

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

Present: Councillor, Mrs L Willis (Chair)
Councillors, T Fiddler, K McKay, Mrs. C Thomas, Mrs. D Dickinson, Mrs. J Atherton
Mrs. P Mulholland, T Threlfall and A Smith.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. N Griffiths & Mrs. F Craig-Wilson - Sick
It was resolved to approve the reason for absence.

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update.

No Police were present at the meeting.

b) Public participation

Concerns were raised about speeding on Kirkham Road. It was agreed that this was an on-going issue and despite the councils best efforts it was LCC highway responsibility which they are fully aware of the situation and it was in there hands.

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

All councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 6d. To consider cutting back a tree on Croft Butts allotments and item 9. To receive an update on the flooding from Bush Lane Sports field.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024**
- b) The Planning committee meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024**
- c) The Open Spaces meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024**

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

5) To review the Clerk's report

The content was noted.

Adam Little, from Combat Ltd, gave an update on the Boxing Project that he was running in response to widespread anti-social behaviour and disorder in the Kirkham and Wesham areas in the summer of 2023. This has attracted several youths from Freckleton. He was looking for financial support to keep the Project going. The Clerk reported that the Police had welcomed the Parish Council's support for a grant application of £5k that it was submitting to LANPAC.

It was agreed that future support would be considered from the Robert Rawstorne Trust fund and Section 137 Finance.

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 was noted.

c) To consider the External Auditor’s report

It was resolved to approve the External Auditor’s report.

d) To consider cutting back a tree on Croft Butts allotment

It was resolved to put this item on the agenda of the next Open Spaces Meeting.

7) To receive an update on Homes for Children from Chris Dixon, FBC.

Chris indicated that FBC had objected to the excessive number of applications for housing 2 children in accommodation in the Fylde area but had been unsuccessful due to Government legislation. FBC were considering complaining to the Government and asking to change the regulations and would welcome support from the Parish Councils. It was agreed to write to FBC to support the complaint to the Government about the excessive number of properties being given permission to house 2 children.

8) To receive an update on the flooding from Bush Lane Sports field.

It was reported that good progress was being made regarding putting cameras down the drains in the village and identifying blocked and broken gullies. Councillor Threlfall stated that he was trying to arrange an Open Spaces meeting and inviting Mark O’Donnel along to give an update and to go through the finding from their cameras down the drains.

9) To review the Remembrance Sunday service procedures.

The Clerk confirmed that the Chairman will be going to the Service at the Holy Trinity Church prior to attending the Service at the Cenotaph. The procedures for the Cenotaph service will be the same as last year and will start at 12:15pm subject to the band arriving back from St Annes.

The PA system has been ordered. It was requested that additional speakers should be used as people at the back could not hear the Service.

Cllr Mrs. Griffiths will organize the procession and Cllr. Mrs. Willis agreed to place the people in the correct positions in the Cenotaph.

It was agreed to ask Chris Wilson if he would pipe in the procession as per last year’s Service.

10) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 4th November 2024

Signed.....Noreen Griffiths.....

Date.....04/11/24.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council

		Schedule of payments September '24			
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
02/09/2024	Salary & Expenses September 2022	BACS	£2,450.20		£2,450.20
09/09/2024	Freeola - website rental	dd	£14.76	£2.46	£12.30
15/09/2024	Bt - Internet	D/D	£59.60	£9.93	£49.67
05/09/2024	PKF - External audit fees	BACS	£504.00	£84.00	£420.00
16/09/2024	Br Legion - pooppy wreaths	BACS	£84.96		£84.96
Open Spaces					
02/09/2024	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
02/09/2024	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,420.24		£1,420.24
02/09/2024	D Wilson - Borders	BACS	£458.33		£458.33
02/09/2024	D Wilson - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
02/09/2025	D wilson - Spray park & AWS	BACS	£64.00		£64.00
23/09/2024	Target group - Lights for Rawstorne Centre	BACS	£195.60	£32.60	£163.00
02/09/2024	Intrak - PA system for 80th Anniversary	BACS	£140.00	£23.33	£116.67
05/09/2024	Woodys - Materials for painting lampost	BACS	£64.15	£10.69	£53.46
18/09/2024	Br Gas - electricity charges - Cenotaph	D/D	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
11/09/2024	Br Gas - electricity charges - storeroom	D/D	£46.08	£2.19	£43.89
11/09/2024	Br Gas - electricity charges - security light	D/D	14.17	£0.67	£13.50
09/09/2024	G Beesley Repair to heating RC	BACS	£144.00	£24.00	£120.00
11/09/2024	Seeds - repair to John Deere	BACS	£1,561.20	£260.20	£1,301.00
09/09/2024	Batterby - Materials for Cricket	BACS	£1,145.64	£154.54	£991.10
12/09/2024	T Threlfall - Repair to lights in Bowling hut	BACS	£178.00		£178.00
13/09/2024	Newgate - summer plants	BACS	£3,604.89	£600.82	£3,004.08
17/09/2024	Target group - Lights for car park	BACS	£264.60	£44.10	£220.50
24/09/2024	Danarb - Remove trees on Balderstone & trim trees in Ce	BACS	£1,250.00		£1,250.00
Allotments					
23/09/2024	Water plus - water charges Croft Butts	D/D	57.03		57.03
25/09/2024	Crofts Butts - rent	D/D	-£67.50		-£67.50
23/09/2024	Waterplus - Bush lane Water charges	D/D	97.96		97.96
Community Development Account					
30/08/2024	NatWest - Savings	D/P	-98.22		-98.22
Total					
			£16,067.84	£1,579.38	£14,488.46

Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council

Precept Account September '24					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	September '24	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,747	£2,450	£14,114	£15,633	47%
Insurance	£6,000			£6,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£62	£1,047	-£97	110%
Audit fee	£550	£420	£550		100%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					#DIV/0!
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					
Section137	£500	£85	£685	-£185	137%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£2,947	£15,927	£5,323	75%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£4,424	£11,880	£8,420	59%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£2,270	£2,830	45%
Hedge cutting	£800	£522	£2,098	-£1,298	262%
Borders	£6,600			£6,600	
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£1,985	£7,043	-£1,543	128%
Organisations	£8,997	£1,108	£10,851	-£1,854	121%
Electric & rates	£3,200	£71	£4,677	-£1,477	146%
Total	£110,544	£14,499	£71,143	£39,401	64%
Other Accounts September '24					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£68	£92	-£25	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,660	£1,049	£611	
Allotment - refurbishment	£33,320			£34,160	
Community Development	£5,222	£32,446	£24,044	£15,910	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333			£18,133	
Open Spaces	£15,752			£16,876	
VAT		£6,477	£12,305	-£5,827	
Total	£70,627	£40,651	£37,489	£79,838	

