

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. P Mulholland, (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, K McKay, Mrs. F Craig-Wilson Mrs. N Griffiths, Mrs. C Thomas, T Threlfall
Mrs L Willis, Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. J Atherton, Mrs. D Dickinson and A Smith.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

None

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update.

There was no Police present and no update has been received.

b) Public participation

A member of the public requested an update on the Blue Plaque. The clerk advised that this item was on the agenda and would be discussed when the chairman gets to it later in the meeting.

Cllr T Threlfall asked CC P Rigby to lend his support to try to get a very large hole repaired that was reported before Christmas, at the Cenotaph and memorial garden entrance. CC Rigby agreed to this.

CC Rigby updated the council on LCC plans to re-roof the library. They plan to do it this summer and estimate it will close the library for approximately a month. He further reported there could be an issue with the electrics. If so, it would be shut for longer. He is arranging for a mobile library to come to the village weekly while it is shut.

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

All councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 6f. To receive an update on replacing the Rawstone Centre roof.

Cllr Mrs N Griffiths declared an interest in item 8. To consider a response to the FBC's proposals for Licensing Wheelchair Access Vehicles

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024

b) The Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024

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 making donations to Various Organisations

It was resolved to approve making donations to Various Organisations.

Precept – Section 137

Air Ambulance	£200
The Fylde Hospice	£200
Fylde Community Food Hub	£200
British Legion (wreaths)	£100

Open Spaces

Freckleton Bowling Club

£1,700

Total

£2,400

d) To consider applying for a faculty (cost £350) for installing the plaques on the Church wall

The Clerk reported that the Church wall was not a suitable place to install the Plaques and the owner of the wall near the entrance to Trinity Close was unwilling to allow the plaques to be installed on it. It was agreed that the Open Spaces committee would agree a more suitable place to install the plaques.

e) To consider purchasing the Blue Plaque for the 80th Anniversary of the Air disaster.

The clerk requested a cost from a firm he has used in the past. They have quoted £300 which the clerk is recommending to use.

f) To receive an update on replacing the Rawstorne Centre roof.

Cllr Threlfall reported that he had requested a grant from FBC which he believes has been before the finance committee and had been accepted. He is awaiting an update from FBC.

g) To consider how to allocate the Section 106 money from FBC

It was discussed and suggested:

- Lighting for Tom Croft car park
- Resurfacing of some of the pathways on the Memorial Park
- Recreational equipment for the older youths in the village.

7) To receive an update on the Morgan & Morecambe Project.

Cllr K McKay reported that local MPs presented the petition to parliament 4th March. FBC have formally objected to the project. Morgan & Morecambe don't have government approval for the project. There have been lots of objections going in from land and business owners as well as local members of the public.

8) To consider a response to the FBC's proposals for Licensing Wheelchair Access Vehicles

All councilors are in favor of FBC's proposals for Licensing Wheelchair Access Vehicles.

9) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 13th May 2024

Signed.....Mrs. N Griffiths, Chairman.....

Date.....13/05.2024.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council							
Schedule of payments March '24							
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT	
Precept Account							
01/03/2024	Salary & Expenses March 2024		BACS	£2,389.18		£2,389.18	
08/03/2024	Freeola- internet re	1	D/D	£14.76	£2.46	£12.30	
26/03/2024	Freeola- Domain re	1	D/D	£13.50	£2.25	£11.25	£2,417.44
Open Spaces							
01/03/2024	J Rhodes - Grass	1	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82	
01/03/2024	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50	
01/03/2024	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£450.00		£450.00	
01/03/2024	A Hasleden - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00	
01/03/2024	NW Power washers	1	BACS	£278.40	£46.40	£232.00	
12/03/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£73.44	£3.50	£69.94	
12/03/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	BACS	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50	
19/03/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	BACS	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50	
01/03/2024	Black box security	1	BACS	£96.00	£16.00	£80.00	
05/03/2024	Woodys -paint for	1	BACS	£199.30	£33.22	£166.08	
18/03/2024	T_ Garlick - Feed	1	BACS	£564.00	£94.00	£470.00	£5,431.96
Allotments							
05/03/2024	Woodys - Materials	1	BACS	£39.95	£6.66	£33.29	
01/03/2024	D Wilson - install new hedge		BACS	£360.00		£360.00	£399.95
Community Development Account							
01/03/2024	B Disley - Restocking charge for RC urinals		BACS	£222.80		£222.80	
01/03/2024	Transfer from NW Savings		D/P	£5,000.00		£5,000.00	
01/03/2024	Transfr to NW current		D/P	-£5,000.00		-£5,000.00	£222.80
VAT							
Total							
				£8,472.15	£535.00	£7,937.16	£8,472.15

APPENDIX B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account March '24					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	March '24	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,164	£2,389	£29,050	£114	100%
Insurance	£5,500		£5,751	-£251	105%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£24	£1,624	-£674	171%
Audit fee	£550		£545	£5	99%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750		£800	-£50	107%
Election	£300		£100	£200	
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants	£500			£500	
Section137	£750		£480	£270	64%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,646	£23,449	-£2,199	110%
Bedding out & Watering	£18,850	£1,343	£22,551	-£3,701	120%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£4,820	£280	95%
Hedge cutting	£800		£700	£100	88%
Borders	£6,468	£450	£9,372	-£2,904	145%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£478	£7,497	-£1,997	136%
Organisations	£8,200	£470	£10,565	-£2,365	129%
Electric & rates	£3,000	£97	£3,114	-£114	104%
Total	£107,932	£7,321	£120,519	-£12,587	112%
Other Accounts March '24					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£695	£1,325	-£630	
Bush lane Allotments		£520	£2,285	-£1,765	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160		£840	£33,320	
Community Development	£7,507	£9,841	£12,199	£5,149	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£18,133		£1,800	£16,333	
Open Spaces	£16,876	£3,951	£5,075	£15,752	
VAT		£10,844	£10,988	-£144	
Total	£76,676	£25,851	£34,512	£68,016	