

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2014, in the Rawstorne Centre.

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough, (Chairman)

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

Lancashire County Councillor P Rigby

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors T Threlfall (unwell).

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

2) Open Forum

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

Figures: for 03/03/2013 to 07/04/2013

Last year

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	11	0
Freckleton East	43	3
Lower Lane/The Mede	10	3

The figures show a total of 6 crimes recorded for the month of March 2013.

Figures: for 03/03/2014 to 07/04/2014

This year

Location	Total Incidents	Total Crimes
Freckleton West	15	2
Freckleton East	29	2
Lower Lane/The Mede	21	5

The figures show a total of 9 crimes recorded for the month of March 2014.

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

The crimes for February 2014 are made up as follows:

Drugs – Males found sat in their cars down the back of Naze Lane East close to the runway smoking what they admitted to be cannabis

Assault - Domestic related and cannot be discussed.

Theft – numerous chimney pots stolen from outside an address on Lower Lane.

Burglary. – Commercial premises had large amount of cigarettes stolen. Offenders had no legitimate access to the premise and therefore this is a burglary not a theft.

Theft – TV stolen from a property off Preston New Road.

Criminal Damage – Domestic related.

Public order – Incident on Lower Lane estate.

Assault – Occurred inside local public house.

Criminal Damage – Damage to a front door to a family home within the village.

6 out of the 9 crimes have a named offender and are currently in the process of being dealt with for the relevant offence.

b) Public Participation

There was no public participation

County Councillor Rigby reported that there was a broken gate on the coastal path and he will report this to LCC to have it repaired.

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 and the Bowling Pavilion.

Councillor C Robb, as Chairman of the Centre, declared an interest in items 5.e and 7.

Councilor L Rigby, as Chairman of the Bowling club, declared an interest in item 5.e.

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

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2014 and

b) The Communications committee meeting held on Monday 10th March 2014

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

c) To consider a request from the Open Spaces committee to spend £100 on Poppies for the Cenotaph Gardens (To mark the 100 years since the start of WW1).

It was resolved to purchase the poppies for £100.

d) To approve the additional costs for the Blue plaque

It was resolved to purchase the blue plaque, in the revised format, at a cost of £408 plus VAT.

e) To consider the estimates for repairing the path to the Bowling club and the entrance to the Rawstorne centre car park

The Clerk submitted two estimates for this work to be completed.

It was resolved to accept the estimate from John Noye for £1,755 for replacing the pathway to the Bowling club and £1,885 for repairing the entrance to the Rawstorne Centre car park and installing new kerbing.

6) To receive an update from Dr. Tony Naughton regarding the long term vision of the Health service in the Fylde and Wyre.

Dr Tony Naughton gave a short presentation on the work of the Clinical Commissioning Group and their plans for providing health care in the Fylde until 2030.

The presentation was well received and a vote of thanks was proposed to Dr Naughton for coming to the meeting to make the presentation.

7) To receive an update from Louise Tideswell, Plan4Sports ltd, regarding the funding of improvements at the Rawstorne Centre.

Louise Tideswell referred to her report issued to the Council in March 2014 and gave a short presentation on how funding could be obtained for resurfacing of the AWS area and upgrading the Centre.

She anticipated that funding of between £150k and £200k could be sourced.

It was agreed that the Council would hold a separate meeting to discuss the report and come up with recommendations for the improvements. The Clerk agreed to distribute the report and arrange the meeting for May 2014.

8) To review the banking procedures for the Robert Rawstorne trust fund.

The Clerk reported that Natwest was recommending setting up new accounts for the Robert Rawstorne trust fund as the existing accounts were in the name of the Parish Council not the Charitable Trust.

He reported that he had reviewed the interest and charges being generated on these accounts and the Council's current and savings accounts and he recommended that better rates could be obtained from another high street bank.

It was resolved that the Clerk should inform the NatWest that the Council was reviewing its banking procedures with a view to seeing if the rates could be improved and to recommend the best bank for value for money.

The Clerk agreed to report back to the next meeting.

Also, it was suggested that Hargreaves Hale should be asked to come to a meeting to explain the current strategy for the portfolio investments for the Robert Rawstorne Trust.

9) To consider a request from the Bowling club to erect an awning at the front of the club house.

It was resolved to grant permission to the Bowling club to erect an awning on the Club house.

10) To consider the following suggestions from the Communications committee:-

a) To progress the moving of the existing map (or getting a new one) to the other side of the road, as previously suggested.

It was resolved that the existing map should be replaced with one showing the layout in the same directions as the Village.

b) Putting a solar panel light on the Notice board.

It was resolved to erect a solar panel on the Noticeboard subject to the costs being approved.

c) To consider reviewing the procedures for public meetings.

It was resolved that the Communications committee should review the procedures for public meetings and report back to Council.

d) To consider whether email is the most efficient way for the Clerk to communicate with the Councillors.

The Clerk reported that he was receiving the vast majority of communications by email and he felt that this was the best way to communicate to all Councillors.

It was noted that all Councillors were not proficient in dealing with emails and it was suggested that the telephone should also be used if the communication was urgent or important.

11) To receive an update of the activities relating to the removal of the yellow ribbons.

The Clerk gave an update to clarify that he was instructed by the Council not to respond to the letter, from Frack-free-freck, as there were no contact details, i.e. name or address.

The instruction given to the litter picking contractor was in respect of the ribbons around the lamp posts in the park. A number of residents of Freckleton had notified him that they had removed the ribbons from lamp posts in the village.

LCC had confirmed that they had not given permission for the ribbons to be put around lamp posts on the public highway.

FBC had stated that this action would be considered Fly posting.

The Council's report, on the drilling on the Marsh, clearly indicates that there are no plans, in the foreseeable future, for fracking to take place in or near to Freckleton.

As a result of the above, the Clerk recommended to Council that it takes no further action with regard to this issue.

It was resolved that no further action should be taken regarding the activities relating to the removal of the yellow ribbons.

12. To receive an update from Councillors attending meetings with other Organisations

It was reported that at a recent meeting with the Police and Parish and Town councillors the Police had stated that 14 CBMs would be based in the Fylde area, 7 in St Annes and the remainder throughout the rural areas, including Kirkham.

It was resolved that a strong letter of complaint should be sent to Inspector Ogle regarding the reduction in Police cover in the rural areas.

13. To receive an update from the FBC councillors.

It was reported that there had been a zero increase in the FBC rate demands this year.

A brief explanation was given on why Warton was considered to be a potential growth area for development and Freckleton was not.

Councillor Rigby reported that he had been to a meeting where concerns were expressed about a three storey development being planned on the new site near to BAE systems.

Councillor Fiddler reported that this had not been approved and the proposed building would be reduced in size.

14. To agree the date of next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday 12th May 2014, at the Rawstone Centre. This would be the Annual Parish Council meeting, held at 6:30pm, followed by the Full Council meeting at 7:00pm.

Signed..... ..L Rigby, Chairman

Date.....12/05/14.....

Appendix A

	Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of
Precept Account				
18/03/2014	DeliveredFw.com printing	cheque lost	-£140.00	-£140.00
19/03/2014	DeliveredFw.com printing	6,009	£140.00	£140.00
10/03/2014	Freeola- internet rental	D/D	£10.80	£1.80
				£9.00
Open Spaces Account				
01/03/2014	Golden leaf - grass cutting	6000p	£1,050.00	£1,050.00
02/03/2014	Golden leaf - Bedding out &	6000p	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
03/03/2014	Golden leaf - litter picking	6000p	£750.00	£750.00
18/03/2014	Scottish power - electricity	D/D	£25.00	£25.00
18/03/2014	Townsend's - diesel	6,008	£75.09	£12.52
18/03/2014	Sidlanco - towels for half	6,005	£1,890.00	£315.00
18/03/2014	Smalleys - Hire of chipper	6,006	£118.50	£19.75
18/03/2014	Balmers - materials for John	6,007	£101.52	£16.92
18/03/2014	Club day committee -	cheque	-£1,575.00	-£1,575.00
Allotments				
03/03/2014	UU _ water charges	D/D	£122.38	£122.38
Community Development Account				
01/03/2014	Threlfall Electric - locate &	6003	£825.24	£825.24
17/03/2014	UU - Payment for connecting	Cheque	-£825.84	-£825.84
17/03/2014	UU - Payment for KMA	Cheque	-£500.00	-£500.00
24/03/2014	Davis family - Donation	cheque	-£870.75	-£870.75
Rawstone Centre				
20/03/2014	British Gas - Rawstone	D/D	£65.75	£3.13
20/03/2014	CNG - Gas	D/D	£101.07	£4.81
18/03/2014	Macro - materials	6004	£23.96	£3.99
18/03/2014	Hire of room	cash	-£110.00	-£110.00
18/03/2014	football club - membership	cash	-£20.00	-£20.00
	Grand Total		£2,257.72	£377.92
				£1,879.80

Appendix B

Budget		Expenditure		Balance Outstanding	Percentage used
Headings	Allocation	March '14	To date		
Wages	£22,500		£22,093	£407	98%
Insurance	£5,000		£4,457	£543	89%
Stationery	£1,000		£565	£435	56%
Postage	£1,800	£9	£1,603	£197	89%
LAPTC	£550		£614	-£64	112%
Audit fee	£650		£470	£180	72%
Chair Allow	£100		£100	£0	100%
Training	£100		£25	£75	25%
Civic functions	£500		£778	-£278	156%
Election	£70		£70	£0	100%
Reserve	£1,200		£1,200	£0	100%
equipment	£300		£0	£300	0%
Grants	£2,500		£2,500	£0	100%
Section137	£480		£480	£0	100%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting & shrub	£16,760	£1,135	£19,778	-£3,018	118%
Bedding out & Watering	£24,400	£1,099	£24,328	£72	100%
Cleansing	£7,080	£813	£5,559	£1,521	79%
Maintaining Buildings	£2,700		£4,092	-£1,392	152%
Organisations	£9,710		£8,152	£1,558	84%
Electric & rates	£2,200	£25	£1,780	£420	81%
Total	£99,600	£3,080	£98,645	£955	99%

Other Accounts March '14

Account		Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane		£680	£2,622	-£1,942
Bush lane Allotments		£788	£448	£340
Rawstorne Centre		£9,177	£4,619	£4,558
Community Development		£8,442	£16,970	-£8,529
Memorial park -	£10,000	£5,275	£0	£15,275
Tom Croft Car park		£5,274		£5,274
Open Spaces -capital	£3,600	£3,332	£0	£6,932
VAT		£7,464	£8,132	-£668
Total	£13,600	£40,430	£32,791	£21,239