

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd June 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. P Mulholland, Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. J Atherton, Mrs. D Dickinson and A Smith.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Mrs L Willis – Holiday. It was resolved to approve the reason for absence.

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update.

There was no Police present.

Cllr T Threlfall reported that the Chief Inspector had put together a Rural task force for the Fylde. He reported that the task force had caught hare coursers and they were tackling thefts from farm yards. He also reported that drug dealers had been caught.

b) Public participation

Several members of the public raised concerns about 7 Bramwell Rd being changed to a children's home and they had not been informed nor consulted. The parish council confirmed that they had not been informed either.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact FBC planning with the resident's concerns.

Cllr A Smith reported to CC P Rigby that there was an open/uncovered drain at the top of Bunker Street. He agreed to email the details to CC Rigby and he would inform the relevant department at LCC.

The clerk reported to CC P Rigby that the grass outside the library was not being cut regularly. Cllr Rigby agreed to chase this up with LCC.

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

All councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 6g. To re consider the rent increases for Croft Butts Lane allotments.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024

b) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024

c) The Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 20th May 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 review the Internal Auditors report

The Internal Auditors report was reviewed and noted. Thanks was given to the clerk for his professionalism in managing the Council's accounts.

d) To approve the final statement of accounts for 2023-24

It was resolved to approve the final statement of accounts for 2023-24

e) To approve the Audit Annual governance statements for the 2023-24 accounts

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f) To approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2023-24 accounts

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g) To re-consider the rent increases for Croft Butts Lane Allotments.

It was resolved to approve all the recommendations from the Open Spaces meeting, held on 03/06/24, as follows:-

The Croft Butts lane Allotment Accounts should be self-sufficient and not be subsidised by the rate payers of Freckleton

The following rents will be applied from 01/10/24:-

T1 plot £52.50: Large Plot £45.00 and ½ plot £22.50.

This represents a 50% increase in the rents in line with the increase in RPI & Rate of Inflation over the last 13 years.

The Accounts will be reviewed on a regular basis and the appropriate adjustments made to the rents.

These rent increases would supersede the increases agreed at the January '24 Finance meeting.

7) To approve the dates of the meetings for the next 12 months

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8) To consider submitting the report from the Tree surgeon for approval by FBC

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9) To consider applying for a grant from LCC for an Orchard

As the Parish already has an orchard it was agreed to apply for the grant from LCC to add more fruit trees to the current orchard.

10) To consider opting in to the LCC's Local delivery & Biodiversity Small Grant schemes

It was agreed to opt in to LCC's local delivery scheme. More information is required on the biodiversity scheme. Cllr Mrs Griffiths agreed to provide more information.

11) To consider a request for the Fair to use the Dog Exercise area in the Club Day week.

It was resolved to allow the Fair to use the Dog Exercise area in the Club Day week.

It was noted that care would need to be taken on arrival and leaving as the ground was very wet and soft in places.

12) To receive an update on the Play zone scheme

It was reported that a few Freckleton councilors had gone to the meeting and reported that the consultation closes on 5th June. They reported that Freckleton has a good chance of getting the play zone.

13) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 1st July 2024

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

Date.....01/07/2024.....

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Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council					
Schedule of payments May '24					
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
01/05/2024	Salary & Expenses May 2024	BACS	£2,516.00		£2,516.00
23/05/2024	Inland Revenue - refund of overpaid tax	D/P	-£799.15		-£799.15
09/05/2024	Freeola - Web-site rental	D/D	£8.35	£1.39	£6.96
09/05/2024	Staples - Paper	BACS	£54.69	£9.12	£45.58
02/05/2024	Mrs M.A. Taylor - Internal Audit	BACS	£130.00		£130.00
06/05/2024	Bt - Internet	D/D	£59.60	£9.93	£49.67
16/05/2024	Leaflet Delivery Uk - Print & Deliver Newsletter	BACS	£684.00	£114.00	£570.00
Open Spaces					
01/04/2024	J Rhodes - warning lights for tractor	B ACS	£169.20	£28.20	£141.00
01/04/2024	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/04/2024	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/04/2024	D Wilson - Borders	BACS	£458.33		£458.33
01/04/2024	D Wilson - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/05/2024	D Wilson - Painting lampposts in Park	BACS	£198.00		£198.00
01/05/2024	D wilson - Fuel for pickup	BACs	£80.00		£80.00
02/05/2024	Masuri Group - Cricket shirts	BACS	£2,888.15	£481.36	£2,406.79
02/05/2024	Woodys - Paint for lampposts	BACS	£64.60	£10.77	£53.83
23/05/2024	G Beesley - Annuual gas service RC	BACS	103.2	£17.20	£86.00
02/05/2024	Black Box - load system	BACS	£66.00	£11.00	£55.00
09/05/2024	Teamstrides - medals for club day	BACS	£290.40	£48.40	£242.00
09/05/2024	Club day com - donation for medals	D/P	-£242.00		-£242.00
23/05/2024	Npower- Electricity in car park & Park	BACS	£2,525.96	£120.28	£2,405.68
14/04/2024	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light	D/D	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
14/04/2024	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph	D/D	£13.00	£0.62	£12.38
02/05/2024	Cricket club 0-donations towards shirts	D/P	-£2,406.79		-£2,406.79
03/05/2024	Gillett Environment - Skip for rubbish	BACS	£204.00	£34.00	£170.00
10/05/2024	Seed Engineering - Repair & Service John Deere	BACS	£3,180.00	£530.00	£2,650.00
10/05/2024	Seed Engineering - Repair to Cricket roller	BACS	£168.00	£28.00	£140.00
10/05/2024	Cricket club - donation towards rolloer repair	D/P	-140		-140
16/05/2024	T Threlfall - Repair To RC lights	BACS	£120.00		£120.00
13/05/2024	Agrovista - weed & feed for park & sports field	BACS	£664.87	£110.81	£554.06
Allotments					
24/05/2024	Waterplus - Water Charges	D/D	£37.65		£37.65
18/05/2024	Bush lane rents	cheques	-£560.00		-£560.00
Community Development Account					
01/05/2024	Transfer to Current account	D/P	-£10,000.00		-£10,000.00
01/05/2024	Transfer from Savings account	D/P	£10,000.00		£10,000.00
10/05/2024	R Cheswoorth - Build sunflowers for bench	BACS	£246.00		£246.00
16/05/2024	Sign of the Times - 80th Anniversary plaque	BACS	£343.64	£57.28	£286.36
30/04/2024	NatWest - Interest	D/P	-£119.12		-£119.12
Total			£14,763.23	£1,942.20	£12,821.03

APPENDIX B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account May '24					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	May '24	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,747	£1,717	£4,218	£25,530	14%
Insurance	£6,000			£6,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£672	£817	£133	86%
Audit fee	£550	£130	£130	£420	24%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					#DIV/0!
Section137	£500		£600	-£100	120%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£4,991	£7,302	£13,948	34%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£1,423	£3,377	£16,923	17%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£850	£4,250	17%
Hedge cutting	£800	£458	£1,000	-£200	125%
Borders	£6,600				
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£597	£1,184	£4,316	22%
Organisations	£8,997	£86	£4,296	£4,701	48%
Electric & rates	£3,200	£2,432	£4,453	-£1,253	139%
Total	£110,544	£12,930	£28,226	£75,718	26%
Other Accounts May '24					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£0	£0	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,610	£38	£1,572	
Allotment - refurbishment	£33,320			£34,160	
Community Development	£5,222	£1,192	£1,204	£7,495	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333			£18,133	
Open Spaces	£15,752			£16,876	
VAT		£1,729	£2,604	-£875	
Total	£70,627	£4,530	£3,845	£77,361	