

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2014, in the Methodist hall.

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chairman)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

None

2) Open Forum

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

Figures: for 02/12/2012 to 06/01/2013

Last year

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	20	2
Freckleton East	52	8
Lower Lane/The Mede	23	9

The figures show a total of 19 crimes recorded for the month of December 2012.

Figures: for 02/12/2013 to 06/01/2014

This year

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	20	4
Freckleton East	52	6
Lower Lane/The Mede	15	6

The figures show a total of 16 crimes recorded for the month of December 2013.

This shows a **decrease in 3 crimes** when comparing last year's figures to this year.

The crimes for December 2013 are made up as follows:

Theft – Theft of power washer from an unlocked outside container.

Assault – Cannot discuss to being domestic related.

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Vehicle crime – Engine stolen from a boat. Boat kept on the riverside.

Burglary – Vets broken into on Preston Old Road.

Burglary x3 – Allotments broken into on Croft Butts Lane (all three on the same night)

Vehicle crime – Rear wiper blade snapped off car parked on Lower Lane.

Assault – Cannot discuss to being domestic related.

Vehicle Crime – Number plates stolen from cars during the night on Lower Lane.

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Burglary (not a dwelling) – Garage broken into within the village.

Vehicle crime – Car damaged whilst parked on driveway of home address (Scratched car)

Good news ☺

Inspector Ogle reported that he was aware that there has been no Community Beat Manager in this area for the last 2/3 months, but we now have a new CBM starting for the villages of Freckleton, Newton and Clifton. PC 3181 Darren Coathup will be starting a week today and is looking forward to joining us.

It was reported that there had been another break in on the Croft Butts lane allotments and there appeared to be someone sleeping rough. PCSO Heaton agreed to meet with the Chair of the

Allotment Holders Association to make recommendations on improving the security at the site.

b) Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in the Memorial park and the Rawstone Centre.

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

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4th December 2013
- b) The Communications Committee meeting held on Monday 9th December 2013 and
- c) The Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 9th December 2013

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

5) 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

6) To receive an update from Lyn Braithwaite, Friends of the Memorial park committee.

Lyn reported that they have held several successful fund raising events and the Committee has now raised just over £5k. In addition, BAE has pledged a further £10k. She indicated that more Sponsors would be required. She stated that she was waiting for two additional plans from Suppliers. FBC was helping the committee through Mark Wilde. It was reported that FBC would have a capital sum available for events to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Air disaster.

It was reported that the CCTV camera was not working correctly. The Clerk agreed to ask Brian Ward to check it out.

7) To formulate a statement for the Public meeting on Fracking, to be held on 08/01/14

It was suggested that the Chairman should read out a statement explaining that the meeting has been called because of concerns had been expressed about Fracking on the Marsh at the November '13 meeting. The meeting should be restricted to the concerns from the residents of Freckleton on this drilling well. The Council would listen to the comments and questions of the residents of Freckleton and then decide what action to take

Councillor Rigby stated that the meeting should be about fracking in general and there should be no restriction on who should speak. No other Councillor agreed with Councillor Rigby's view.

8) To consider a request from Allan Oldfield, FBC to be kept in touch with the events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Air disaster.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from Vivian Woods that Allan Oldfield would like to be kept informed of any events that were being planned to mark the 70th anniversary of the Air disaster.

It was resolved that the Clerk should ask Pat Knight to contact Vivian and invite Allan Oldfield and The Mayor of Fylde to the event being organised by the three churches.

9) To consider which months the newsletter should be issued.

There was concern expressed that the Newsletter was not being distributed until the month after it had been agreed by the Communications committee.

The Clerk suggested that the Newsletter should be printed "in-house" so that it could be issued the same week as it was approved.

It was resolved that the Newsletter should continue to be issued in January, April, July and October and the Newsletter should be distributed the same week as it was approved.

10) To consider whether to re-open the AWS area.

It was resolved to delay the decision on opening the AWS area until after the report from Plan4Sports4 ltd, which was due to be issued in February 2014.

11) To consider a response to LCC's proposals to reduce the subsidised bus services

Concern was expressed at the withdrawal of these services.

It was resolved the Council should write to LCC and inform them that it should continue with the subsidy for these services, as they were the only means for youths to attend evening college and the elderly to travel, as there was no other public services.

12) To consider how to improve the presentation of the Planning meetings and appoint a new Chairman for the Communications committee.

It was resolved that Councillor Mrs. G Cowell should be appointed as Chairman of the Communications committee.

There was a lengthy discussion on how best to conduct the Planning meeting by using the electronic information that was available to the Council.

It was resolved that the Mrs. J Winstanley, the deputy Clerk, should be responsible for the downloading of the Planning applications and she should operate the computer and projector at the meetings.

The Chairman of the Planning committee would continue to take the photographs and liaise with the deputy clerk.

It was further resolved that Councillor St J Greenhough should assist the Chairman at the meetings.

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

BAE Liaison meeting - Councillor Mrs. Willis reported there would be a delay of about 16 weeks on the new roundabout that was to be installed for the service to the new Barrett homes. It was expected that the houses would be built by July 2014. A new six foot fence has been requested for the properties on Lamaleach drive that back on to this new development.

14) To receive an update from the FBC councillors.

The referendum on whether FBC should revert back to the committee procedures will be held on the same day as the European elections.

15) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 3rd February 2014, at the Rawstorne Centre.

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

Date.....03/02/14.....

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account				
KM Armistead - Salary	5949	£1,130.27		£1,130.27
PO ltd - Tax & N/I	5951	£388.89		£388.89
J Winstanley - salary	5950	£284.29		£284.29
KM Armistead - expenses	5952	£127.16		£127.16
Freeola - web-site rental	D/D	£10.80	£1.80	£9.00
Intrak- PA system Remembrance Sunday & Carol Service	5958	£384.00	£64.00	£320.00
Staples - Stationery	5948	£69.57	£11.60	£57.98
Staples - cartridges and chair	5961	£108.45	£18.08	£90.38
Lancs. Training - C Robb - Finance course	5963	£25.00		£25.00
Open Spaces Account				
Golden leaf - grass cutting	5953p	£680.00		£680.00
Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders	5953p	£1,665.00		£1,665.00
Golden leaf - litter picking	5953p	£405.00		£405.00
Townsend's - diesel & petrol	5959	£85.03	£14.17	£70.86
Scottish power - electricity charges	D/D	£27.00		£27.00
M Benson - hedge cutting	5955	£450.00	£75.00	£375.00
R Cartmell - repair to guide hut	5954	£92.62		£92.62
Divine signs - notices for Memorial park	5956	£90.96	£15.16	£75.80
Woodys - Materials for buildings repair	5957	£31.37	£5.23	£26.14
Allotments				
Croft Butts - rent	cheque	-£15.00		-£15.00
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Community Development Account				
C Robb - New Tables for Rawstorne centre	5974p	£209.94	£34.99	£174.95
Sign of the Times - plaques fro FIB	5962	£234.00	£39.00	£195.00
Rawstorne centre				
British Gas - Rawstorne electric	D/D	£120.49	£5.74	£114.75
UU - surface water & drainage charge	D/D	£11.28		£11.28
Rent for room - non member	cash	-£30.00		-£30.00
Table top - 9 tables @ £5 *	cash	-£45.00		-£45.00
Raffle *	cash	-£51.00		-£51.00
C Robb - carpet cleaning TV		£125.00	£20.83	£104.17
Licence		£145.50		£145.50
Football card *		-£25.00		-£25.00
CNG - Rawstorne gas		£108.78	£5.18	£103.60
* = Refurbishment fund				
Total		£6,829.40	£310.77	£6,518.63

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Dec '13	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages	£22,500	£1,931	£16,358	£6,142	73%
Insurance	£5,000	£0	£4,457	£543	89%
Stationery	£1,000	£148	£543	£457	54%
Postage	£1,800	£9	£1,434	£366	80%
LAPTC	£550	£0	£614	-£64	112%
Audit fee	£650	£0	£470	£180	72%
Chair Allow	£100	£0	£100	£0	100%
Training	£100	£25	£25	£75	25%
Civic functions	£500	£320	£644	-£144	129%
Election	£70	£0	£70	£0	
Reserve	£1,200	£0	£0	£1,200	
equipment	£300	£0	£0	£300	0%
Grants	£2,500	£0	£2,500	£0	100%
Section137	£480	£0	£480	£0	100%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub borders	£16,760	£680	£13,075	£3,685	78%
Bedding out & Watering	£24,400	£1,665	£21,494	£2,906	88%
Cleansing	£7,080	£476	£3,792	£3,288	54%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700	£195	£3,094	-£394	115%
Organisations	£9,710	£375	£7,932	£1,778	82%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£27	£1,676	£524	76%
Total	£99,600	£5,850	£78,757	£20,843	79%

Other Accounts Dec '13

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£650	£2,250	-£1,600
Bush lane Allotments		£788	£326	£462
Rawstone Centre		£9,004	£3,946	£5,058
Community Development		£4,708	£15,174	-£10,465
Memorial park - playground	£15,275			£15,275
Tom Croft Car park	£5,274			£5,274
Open spaces -capital	£6,932			£6,932
VAT		£6,517	£6,639	-£122
Total	£27,481	£21,667	£28,334	£20,813