

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor T Fiddler, (Chair)

Councillors T Threlfall, St J Greenhough, Mrs F Craig-Wilson, Mrs N Griffiths,  
Mrs N Whalley, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs D Plant, K McKay, Mrs P Mulholland and J Graham.

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

Councillor– Mrs L Willis – Other Business.

It was resolved to accept the reason for absence

**2) Open Forum****Police**

The clerk read out the police report for June. The content was noted.

**Public participation**

3 members of the public were in attendance to discuss item 7. To review the set-up of the Freckleton in Bloom committee. Please see notes below at item 7.

County Councillor P Rigby thanked everyone for their support during the recent local elections. He also gave an update on speeding throughout the local villages. 2 speed guns are to be manned by council operatives across the villages and will be targeting Kirkham road at school time. He was asked about a speed indicator sign. This will be put on FPC's next full meeting. He was also asked about the zebra crossing opposite the library if it could be repainted. Cllr Rigby said he would pass it on to the relevant person.

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

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in items:-

6c to review the quotations for the resurfacing of the Village Hall car park

6d to review the quotations for the resurfacing of the footpath in the Toms Croft car park.

6e to review the quotations for the topping of the trees on the Bush lane dog exercise area.

**4) To read and approve the minutes of:-**

a) **The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

b) **The Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

c) **The Open Spaces/Fabrics committee meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021**

It was resolved that the above mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved.

The Chairman pointed that it would be beneficial to hold the Planning meetings in situ so that all Councillors would have an input on the decisions made and have a better understanding of the applications.

It was resolved that in future the Planning meetings should be held in situ.

*After the meeting it was pointed out the Council should not have voted on an item that was not on the Agenda (Standing Orders Item 9.b).*

**5) To review the Clerk's report**

The contents of the report were noted.

Rawstone Centre Insurance

The Clerk reported that he had received a communication from the Cricket club indicating:-

- a) If someone tripped in the club house the Council or the Management Committee would be responsible for the Insurance. The Clerk reported that he had informed the Cricket club that the Council is not responsible for any internal injuries unless caused by a permanent fixture.

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- b) The Employers liability for bar staff should be the responsibility of the Council or the Management Committee. The Clerk reported that the Council does not have Employer's liability for bar staff and the cover should be provided by the organisation that runs the bar (i.e. the Cricket club). Also, the cricket Club indicated that the bar is no longer run by the Cricket club but "just volunteers who run and man the bar". The Clerk raised concerns about the legality of this arrangement.

It was agreed that the issue of Insurance and the legality of who runs the bar will be raised at the Rawstone Centre AGM to be held shortly.

## 6) Finance

### a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

It was resolved to approve the accounts paid by the Clerk.

### b) Monthly budget statements

The monthly budget statements were noted.

### c) To review the quotations for the resurfacing of the Village Hall car park

The clerk had obtained 2 quotes for the resurfacing works.

Contractor A. £7777

Contractor B. £8230

It was resolved to accept contractor A. £7777.

### d) To review the quotations for the resurfacing of the footpath in the Tom Crofts car park.

The clerk tried to obtain 2 quotes for the resurfacing works but only received 1. £2500.

It was resolved to accept the quote of £2500.

### e) To review the quotations for the topping of the trees on the Bush lane dog exercise area.

The clerk tried to obtain 2 quotes for the tree work but could only get 1. £2995.

It was resolved to accept the quote of £2995.

## 7) To review the set-up of the Freckleton in Bloom committee.

A member of the FIB committee stated that there were only 3 members on the committee and they needed additional members plus a Chairman and Secretary. They have not entered the In Bloom competition this year because of the amount of paperwork involved. It was suggested that social media should be used to recruit more volunteers as this had proved successful with other Organisations.

Also, it was pointed out that they had concerns about the state of the shrub beds in the park as some of the plants purchased a few years ago had died and the beds needed weeding.

It was pointed out that in the past the beds and other areas on the judging route were always weeded and tidied up the week before judging. Also, some of the new perennials that were planted a few years ago had not survived because of lack of water. It was not mentioned at the time that these would need more attention than what the Contractor was expected to do as part of his contract. In addition, some of the borders had been vandalised by a youth who pulled grasses out to start a fire in the Children's play area. Other youths had ridden bikes over the beds.

It was resolved that new plants should be purchased to replace the ones lost. The Clerk agreed to contact the original supplier.

## 8) To consider requesting a "no stopping" area on the eastern roundabout.

This is a county council issue. To be passed on to C Cllr. P Rigby.

**9) To receive an update from the “Post lockdown Celebration” meeting.**

Cllr Mrs C Thomas gave an update and overview of the expectations of the day. The chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Thomas for all her hard work in getting the day organised. The thanks were echoed from Cllr T Threlfall.

**10) Addendum. To review the FBC proposals for changes to ward boundaries.**

The Chairman reported that the Boundary Commission has recommended that the northern part of Freckleton be included with Newton and Clifton in a new ward to be called Rural East Fylde. He suggested holding a public meeting as soon as possible to discuss what the council concerns are and any possible actions.

It was requested that all councilors study the map of boundary changes and make their concerns known.

It was agreed to call a public meeting in August to discuss what the council concerns are and any possible actions.

**11) To agree the date of the next meeting**

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Signed.....T Fiddler, Chairman.....

Date.....06/09/21.....

**Appendix A**

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>						
<b>Schedule of payments June '21</b>						
			<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>						
01/06/2021	Salary & Expenses June 2020		BACS	£2,307.56		£2,307.56
09/06/2021	Freeola - internet re	1	D/D	£13.86	£2.31	£11.55
15/06/2021	Bt - Internet	1	D/D	£41.34	£6.89	£34.45
07/06/2021	Chair allowance		7025	£100.00		£100.00
<b>Open Spaces</b>						
15/06/2021	EDF - electricity ch	2	D/D	£23.00	£1.10	£21.90
21/06/2021	Golden leaf - Bedding out		D/P	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
01/06/2021	M & A Haselden - litter picking & watering		BACS	772.73		772.73
01/06/2021	M & A Haselden - grass cutting		BACS	£1,539.66		£1,539.66
21/06/2021	SMS - repair to har	1	BACS	£160.80	£26.80	£134.00
04/06/2021	G Beesley - RC se	1	BACS	£96.00	£16.00	£80.00
04/06/2021	D Taylor - maintaining borders		BACS	£975.00		£975.00
<b>Allotments</b>						
<b>Community Development Account</b>						
21/06/2021	BGR Surfacing - re	1	bACS	£1,680.00	£280.00	£1,400.00
<b>VAT</b>						
<b>Total</b>				<b>£9,709.95</b>	<b>£333.10</b>	<b>£9,376.85</b>

## Appendix B

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>					
<b>Precept Account June '21</b>					
<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>June '21</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>used</b>
Wages & Expenses	<b>£28,250</b>	£2,308	£5,889	£22,798	21%
Insurance	<b>£4,500</b>		£42	£4,459	1%
Stationery & web-site rental	<b>£1,300</b>	£46	£181	£1,119	14%
Audit fee	<b>£550</b>		£115	£435	21%
Chair Allow	<b>£100</b>	£100	£100		100%
Training	<b>£100</b>			£100	
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services, Election	<b>£750</b>			£750	
Reserve					
equipment	<b>£400</b>			£400	
Grants	<b>£500</b>		£500	£200	71%
Section137	<b>£750</b>		£650	£100	87%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£19,500	£1,540	£5,588	£13,912	29%
Bedding out & Shrubberies	£18,500	£3,109	£7,262	£11,448	39%
Litter & Watering	£9,100	£773	£1,889	£7,211	21%
Maintaining Buildings	£7,900	£80	£405	£7,495	5%
Organisations	£9,500		£3,470	£6,030	37%
Electric & rates	£3,055	£22	£1,938	£1,117	63%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£104,755</b>	<b>£7,977</b>	<b>£28,029</b>	<b>£77,573</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Other Accounts June '21</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>Opening Bal</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Croft Butts lane Allotments					
Bush lane Allotments		£1,125	£65	£1,060	
Allotment - refurbishment	£35,000				
Community Development	£44,730	£4,342	£1,400	£47,671	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£19,933			£19,933	
Open Spaces	£18,953			£18,953	
VAT		£1,265	£591	£673	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£118,616</b>	<b>£6,731</b>	<b>£2,057</b>	<b>£88,290</b>	

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