

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor, Mrs. N Griffiths (Chair)

Councillors, K McKay, Mrs. J Atherton, Mrs. C Thomas, Mrs. D Dickinson, Mrs L Willis,
and Mrs. F Craig-Wilson.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillors, T Fiddler – Other Meeting. T Threlfall – Holiday. Mrs. P Mulholland and N Whalley – Other business. It was resolved to approve the reason for absence. A Smith – No apologies received.

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update.

No Police were present at the meeting.

b) Public participation

A member of the public informed the council that there was a project by the village historical group to bring the grave yard register of burials up to date before FBC take over the maintenance of the grave yard. The clerk gave an update on the maintenance of the grave yard that FPC were in discussions with FBC for Freckleton's contractors to continue maintaining the grave yard and FBC pay the costs.

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

No declarations were recorded.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2025

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 Clerk

b) Monthly budget statements

The content was noted.

c) To approve the Fixed Assets register

It was resolved to approve the Fixed Assets register.

d) To ratify that the Council's internal audit procedures have been carried out for 2024/25

It was resolved to approve that the Council's internal audit procedures have been carried out for 2024/25

e) To consider a request to pay for signs for Club Day

It was resolved to approve the request to pay for signs for Club Day.

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7) To consider a request to install a bench around the Cenotaph.

It was resolved to approve the request to install a bench around the Cenotaph.

8) To consider entering the LBKV competition.

It was resolved not to enter the LBKV competition.

9) To receive an update on the Bio-diversity scheme

It was reported that a wild flower meadow will be planted at Balderstone. It was suggested that the council contact Emorsgate Seeds for advice on seed types to reflect the boggy conditions of the ground in the area. When the seed types are agreed the clerk will order them.

Equipment has been taken to Strike Lane School and they are very pleased with it. Equipment will be taken to C of E School later this month.

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

Cllr K McKay gave an update on the project. He referred to his email update that he had previously circulated to council members. He also referred to a few objections, some of them being that the national grid had no current plan to connect the project to the grid, that there was no capacity to connect at the proposed Penwortham grid site and that LCC had objected to the roads plan. He also reported that the next important date was 21st March '25 as this is the date that Morgan & Morecambe have to answer questions from the inspectorate.

11) To consider what action to take for the 80th Anniversary of the VE day.

It was suggested that the council contact Pat Knight to see if there are planned events for VE day in the village that the council can support.

12) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be held on Monday 7th April 2025

Signed...Noreen Griffiths.....

Date.....07/04/25.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council						
Schedule of payments February '25						
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/02/2025	Salary & Expenses February 2023		BACS	£2,351.45		£2,351.45
17/02/2025	Freeola - internet	1	D/D	£8.64	£1.44	£7.20
16/02/2025	BT Internet	1	D/D	£46.74	£7.79	£38.95
Open Spaces						
01/02/2025	J Rhodes - Grass	1	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/02/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/02/2025	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£458.33		£458.33
01/02/2025	D Wilson - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
11/02/2025	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£59.26	£2.82	£56.44
11/02/2025	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£25.35	£1.21	£24.14
17/02/2025	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£64.02	£3.05	£60.97
01/02/2025	Dean Wilson - Gritting & fuel for pickup		BACS	£302.00		£302.00
04/02/2025	Mark1mowers - Service of mowers		BACS	£130.00		£130.00
04/02/2025	Sign of the Times -	1	BACS	£364.44	£60.74	£303.70
13/02/2025	Cumbria Clock co -	1	BACS	£234.00	£39.00	£195.00
17/02/2025	Mrs. N Griffiths - Materials for Biodiversity scheme		BACS	£182.03		£182.03
Allotments						
24/02/2025	Waterplus - Croft Butts water charges	D/D		£21.80		£21.80
24/02/2025	Waterplus - Bush Lane water charge	D/D		£39.95		£39.95
Community Development Account						
31/01/2025	NatWest - interest		D/P	-£85.83		-£85.83
VAT						
Total						
				£7,944.66	£445.21	£7,499.45

Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account February '25					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	February '25	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,747	£2,351	£25,999	£3,748	87%
Insurance	£6,000		£5,976	£24	100%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£46	£1,479	-£529	156%
Audit fee	£550		£550		100%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750		£697	£53	93%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					#DIV/0!
Section137	£500		£665	-£165	133%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,776	£25,247	-£3,997	119%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£1,367	£19,073	£1,227	94%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£4,395	£705	86%
Hedge cuttting	£800		£2,480	£4,120	38%
Borders	£6,600	£458	£2,828	-£2,028	354%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£497	£8,142	-£2,642	148%
Organisations	£8,997	£547	£11,123	-£2,126	124%
Electric & rates	£3,200	£56	£5,151	-£1,951	161%
Total	£110,544	£7,524	£113,805	-£3,261	103%
Other Accounts February '25					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£1,043	£467	£575	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,660	£1,664	-£4	
Allotment - refurbishment	£33,320			£34,160	
Community Development	£5,222	£33,393	£28,110	£12,790	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333		£1,800	£16,333	
Open Spaces	£15,752	£4,302		£21,178	
VAT		£16,683	£15,650	£1,033	
Total	£70,627	£57,081	£47,692	£86,065	

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