

Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 7th April 2025**Present:** Councillor, Mrs N Griffiths. (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, Mrs L Willis, Mrs. J Atherton, Mrs P Mulholland, Mrs N Whalley, Mrs D Dickinson, A Smith, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs F Craig-Wilson, T Threlfall and K McKay.

Apologies:

None.

1) Chairman's Annual Report 2025

I am pleased to give the Annual Parish Meeting my Parish Council Chairman's Report.

I intend to keep it brief as the Parish Council noticeboard provides updates on the monthly Parish Council meetings and many local activities throughout the year.

A huge thankyou to all the voluntary community groups we are so lucky to have in Freckleton.

The three churches who always assist and dream up new events.

Thank you to our Parish Contractors D&C Gardening and John Rhodes.

To my vice chair Liz Willis, fellow councillors, and Ken Armistead and Nigel Bibby our Parish clerks, thank you for your support.

To Paul Rigby our LCC representative we wish a happy and healthy retirement.

Cllr. Mrs. N Griffiths.

Chairman of the Parish Council

2) Chairman of Finance's report 2025

Thank you to Mr. Ken Armistead, our Clerk, for all the help and guidance this past year which has been much appreciated.

Precept account (including Open Spaces).

- The Council's expenditure for 2024/25 was over spent by £11,503 due to the increase in energy & fuel costs and repairs to the Buildings, Open Spaces areas & machinery. This will be paid for from the Council's Reserves.
- The Precept for 2025/26 has been set with an increase of 4.24%.
- Thanks go to all the Councillors for keeping a tight control on the budgets and ensuring it receives best value for the money being spent.

Community Development Account

- Interest rates have increased on the Council's savings Accounts. See below

- **Capital expenditure**

Lights for car park	£1,925
New Roof – Rawstorne Centre	£23,540
New Laptop	£557
Plaques	£400
Sunflowers for park bench	£246
Trees & equipment for Orchard	£641
SPID Machine	£2,340

Income

Interest on the Council's Savings accounts	£915
Rent from Hire of land	£805

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Donation for Bench	£700
FBC – Donation towards RC roof	£30,000
LCC – Donation towards Orchard	£538
LCC grass cutting contract	£4,302

Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2024/25 (The amount of expenditure to be agreed)

Donation towards Play-zone (£225,000)	£5,000
Solicitors fees for Morecambe & Morgan Project	£10,000
Drains for Bush lane allotments	£29,000

COUNCIL FINANCIAL RECORDS ARE KEPT STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND ARE AUDITED REGULARLY BY COUNCILLORS AND ANNUALLY BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS.

ACCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL.

3) Financial Statement -Unaudited

It was resolved to approve the unaudited Accounts – see Appendix

4) Public Participation

No public were in attendance.

Signed...Mrs. C Thomas, Chairman.....

Date...12/05/2025.....

Appendix

<u>Freckleton Parish Council</u>				
Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended		31 March 2025		
		2024-25		2023-24
<u>Income</u>				
Precept		£110,544		£107,932
Open Spaces		£0		£0
Allotments		£2,948		£1,215
Community Dev.		£38,042		£13,937
Total income		£151,533		£123,084
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Precept		£122,844		£120,519
Including:				
Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972	£665			
Open Spaces	£84,132			
Allotments		£2,491		£3,610
Community Dev.		£29,910		£19,914
Total Expenditure		£155,246		£144,043
Excess of Expenditure over Income		-£3,712		-£20,959
<u>Balance sheet as at 31st March 2025</u>				
Fund Balance at 1st April 2024		£73,338		£94,297
Minus Excess of Expenditure over income		-£3,712		-£20,959
Total assets		£69,626		£73,338
Represented by:				
Total Bank Balances		£68,441		£70,813
Prepayments		£1,184		£2,525
Fund balance at 31st March 2025		£69,626		£73,338
The above represents fairly the financial position of the Authority at 31st March 2025 and reflects its income and Expenditure				