

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May June 2025
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor, Mrs. C Thomas (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Mrs. D Dickinson – 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 he had contacted the Chief Inspector regarding the anti-social behavior in the Village and he was awaiting a reply. He reported that youths had broken windows in the Guide hut, seen climbing on the Scout hut roof and broken fence panels at the back of the patio at the Rawstone Centre. The Police had interviewed the youths.

b) Public participation

There was no public participation.

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

All councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in item 7 – Drainage on the Bush lane allotments and Item 10 the Fair on Bush lane field.

Councillors Mrs. L Willis and Mrs. N Whalley declared a prejudicial interest in item 7, as tenants and Councillor J Atherton declared the same as a relative of the Contractor who quoted for the work to be undertaken.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Annual Assembly meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025

b) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025

c) The Planning meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025

d) The Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 14th April 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. 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.

d) To approve the final statement of accounts for 2024-25

It was resolved to approve the final statement of accounts for 2024-25

e) To approve the Audit Annual governance statements for the 2024-25 accounts

It was resolved to approve the Audit Annual governance statements for the 2024-25 accounts

f) To approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2024-25 accounts

It was resolved to approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2024-25 accounts

7) To consider what action to take regarding the flooding on the Bush Lane allotments

Councillors Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. N Whalley and Mrs. J Atherton left the room

It was resolved to make a final request to obtain another quote from the other contractor. Councillor Threlfall agreed to pursue.

Councillors Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. N Whalley and Mrs. J Atherton returned.

8) To receive an update on the Morgan & Morecambe windfarm project

Cllr K McKay referred to the TASC email previously distributed to councillors by the clerk as this gave an accurate update. He further commented that they were making good progress and thanked FPC for councillor's support at a recent meeting and that Angus (barrister) was pleased with current progress. Cllr K McKay also commented on the alternative route that would save an estimated £450m that Morgan and Morecambe had not considered. Also, that the land owner was happy for the alternative route to come across his land.

9) To consider possible sites for inclusion in the FBC's updated Local Plan

It was agreed that there were no sites available

10) To consider a request for the Fair to use the Dog Exercise area in the Club Day week and to stay for an extra week

It was resolved to allow the Fair to use the Dog Exercise area in the Club Day week and to stay for an extra week.

It was reported that some residents on Bush lane had complained that they had not been informed that the Fair people would be staying the extra week and they had experienced excessive noise. It was agreed to inform the residents that the Fair people would be staying an extra week

11) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 2nd June 2025

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

Date...02/06/25.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council
Schedule of Payments for April 25

			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/04/2025	Salary & Expenses April 2025		BACS	£2,428.76		£2,428.76
04/04/2025	FBC - Precept grant		D/P	- £57,610.00		- £57,610.00
25/04/2025	Mrs M.A. Taylor - Internal Audit		BACS	£140.00		£140.00
08/04/2025	Air Ambulance - S137 grant		BACS	£200.00		£200.00
08/04/2025	The Fylde Hospice - S137 grant		BACS	£200.00		£200.00
23/04/2025	Amazon - Storage files		BACS	£35.98		£35.98
16/04/2025	Bt - Internet		D/D	£50.20	£8.37	£41.83
14/04/2025	GoFile - Annual charge for Digital VAT submissions		D/D	£41.94	£6.99	£34.95
Open Spaces						
01/04/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting		BACS	£2,538.98	£423.16	£2,115.82
01/04/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/04/2025	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£486.33		£486.33
01/04/2025	D Wilson - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/04/2025	Target group - Lights for Rawstorne Centre		BACS	£117.00	£19.50	£97.50
01/04/2025	Freckleton Skip Hire - Waste at rear of storeroom		BACS	£192.00	£32.00	£160.00
21/04/2025	NFU Mutual - Insurance - pick-up		BACS	£658.04		£658.04
21/04/2025	NFU Mutual - Insurance - grass cutting machines		BACS	£649.74		£649.74
14/04/2025	Craggs - Fuel for tractor		BACS	£406.51	£19.36	£387.15
04/04/2025	FBC - Playground maintenance		D/P	£2,623.00		£2,623.00
05/04/2025	FBC - Rates for Storeroom		BACS	£1,497.00		£1,497.00
15/04/2025	UU - water charges for Storeroom		D/D	£531.87		£531.87
15/04/2025	UU - water charges for car park		D/D	£113.02		£113.02
08/04/2025	Bowling club - Open spaces grant		BACS	£1,700.00		£1,700.00
17/04/2025	Bank of America - Playground fund		BACS	-£369.11		-£369.11
01/04/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom		D/D	£22.11	£1.05	£21.06
10/04/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light		D/D	£12.81	£0.61	£12.20
17/04/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph		D/D	£12.81	£0.61	£12.20
21/04/2025	Singletons - Service cricket club machine		BACS	£148.80	£24.80	£124.00
24/04/2025	T Threlfall - repairs to electrics at RC, Bandroom & Bowling club		BACS	£492.00		£492.00
04/04/2025	LanPac - Renewal of membership		BACs	£60.00	£10.00	£50.00
Allotments						
24/04/2025	Waterplus - water charges - Croft Butts		D/D	£11.98		£11.98
24/04/2025	Waterplus - water charges - Bush Lane		D/D	£31.29		£31.29
17/04/2025	Bush lane rents		Cheques	-£560.00		-£560.00

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April '25	Bush lane rents		D/P	-£805.00		-£805.00
Community Development Account						
01/04/2025	Bowling club - New Toilets		BACS	£3,300.00		£3,300.00
08/04/2025	N with C PC - Solicitors fees		BACS	£2,057.14		£2,057.14
02/04/2025	BAE Systems - grant towards Playzone		D/p	-£7,000.00		-£7,000.00
31/03/2025	Natwest - Interest		D/P	-£65.58		-£65.58
VAT						
08/04/2025	HM Customs - VAT refund		D/P	-£1,728.63		-£1,728.63

Total				£45,611.51	£546.45	£46,157.96
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APPENDIX B**Freckleton Parish Council****Precept Account****April '25**

Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	April '25	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£30,341	£2,429	£2,429	£27,912	8%
Insurance	£6,000			£6,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£1,100	£113	£113	£987	10%
Audit fee	£550	£140	£140	£410	25%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					
Section137	£700	£400	£400	£300	57%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£3,153	£3,153	£18,097	15%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£2,001	£2,001	£18,299	10%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£425	£4,675	8%
Hedge cutting	£800				
Borders	£6,600	£486	£486	£6,114	7%
Maintaining Buildings	£7,000	£750	£750	£6,251	11%
Organisations	£9,229	£4,128	£4,128	£5,101	45%
Electric & rates	£5,200	£2,187	£2,187	£3,013	42%
Total	£115,220	£16,211	£16,211	£98,209	14%

Other Accounts April '25

Account	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£12	-£12
Bush lane Allotments		£1,365	£31	£1,334
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160			£34,160
Community Development	£12,782	£7,066	£5,357	£14,491
Memorial park				
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333			£16,333
Open Spaces	£21,178			£21,178
VAT		£1,729	£546	£1,182
Total	£84,453	£10,159	£5,947	£88,665

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