

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
In the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. N Griffiths, (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, K McKay, Mrs. F Craig-Wilson, Mrs. C Thomas, T Threlfall

Mrs L Willis, Mrs. P Mulholland, 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.

Cllr T Threlfall reported that the Chief Inspector was to set up a meeting with the area sergeant, the clerk and Cllr Threlfall. The date is to be confirmed.

**b) Public participation**

Several Councillors brought up the issue of potholes in the village with CC Paul Rigby. Paul reported that £5m had been allocated to repairing potholes and he would chase up the issues in Freckleton with LCC highways department.

A member of the Public thanked the Parish council for putting the historical society's heritage map on the PC's website.

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

All councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 8. To consider the report of a tree on Balderstone Road.

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

a) **The Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

b) **The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

c) **The Communications meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

d) **The Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

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

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

The content was noted.

The Clerk also reported that he had received confirmation from FBC that a grant of £30k had been approved to replace the roof on the Rawstone Centre. He will sign the agreement. FBC has requested that a plaque be installed recognising the donation made for the roof repair. The Contractors that quoted for the work were Karl Smith and Harry Jacks

**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.

**7) To consider purchasing a 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary D Day collection**

It was resolved not to purchase an 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary D Day collection.

**8) To consider the report of a tree on Balderstone Road.**

The Chairman reported that she had googled this Tree Surgeon and the author of the tree report was not qualified.

It was resolved to request a full report from Andrew Rayner (FBC) on the condition of the tree before any action is taken.

**9) To receive an update on the Morgan & Morecambe windfarm project**

Cllr K McKay gave the following update:

A group has been established under LALC to look at the issues of energy generation and distribution in Lancashire and specifically the Fylde. The understanding from Fylde BC is that there should be some form of re-consultation following the widespread objections to the MMWF proposals.

In the meantime, the Energy group is looking to find viable alternatives, which would also offer employment benefits, of which the current plan offers none to this area.

At the same time, the group has become aware of the developing strategy for the National Grid, which has to more than double capacity to meet the declared Government targets for green energy.

Such a potential opportunity has been identified, making use of & upgrading an existing Grid branch to Stanah, at the old ICI site close to Thornton. This site already has one wind farm substation, serving the Walney 2 wind farm. Stanah already has two main grid lines, one to Penwortham, the other to Middleton near Heysham.

A further aspect would see energy intensive industries brought to the area to use the power as it comes ashore. An example would be manufacture/reclaim of materials for the wind turbine blades, many of which will start to need replacement in the not too distant future. The reclaim of the fibre materials used is possible, but does require huge amounts of energy for the pyrolysis of the materials.

The ideas are being put forward for consideration at appropriate levels, but it is thought there is a brief window of opportunity for such engagement before hard decisions are made.

Cllr Threlfall gave a vote of thanks to Cllr K McKay for all his hard work on the matter. This was echoed by all Councillors.

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

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

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

Date.....03/06/2024.....

**Appendix A**

		<b>Schedule of payments April '24</b>				
			<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>						
02/04/2024	Salary & Expenses April 2024		BACS	£2,500.65		£2,500.65
05/04/2024	FBC - Precept grant		D/P	-£55,272.00		-£55,272.00
27/04/2024	Air Ambulance - S137 grant		BACS	£200.00		£200.00
27/04/2024	The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant		BACS	£200.00		£200.00
27/04/2024	Fylde community Food hub		BACS	£200.00		£200.00
16/04/2024	Bt - Internet	1	D/D	£59.60	£9.93	£49.67
08/04/2024	Sabre-Tech - Website update		BACS	£60.00		£60.00
10/04/2024	GoFile - Annual c	1	D/D	£41.94	£6.99	£34.95
<b>Open Spaces</b>						
02/04/2024	J Rhodes - Grass c	1	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
02/04/2024	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
02/04/2024	D Taylor - Borders		BACS	£542.00		£542.00
02/04/2024	A Hasleden - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
27/04/2024	Jewsons - Paint for	1	BACS	£200.45	£33.41	£167.04
29/04/2024	NFU Mutual - Insurance - pick-up		BACS	£612.19		£612.19
29/04/2024	NFU Mutual - Insurance - grass cutting machines		BACS	£664.95		£664.95
05/04/2024	FBC - Bus shelters grant		D/P	-£280.00		-£280.00
05/04/2024	FBC - Playground maintenance		D/P	2532		£2,532.00
02/04/2024	FBC - Rates for Storeroom		BACS	£1,412.05		£1,412.05
15/04/2024	UU - water charges for Storeroom		D/D	£436.33		£436.33
15/04/2024	UU - water charges for car park		D/D	£100.52		£100.52
27/04/2024	Bowling club - Open spaces grant		BACS	£1,700.00		£1,700.00
10/04/2024	Bank of America - Playground fund		BACS	-£348.96		-£348.96
12/04/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£46.75	£2.23	£44.52
12/04/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£13.90	£0.66	£13.24
22/04/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£15.08	£0.72	£14.36
03/04/2024	Sportsequip - Ball fr	1	BACS	£474.00	£79.00	£395.00
03/04/2024	Cricket Club - Donation towards Ball feeder		D/P	-£395.00		-£395.00
06/04/2024	LanPac - Renewal	1	BACs	60	10	50
06/04/2024	T threlfall - Install new defibulator cabinet In Cenotaph		BACS	£75.00		£75.00
17/04/2024	Coach & Horses - FIB celebration		BACS.	£110.00		£110.00
17/04/2024	T Threlfall - Repair flood lights - Bowling green		BACS	£792.00		£792.00
18/04/2024	Durant Cricket Ltd -	1	BACS	£330.00	£55.00	£275.00
18/04/2024	Cricket Club - Donation for covers		D/P	-£275.00		-£275.00
<b>Allotments</b>						
24/04/2024	Waterplus - water charges		D/D	£0.20		£0.20
April '24	Bush lane rents		D/P	-£1,050.00		-£1,050.00
<b>Community Development Account</b>						
01/04/2024	Dell - New Laptop	1	BACS	£669.00	£111.50	£557.50
06/04/2024	Transfer from Current Account		D/P	£45,000.00		£45,000.00
29/04/2024	Glasdon - Plaque fc	1	BACS	£136.67	£22.78	£113.89
06/04/2024	Transfer to Savings Account		D/P	-£45,000.00		-£45,000.00
01/04/2024	Transfer to Current Account		D/P	-5000		-5000
01/04/2024	Transfer from Savings Account		D/P	£5,000.00		£5,000.00
10/04/2024	Robert rawstone trust - grants		Cheque	-21850		-21850
28/03/2024	Natwest - Interest		D/P	-72.53		-72.53
29/04/2024	Robert rawstone trust - grants		BACS	£20,850.00		£20,850.00
<b>VAT</b>						
05/04/2024	HM Customs - VAT refund		D/P	-£1,728.63		-£1,728.63
<b>Total</b>				<b>-£42,494.36</b>	<b>£661.38</b>	<b>-£43,155.74</b>

**APPENDIX B**

Sequence 2309

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<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>					
<b>Precept Account April '24</b>					
<b>Budget</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Headings</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>April '24</b>	<b>To date</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>used</b>
Wages & Expenses	£29,747	£2,501	£2,501	£27,246	8%
Insurance	£6,000			£6,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£145	£145	£805	15%
Audit fee	£550			£550	
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					
Section137	£500	£600	£600	-£100	120%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£2,311	£2,311	£18,939	11%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£1,955	£1,955	£18,345	10%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£425	£4,675	8%
Hedge cutting	£800				
Borders	£6,600	£542	£542	£6,058	8%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£587	£587	£4,913	11%
Organisations	£8,997	£4,210	£4,210	£4,787	47%
Electric & rates	<b>£3,200</b>	<b>£2,021</b>	<b>£2,021</b>	<b>£1,179</b>	63%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£110,544</b>	<b>£15,296</b>	<b>£15,296</b>	<b>£94,448</b>	14%
<b>Other Accounts April '24</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>Opening Bal</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£0	£0	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,050		£1,050	
Allotment - refurbishment	£33,320			£33,320	
Community Development	£5,222	£1,073	£671	£5,623	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333			£16,333	
Open Spaces	£15,752			£15,752	
VAT		£1,729	£661	£1,067	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£70,627</b>	<b>£3,851</b>	<b>£1,333</b>	<b>£73,145</b>	