

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 4th November 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, N Whalley, Mrs. N Griffiths and A Smith.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

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

Please refer to item 9 below. To consider the email re flooding on Lytham Road below.

A member of the public asked if they could have Large Poppies in the village on and around Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed to put the request to the Finance committee.

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 installing Electric Vehicle chargers in the car park and item 10. To receive an update on the Play zone project.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2024

b) The Communications meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024

c) The Planning committee meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024

d) The Open Spaces meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024

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

5) To review the Clerk's report

The contents were 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 was noted.

7) To review the Tree Lighting & Carol Service.

It was agreed that the procedures would be same as last year.

It was reported that the Landlord of the Coach & Horses did not want to hold a Christmas market. It was agreed that alternative arrangements would be sought. The Clerk reported that the Village singers had asked if they could be involved with the Service. It was agreed that they would be welcomed.

It was reported that the Clergy would include a reference to "get Dan Home" in the Service.

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8) To consider installing Electric Vehicle chargers in the car park

It was reported that LCC had a fund to fit EVC's around the County but they weren't in a position to accept applications yet. It was agreed the put a request to LCC and let them deal with it.

9) To consider the email re flooding on Lytham Road

A member of the public referred to the June '24 meeting when he raised the on-going flood risk on Lytham road and that the Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA) has yet to investigate and issue a report of the flood incidents in August 2020. The Clerk reported that he had asked County Councillor Paul Rigby to ask LCC as to when the report will be issued.

Also, it was reported that The Environment Agency had now classified Freckleton and the surrounding area has a Zone 3 area.

The Clerk reported that the Open Spaces committee meeting minutes of 15/10/24 gave an update of the recent camera investigations undertaken by LCC and this including a crushed pipe in the drains going into Pool Stream. This will be repaired.

It was suggested that the residents form a Flood group so that they could be represented on the regular meetings held by LLFA.

10) To receive an update on the Play Zone project.

It was reported that Freckleton was the front runner to have a new AWS area installed with a grant of 75% from the Football Association. The estimated cost will be between £250k and £350k.

The proposed new AWS will be dual purpose, one surface suitable for football and the other for other sporting activities.

11) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 2nd December 2024

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

Date.....02/12/24.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council						
Schedule of payments October '24						
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/10/2024	Salary & Expenses October 2024		BACS	£2,493.65		£2,493.65
01/10/2024	Staples - Envelopes	1	BACS	£251.85	£41.98	£209.88
15/10/2024	BT Internet	1	DD	£59.60	£9.93	£49.67
Open Spaces						
45566	J Rhodes - Grass c	1	BACS	£2,190.98	£365.16	£1,825.82
45566	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/10/2024	D Wilson - Borders	1	BACS	£458.33	£76.39	£381.94
01/10/2024	D Wilson - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/10/2024	D Wilson - Hedge cutting		BACS	£315.00		£315.00
01/10/2024	D Wilson - Painting lamposts		BACS	£54.00		£54.00
01/10/2024	J Rhodes - Hedge c	1	BACS	£720.00	£120.00	£600.00
08/10/2024	Seeds - Repair to T	1	BACS	£422.11	£70.35	£351.76
11/10/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	BACS	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
18/10/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	BACS	£15.54	£0.74	£14.80
01/10/2024	DanArb - Stumoing Trees on Hawthorns		BACS	£150.00		£150.00
10/10/2024	T Threlfall - Repair to Lights in Guide Hut		BACS	£90.00		£90.00
14/10/2024	RTC - Survey of da	1	BACS	156	£26.00	£130.00
11/10/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£78.65	£3.75	£74.90
20/10/2024	B of A - Childrens playground donation		cheque	-£356.62		-£356.62
17/10/2024	Danvic Turf - winter	1	BACS	£774.00	£129.00	£645.00
17/10/2024	Bowling club - donation towards winter dressing		D/P	-£645.00		-£645.00
Allotments						
23/10/2024	Waterplus Croft Butts - Water charges		D/D	£38.01		£38.01
01/10/2024	J Rhodes - Hedge c	1	BACS	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00
11/10/2024	Rent - Croft butts lane		cheques	-£367.50		-£367.50
Oct '24	Rent - Croft butts lane		D/P	-135		-135
23/10/2024	Waterplus - Bush Lane - Water charges		D/D	£37.65		£37.65
01/10/2024	J Rhodes - Hedge c	1	BACS	360	60	300
Community Development Account						
01/10/2024	D Wilson - Laying cables in car park		BACS	342		342
01/10/2024	J Rhodes - Laying c	1	BACS	£614.40	£102.40	£512.00
02/10/2024	Woodys - materials	1	BSCS	£174.30	£29.05	£145.25
08/10/2024	F Matthews - Trees	1	BACS	£703.90	£62.98	£640.92
19/10/2024	T threlfall - Install lights in car park		BACS	328		328
30/09/2024	Natwest - Interest - September '24		D/P	-£139.28		-£139.28
VAT						
04/10/2024	HM Customs - VAT Refund	d/p		-£7,555.91		-£7,555.91
Total				£3,770.33	£1,158.40	£2,611.93

Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account October '24					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	October '24	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,747	£2,494	£16,608	£13,139	56%
Insurance	£6,000			£6,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£260	£1,307	-£357	138%
Audit fee	£550		£550		100%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					
Section137	£500		£665	-£165	133%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£2,178	£18,104	£3,146	85%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£1,343	£13,222	£7,078	65%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£2,695	£2,405	53%
Hedge cutting	£800	£382	£2,480	£4,120	38%
Borders	£6,600	£915	£915	-£115	114%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£424	£6,944	-£1,444	126%
Organisations	£8,997	-£357	£10,495	-£1,498	117%
Electric & rates	£3,200	£103	£4,780	-£1,580	149%
Total	£110,544	£8,166	£78,765	£31,779	71%
Other Accounts October '24					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£1,043	£430	£612	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,660	£1,387	£273	
Allotment - refurbishment	£33,320			£34,160	
Community Development	£5,222	£32,984	£26,535	£13,956	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333			£18,133	
Open Spaces	£15,752			£16,876	
VAT		£14,033	£13,463	£570	
Total	£70,627	£49,720	£41,815	£84,581	