		£1,029	43%
LAPTC	£550		£614		-£64	112%
Audit fee	£650		£70		£580	11%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		£0	100%
Training	£100		£0		£100	0%
Civic functions	£500	£98	£182		£318	36%
Election	£70		£70		£0	
Reserve	£1,200		£0		£1,200	
equipment	£300		£0		£300	0%
Grants	£2,500		£2,500		£0	100%
Section137	£480		£400		£80	83%
Open Spaces Account			£0		£0	
Grass cutting & shrub	£16,760	£935	£6,046		£10,714	36%
Bedding out &	£24,400	£3,654	£8,768		£15,632	36%
Cleansing	£7,080	£450	£1,715		£5,365	24%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£805	£1,920		£780	71%
Organisations	£9,710	£450	£5,507		£4,203	57%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£88	£1,366		£834	62%
Total	£99,600	£8,637	£37,662		£61,938	38%

Other Accounts July '13

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane		£0	£168	-£168
Bush lane Allotments		£738	£122	£616
Rawstorne Centre		£7,493	£1,921	£5,573
Community		£609	£11,523	-£10,914
Memorial park -	£15,275			£15,275
Tom Croft Car park	£5,274			£5,274
Open spaces -capital	£6,932			£6,932
VAT		£3,826	£3,897	-£71
Total	£27,481	£12,666	£17,631	£22,515

Precept Account Aug '13

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Aug '13	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£22,500	£1,804	£9,017	£13,483	40%
Insurance	£5,000		£67	£4,934	1%
Stationery	£1,000	£43	£395	£605	39%
Postage	£1,800	£131	£902	£898	50%
LAPTC	£550		£614	-£64	112%
Audit fee	£650	£400	£470	£180	72%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100			£100	0%
Civic functions	£500		£182	£318	36%
Election	£70		£70	£0	
Reserve	£1,200			£1,200	
equipment	£300			£300	0%
Grants	£2,500		£2,500	£0	100%
Section137	£480		£400	£80	83%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub	£16,760	£920	£6,965	£9,795	42%
Bedding out &	£24,400	£5,696	£14,465	£9,935	59%
Cleansing	£7,080	£416	£2,131	£4,949	30%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£790	£2,711	-£11	100%
Organisations	£9,710	£1,535	£7,042	£2,668	73%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£201	£1,568	£632	71%
Total	£99,600	£11,936	£49,597	£50,003	50%

Other Accounts Aug '13

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane			£305	-£305
Bush lane Allotments		£738	£193	£545
Rawstorne Centre		£7,810	£2,369	£5,441
Community		£3,249	£14,279	-£11,030
Memorial park -	£15,275			£15,275
Tom Croft Car park	£5,274			£5,274
Open spaces -capital	£6,932			£6,932
VAT		£3,826	£5,571	-£1,745
Total	£27,481	£15,623	£22,716	£20,387