

## Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 In the Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillor, Mrs P Mulholland (Chair)  
Councillors, K McKay, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs N Whalley, Mrs L Willis, T Threlfall, T Fiddler,  
Mrs J Atherton, Mrs D Dickinson, Mrs N Griffiths,

### 1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor's Mr A Smith & Mrs F C-Wilson - Sick.

It was resolved to accept the reason for absence.

### 2) Open Forum

#### a) Police

The Police were unable to attend due to illness.

No update was received.

#### b) Public participation

A member of the public requested a blue plaque be sited on the wall facing the Plough to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the air disaster. Currently there is a plaque on this wall but it needs cleaning and possibly resighting. The clerk will contact Peter Shakeshaft for the wording. It was agreed to put this on the next Open Spaces agenda to confirm positioning.

It was also brought to the council to put a section 4 on Hallam's Cottage to prevent the new owner knocking it down.

County Councillor P Rigby reported that he had sent an email at the clerk's request to get agreement from LCC what they do regarding the upkeep of the village.

Cllr. Threlfall reported many road signs on both sides of the village needed cleaning as they were full of green from the trees and bushes. CC Rigby said he would contact the relevant person. Cllr. Fiddler reported that he had made repeated requests to LCC for traffic calming on Kirkham Rd. CC Rigby reported the LCC have many areas of concern throughout the County. They have the power to introduce 20mph zones and he will bring it to the attention of the relevant department.

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

4) All councillors as landlords declared and interest in item 14. To review the procedures for the Remembrance Sunday service

### 5) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

b) The Planning committee meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

c) The Communications meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

d) The Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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

### 6) To review the Clerk's report

The content was noted.

### 7) Finance

#### a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

It was resolved to approve the accounts paid by the Clerk. See Appendix A

#### b) Monthly budget statements

The monthly budget statements were noted. See Appendix B.

#### c) To review the Banks mandate procedures.

The Clerk reported that the current Mandate with the Bank is out of date and needs signatures removing and new ones added.

It was resolved that the Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 1.3, be changed in accordance with section Authorised Signatories. And the current mandate will continue as amended.

**d) To consider restoring the Picture in the Village Hall**

It was resolved to take no action as the current financial position does not allow the council to contribute.

**e) To consider purchasing additional tree lights.**

It was resolved to approve the purchase of additional tree lights.

**8) To Review the Children’s Memorial service held each August.**

Next year will be the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the children’s memorial. A Church service will take place. A blue plaque has been requested to be put up in the village to remember the disaster, this will be put on the open spaces agenda to decide the wording and the positioning.

**9) To consider installing a SPID device on Kirkham Road**

The Clerk will send an email to LCC to request an assessment and a site visit. Also, it would help is the councilors get involved with the assessment. Possibly request a permanent 20mph zone in the area.

**10) To review the changes to the Fire Safety regulations**

New fire regulations come into force in October 2024. These regulation were reviewed and noted by the councilors. A request will be made by the clerk for a fire officer to come to a full council meeting to discuss the new regulations on how they will affect the council’s buildings and the best ways to comply.

**11) To consider a request from the PCC to take over the maintenance of the Churchyard**

The clerk has looked into this request and he believes the Parish council are obliged to take over the maintenance of the churchyard as it has closed for future burials due to it being full. He informed the PC that FBC will be notified and 3 months after the borough is obliged to take over.

**12) To review the 2 reports sent by LALC regarding Morecambe Bay windfarms**

The content of the report was noted. An update will be given after a meeting which is to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**13) To consider opting in to the “Slow Ways National walking network”**

It was resolved that no action would be taken.

**14) To consider installing flood lights on the Bush Lane Sports field**

It was resolved that no action would be taken.

**15) To review the procedures for the Remembrance Sunday service**

The service will take place at the Holy Trinity Church. The procession will start at 12:15 lead by a Piper, followed by a service in the Cenotaph.

**16) To consider a response to the request from FBC regarding polling Stations**

It was agreed that the current polling station (the village hall) should remain.

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

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Signed.....P Mulholland, Chairman.....

Date...13/11/23.....

**Appendix A**

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>						
<b>Schedule of payments September '23</b>						
			<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>						
01/09/2023	Salary & Expenses September 2022		BACS	£2,417.31		£2,417.31
12/09/2023	Freeola - website re	1	dd	£13.86	£2.31	£11.55
17/09/2023	Bt - Internet	1	D/D	£54.18	£9.03	£45.15
01/09/2023	FBC - Payment for poppy wreath		D/P	-£19.99		-£19.99
<b>Open Spaces</b>						
01/09/2023	J Rhodes - Grass	1	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/09/2023	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,435.41		£1,435.41
01/09/2023	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£838.00		£838.00
	45170 A Hasleden - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
17/09/2023	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£13.45	£0.64	£12.81
05/09/2023	Margaret Mason - Flowers for Grave		BACS	£30.00		£30.00
01/09/2023	Glasdon - Bench fo	1	BACS	£1,478.89	£246.48	£1,232.41
01/09/2023	J Rhodes - remove	1	BACS	£216.00	£36.00	£180.00
01/09/2023	Dean Wilson - Weed & Feed Crcket nets		BACS	£69.00		£69.00
15/09/2023	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£333.73	£15.89	£317.84
25/09/2023	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£71.27	£3.39	£67.88
13/09/2023	T Threlfall - Replace heaters in Bandroom		BACS	285		£285.00
15/09/2023	Bowling club - donation for bench		Cheque	-£1,232.41		-£1,232.41
18/09/2023	Batterby - Materials	1	BAcs	£903.64	£133.19	£770.45
18/09/2023	G beesley - Gas se	1	BACS	£103.20	£17.20	£86.00
19/09/2023	LCC - local delivery Scheme		D/P	-£500.00		-£500.00
26/09/2023	Defibshop - case fo	1	BACS	£594.00	£99.00	£495.00
13/09/2023	British gas - Electric	2	D/D	£41.34	£1.97	£39.37
18/09/2023	British gas _ Eletic	2	D/D	£81.09	£3.86	£77.23
<b>Allotments</b>						
12/09/2023	Water plus - water charges		D/D	£159.96		£159.96
	Sept '23 Crofts Butts - rent		D/D	-£255.00		-£255.00
25/09/2023	Bob Disley -repair to taps		BACS	£65.00		£65.00
22/09/2023	Waterplus - Bush lane Water charges		D/D	£63.92		£63.92
<b>Community Development Account</b>						
25/09/2023	Bob Disley - Part payment RC		BACS	2500		2500
13/09/2023	Bob Disley - Part payment RC		BACS	£3,000.00		£3,000.00
11/09/2023	Transfer from Nationwide savings		D/P	£67,794.34		£67,794.34
11/09/2023	Transfer to NatWest current		D/P	-£67,794.34		-£67,794.34
11/09/2023	Transfer from NatWest current		D/P	£100,000.00		£100,000.00
11/09/2023	Transfer to NatWest Savings			-£100,000.00		-£100,000.00
11/09/2023	Nationwide - Interest		D/P	-£40.84		-£40.84
31/08/2023	Nationwide - Interest		D/P	-£86.11		-£86.11
31/08/2023	NatWest - Savings		D/P	-7.14		-7.14
<b>Total</b>				<b>£15,026.74</b>	<b>£898.13</b>	<b>£14,128.61</b>

**APPENDIX B**

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>					
<b>Precept Account September '23</b>					
<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Aug '23</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>used</b>
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,417	£14,556	£14,608	50%
Insurance	£5,500			£5,500	
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£57	£949	£1	100%
Audit fee	£550		£545	£5	99%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training					#DIV/0!
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election	£300		£100	£200	
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants	£500			£500	
Section137	£750	-£20	£480	£270	64%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,646	£12,906	£8,344	61%
Bedding out & Watering	£18,850	£1,615	£13,084	£5,766	69%
Litter	£5,100				
Borders	£6,468	£425	£2,270	£4,198	35%
Maintaining Buildings	£800	£338	£4,179	-£3,379	522%
Organisations	£5,500	£371	£4,108	£1,392	75%
Electric & rates	<b>£8,200</b>	<b>£1,364</b>	<b>£9,577</b>	<b>-£1,377</b>	117%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,000</b>	<b>£515</b>	<b>£2,649</b>	<b>£351</b>	<b>88%</b>
	<b>£107,932</b>	<b>£8,729</b>	<b>£65,503</b>	<b>£37,329</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>Other Accounts Aug '23</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>Opening Bal</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£255	£189	£66	
Bush lane Allotments		£520	£1,516	-£996	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160		£840	£33,320	
Community Development	£7,507	£2,747	£13,076	-£2,822	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£18,133			£18,133	
Open Spaces	£16,876		£5,075	£11,801	
VAT		£5,137	£6,945	-£1,808	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£76,676</b>	<b>£8,659</b>	<b>£27,641</b>	<b>£57,694</b>	