

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 13th November 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, Mr A Smith & Mrs F C-Wilson

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

There were no Councillor's absent from the meeting.

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update - To receive an update from Sgt Paul Glennon-Hill.

There have been instance of shop lifting which have been delt with.
The main problem in Freckleton currently is anti-social behavior that the police believe are as a result of drug taking and drug dealing. The Police have issued warrants.
Overall things in Freckleton are going reasonably well compared to other areas of the Fylde.
The Police and Crime Commission have promised more resources but it can take up to 2 years to see new officers coming through.

b) Public participation

CC P Rigby said he hadn't heard back on Tarnbrook Ave about the potholes.
A member of the public asked about the council taking over the maintenance of the Churchyard as it hadn't closed yet. The Clerk reported it may be up to 12 months before it closes. Freckleton Parish Council will report it to FBC when it closes and they will take over the maintenance of it 3 months later.

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

No councilors declared an interest in any items to be discussed.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023

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

5) To review the Clerk's report

The content was noted.

6) 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 consider the quotation of £5,063.23 (9.10% increase) from FBC for the maintenance of the playground equipment in 2024/25.

It was resolved to accept the quotation of £5,063.23 from FBC for the maintenance of the playground equipment in 2024/25.

7) To receive an update on the Morecambe Bay windfarm proposal

Cllr T Threlfall reported that he had been to several meetings and this project would be very disruptive for Freckleton, the Fylde and the wider area. It was agreed that Freckleton Parish

Council should object in the strongest manor possible. It was reported that Newton Parish council have appointed a barrister to represent them on this matter.

Cllr K McKay will draft a response to the proposal and email it to all. If everyone is happy, he will send it to the consultation and send a copy to FBC and LCC.

8) To review the procedures for the Tree Lighting & Carol Service.

- Cllr Threlfall will order the tree.
- The Clerk will invite the band and the Clergy. Also, he will arrange for the lights to be checked.
- Councillor Mrs. Mulholland will order the children's present and liaise with The Coach & Horses regarding Father Christmas and refreshments after the Service.

The assistant Clerk will invite.

- Councilors
- Schools
- Scouts, Guides & Brownies.

And also.

- Prepare the Notice and Order of Service for the website.
- Prepare the Notice for the Notice Board.
- Notify Trinity Close residents.

9) To receive an update on installing a SPID device on Kirkham Road

The Clerk and Cllr Threlfall met with LCC Highways representative. They agreed to purchase a SPID at a cost of £3500 this would be next year and the council will use £600 from this year's budget to purchase the pole and the remaining £2900 from next years budget. However, CC P Rigby suggested that the Council can apply for the £600 from his members grant account. The exact spot where the SPID is to go needs confirming and it would need someone to switch it on and off.

10) To consider a request from the Methodist Church to be involved in the Annual Community Christmas Celebration.

It was reported that the Parish Council made a nativity box last year. It was agreed to make the same or similar this year. Cllr's Mrs C Thomas, Mrs P Mulholland and Mrs N Whalley will make this year's.

11) To Consider a Plan for Biodiversity.

Cllr Mrs Noreen Griffiths agreed to put a Plan together.

12) To consider supporting the Climate & Ecology Bill

It was resolved to take no action.

13) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 4th December 2023

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

Date...04/12/2023.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council					
Schedule of payments October '23					
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
02/10/2023	Salary & Expenses October 2022	BACS	£2,455.13		£2,455.13
23/10/2023	Sabre Tech - Web-site maintenance	BACS	£95.00		£95.00
15/10/2023	BT Internet	DD	£54.18	£9.03	£45.15
Open Spaces					
02/10/2023	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£2,118.98	£353.16	£1,765.82
02/10/2023	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,417.89		£1,417.89
02/10/2023	J Rhodes - Hedge trimming	BACS	£840.00	£140.00	£700.00
02/10/2023	A Hasleden - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
13/10/2023	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom	D/D	£26.55	£1.26	£25.29
13/11/2023	B of A - Childrens playground donation	cheque	-£361.88		-£361.88
03/10/2023	Glasdon - Plaque for C Robb's bench	BACS	£136.67	£22.78	£113.89
02/10/2023	D Wilson - Boders	BACS	£954.00		£954.00
09/10/2023	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light	BACS	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
19/10/2023	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph	BACS	£16.46	£0.78	£15.68
12/10/2023	Target group - Heaters for bandroom	BACS	£562.17	£93.70	£468.48
12/10/2023	MK illuminations - Lights for Xmas tree	BACS	347.15	£57.86	£289.29
19/10/2023	Margaret mason - Flowers for St John	BACS	£30.00		£30.00
16/10/2023	LANPAC - membership fee	BACS	£60.00	£10.00	£50.00
23/10/2023	Seed Engineering - Repair to John Deere	BACS	£263.28	£43.88	£219.40
19/10/2023	Danvic - Verti drain Bowling green	BACS	£734.90	£110.40	£624.50
19/10/2023	Bob Pye - Trim & remove trees in park & Greenacres	BACS	£480.00		£480.00
19/10/2023	Bowling Club - doantion for Verti drain	D/P	-£624.50		-£624.50
23/10/2023	BGR Surfacing - Repair to Cenotaph path	B ACS	£510.00	£85.00	£425.00
Allotments					
13/10/2023	Waterplus - Water charges	D/D	£53.10		£53.10
02/10/2023	J Rhodes - Hedge cutting	BACS	£300.00	£50.00	£250.00
17/10/2023	Rent - Croft butts lane	cheques	-£305.00		-£305.00
Oct '23	Croft Butts rent	BACs	-£135.00		-£135.00
22/10/2023	Waterplus - Water charges	D/D	£42.71		£42.71
02/10/2023	J Rhodes - Hedge cutting	BACS	£300.00	£50.00	£250.00
Community Development Account					
16/10/2023	J Rhodes - Resurface in front of Green waste pen	BACS	£840.00	£140.00	£700.00
02/10/2023	Savings A/C - Transfer to Current A/C	D/P	£10,000.00		£10,000.00
02/10/2023	Current Account - Transfer from Savings A/C	D/P	-£10,000.00		-£10,000.00
29/09/2023	Natwest - Interest - August/September '21	D/P	-£72.66		-£72.66
VAT					
05/10/2022	HM Customs - VAT Refund	d/p	-3392.81		-3392.81
Total			£8,185.49	£1,168.53	£7,016.96

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APPENDIX B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account October '23					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Oct '22	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,455	£17,011	£12,153	58%
Insurance	£5,500			£5,500	
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£140	£1,089	-£139	115%
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		£480	£270	64%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,985	£14,891	£6,359	70%
Bedding out & Watering	£18,850	£1,418	£14,502	£4,348	77%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£2,695	£2,405	53%
Hedge cutting	£800	£700	£700	£100	88%
Borders	£6,468	£954	£5,133	£1,335	79%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£1,663	£5,771	-£271	105%
Organisations	£8,200	-£168	£9,409	-£1,209	115%
Electric & rates	£3,000	£54	£2,704	£296	90%
Total	£107,932	£9,627	£75,130	£32,802	90%
Other Accounts Oct '22					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£695	£492	£203	
Bush lane Allotments		£520	£1,809	-£1,289	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160		£840	£33,320	
Community Development	£7,507	-£251	£13,776	-£6,520	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£18,133			£18,133	
Open Spaces	£16,876	£2,998	£5,075	£14,799	
VAT		£8,529	£8,113	£416	
Total	£76,676	£12,491	£30,105	£59,062	