

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025 In the Village Hall.

Present: Councillor, Mrs. N Griffiths (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

None.

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update.

No Police were present at the meeting.

Cllr T Threlfall gave a brief update stating, the village is not getting any service from the police and that he had contacted the new Sergeant at Kirkham police station and he was waiting for a response from him.

b) Public participation

A Member of the public asked if it would be relevant to let LCC know about the inscriptions in the grave yard. It was agreed by the council that this would not be necessary.

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

All councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 10. To consider a request from Lung Cancer Screening Programme to use the car park in mid- May for 2 weeks.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

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

b) The Planning committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025

c) The Communications meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 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 the clerk.

b) Monthly budget statements

The monthly budget statements were noted.

c) To consider making donations to Various Organisations

It was resolved to approve making donations to the following Organisations:-

Precept – Section 137

Air Ambulance	£200
The Fylde Hospice	£200
British Legion (wreaths & signs)	£200

Open Spaces

Freckleton Bowling Club	£1,700
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d) To consider using the same Security firm as last year for Club Day - £165.net of VAT.

It was resolve to approve using the same Security firm as last year for Club Day at a cost of £165.net of VAT.

7) To to agree the following with regard to the Morgan & Morecambe Project:**a. To formally establish a joint committee under Section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972**

It was resolve to approve a joint committee under Section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972

b. To nominate a representative

It was resolve to approve the nomination of Cllr K McKay as FPC representative.

c. To confirm their contribution

It was resolve to approve the previously agreed contribution.

d. Agree voting rights

It was resolve to approve the voting rights for Cllr K McKay.

e. Nominate Newton with Clifton Parish Council as the lead Council for the Committee

It was resolve to agree and approve the nomination of Newton with Clifton Parish Council as the lead Council for the Committee

f) Agree an effective date of 3rd April 2025

It was resolve to agree and approve the effective date of 3rd April 2025

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

Cllr McKay reported that there had been a brief distributed from the TASC group on what has gone on recently. Several meetings had taken place and the general consensus was that 60% of meeting attendees were in favour of an alternative route. There is a meeting scheduled for 28th April at the grand hotel Blackpool to discuss the alternatives. Stanah was a potential option. There is an issue with the switch gear that it may not be able to maintain a reliable connection. It looks like Morgan and Morecambe are not sure yet.

9) To receive an update on the Local Government Re-Organisation recommendations

There is a meeting on Tuesday 22nd May to discuss the Local Government Re-Organisation recommendations for Fylde Borough and Blackpool and Wyre Councils. Both councils could become one from 2027/28. FBC have responded saying they want to work together to come to a mutual agreement.

10) To consider a request from Lung Cancer Screening Programme to use the car park in mid- May for 2 weeks.

It was resolve to approve the Lung Cancer Screening Programme to use the Tom Croft car park in mid- May for 2 weeks. It was suggested that the Rawstrone center car park may be a more suitable location. The Clerk will give them the option of either car park.

11) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be held on Monday 12th May 2025

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

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

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Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council						
Schedule of payments March '25						
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
03/03/2025	Salary & Expenses March 2025		BACS	£2,350.20		£2,350.20
11/03/2025	Freeola- internet re	1	D/D	£14.76	£2.46	£12.30
02/03/2025	BT Internet	1	D/D	£46.74	£7.79	£38.95
12/03/2025	Staples - Cartridges	1	BACS	£176.27	£29.38	£146.89
Open Spaces						
03/03/2025	J Rhodes - Grass	1	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
03/03/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
03/03/2025	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£458.33		£458.33
03/03/2025	D Wilson - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
03/03/2025	D Wilson - Work in the park		BACS	£108.00		£108.00
13/03/2025	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£24.15	£1.15	£23.00
13/03/2025	Br Gas - electricity	2	BACS	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
20/03/2025	Br Gas - electricity	2	BACS	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
03/03/2025	Townsend's - Repa	1	BACS	£294.85	£49.14	£245.71
03/03/2025	Quality Windows	1	BACS	£370.00	£61.67	£308.33
03/03/2025	DanArb - trim trees in park		BACS	£560.00		£560.00
12/03/2025	Emorsgate seeds -	1	BACS	£166.40	£6.40	£160.00
Allotments						
03/03/2025	DanArb - cutt back tree & hedge		BACS	£360.00		£360.00
Community Development Account						
28/02/2025	NatWest - interest		D/P	-£64.87		-£64.87
VAT						
Total						
				£8,635.65	£488.50	£8,147.15

Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account March '25					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	March '25	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,747	£2,350	£28,349	£1,398	95%
Insurance	£6,000		£5,976	£24	100%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£198	£1,677	-£727	177%
Audit fee	£550		£550		100%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					#DIV/0!
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750		£697	£53	93%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					
Section137	£500		£665	-£165	133%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£2,000	£27,246	-£5,996	128%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£1,343	£20,415	-£115	101%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£4,820	£280	95%
Hedge cutting	£800	£1,018	£5,411	£1,189	82%
Borders	£6,600		£915	-£115	114%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£308	£8,840	-£3,340	161%
Organisations	£8,997	£160	£11,283	-£2,286	125%
Electric & rates	£3,200	£50	£5,201	-£2,001	163%
Total	£110,544	£7,852	£122,047	-£11,503	110%
Other Accounts March '25					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£1,043	£827	£215	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,660	£1,664	-£4	
Allotment - refurbishment	£33,320			£34,160	
Community Development	£5,222	£33,385	£28,110	£12,782	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333		£1,800	£16,333	
Open Spaces	£15,752	£4,302		£21,178	
VAT		£16,683	£16,139	£544	
Total	£70,627	£57,073	£48,541	£85,208	
					£8,635.65