

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd 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. N Whalley, Mrs. D Dickinson, Mrs. J Atherton, Mrs L Willis and A Smith.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Mrs. P Mulholland – Other Business. 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 has had a response from Kate Buckingham. She has promised more Police in the village as soon as possible.

b) Public participation

C Cllr Josh Roberts (Fylde East) attended the meeting. Although this is not his Cllr area, he came representing C Cllr David Dwyer (Fylde South) as David was at another meeting. Cllr Threlfall reported that the gully's in and around Freckleton are not being cleaned which is causing considerable flooding. C Cllr Roberts reported that LCC don't have their own equipment but they were in the process of sourcing and purchasing their own equipment. He also pointed Cllr Threlfall in the direction of Warren Goldsworthy (LCC Highways).

A member of the Public asked did we know how many times the bar code had been scanned for the heritage map. Pete the webmaster for FPC will have a look to see if he could see how many times the heritage map had been accessed. He said if he couldn't get this information he could set something up to monitor it going forward. The member of the public also asked if a bar code could be set up at the shops for past and present information. The clerk will have a look.

Other issues brought up by the public: Poor parking in the village. Cars parking on the pavement which didn't allow wheel chairs and push chairs to get past. Also speeding on Bunker St. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda.

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

All councilors, as landlords, declared an interest in interest in Items 7 Dog exercise area, 9 Bush Lane allotments, 11 Play-zone scheme, & 12 Rawstorne Centre Bar. In addition, Liz, Norma and Dianne declare a prejudicial interest in item 9, as tenants and Jill as a relative of contractor. All should leave the room when this item is being discussed but it was allowed by the Chair for them not to leave the meeting but they weren't allowed the join the discussion.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) **The Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025**

b) **The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025**

c) **The Planning meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025**

d) **The Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Monday 19th May 2025.**

It was resolved that the above-mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved.

5) To review the Clerk's report

The content was noted

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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

7) To consider a request from the BBC to use the Dog Exercise area and Rawstorne Centre in July

The request was approved. Although, several councilors were against this request due to the possible disruption to regular ongoing activities at the Rawstrone center. The chairman will send the assistant clerk a list of all activity taking place over the requested dates. The clerk will contact the BBC to clarify the space needed to try and not interfere with the regular activities.

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

Cllr K McKay gave an update stating there had been to a meeting last Friday and everything was progressing satisfactorily. He was looking to tie up with all affected councils. Angus said we were doing all the right things to help our case. One of the next things on the agenda is to visit the site including the access roads. Keith also stated that there had been a new set of costing been presented on the alternative route which came in at £903m less, this included upgrading Stanna.

9) To consider the quotes for draining the Bush Lane allotments

The clerk has received a verbal quote of £42000 but nothing in writing despite the clerk's request made by email for the quote to be sent in writing. It was requested by several councillors that the clerk contact the company that quoted last year for an updated quote.

10) To consider a request from the C of E school to block off a parking bay at the entrance to the school.

It was agreed to take no action at this time. It was agreed to put this request on the next open spaces agenda.

11) To receive an update on the Play-zone scheme

No money is available yet. There is a meeting on 9th July. Hopefully an update will be available then. When asked about arranging the installation first week of August the response from a few Councillors was NO.

12) To review the running of the bar at the Rawstorne Centre.

Cllr Mrs L Willis asked if the cricket club could run the bar as they want to raise extra funds for the cricket section. The assistant clerk explained that the club bar could only be run by volunteers and all profit has to go to the Rawstorne center management committee. The chairman told the meeting there was a meeting scheduled for Tuesday and an update will be available.

13) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 7th July 2025

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

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

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Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council						
Schedule of payments May '25						
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/05/2025	Salary & Expenses May 2025		BACS	£2,417.74		£2,417.74
15/05/2025	Freeola - Web-site rental		D/D	£8.64	£1.44	£7.20
06/05/2025	Peter Armitage - Website update		BACS	£60.00		£60.00
15/05/2025	Bt - Internet		D/D	£50.20	£8.37	£41.83
Open Spaces						
15/05/2025	J Rhoads - Grass cutting - Graveyard		BACS	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00
01/05/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting		BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/05/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
01/05/2025	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£458.33		£458.33
01/05/2025	D Wilson - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/05/2025	D Wilson - install post & gate etc		BACS	£262.00		£262.00
19/05/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light		D/D	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
19/05/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph		D/D	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
14/05/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom		D/D	£28.80	£1.37	£27.43
06/05/2025	Woodys - Gate & fittings		BACS	£191.50	£31.92	£159.58
06/05/2025	FIB - payment for compost & Plaque		D/P	-£343.70		-£343.70
09/05/2025	Fylde Hydraulics - Repair to John Deere		BACS	£307.20	£51.20	£256.00
09/05/2025	RSS - Signs for Churches		BACS	£192.00	£32.00	£160.00
19/05/2025	Mark1mowers - service Cricket mower		BACS	£185.00		£185.00
Allotments						
24/05/2025	Waterplus - Water charges - Croft Butts		D/D	£86.84		£86.84
24/05/2025	Waterplus - Water Charges - Bush lane		D/D	£42.05		£42.05
Community Development Account						
07/05/2025	Robert Rawstorne trust - grants		BACS	£21,350.00		£21,350.00
07/05/2025	Robert Rawstorne trust - grants		cheque	-£21,350.00		-£21,350.00
30/04/2025	NatWest - Interest		D/P	-£94.31		-£94.31
Total						
				£7,863.11	£496.81	£7,366.30

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Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account May '25					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	May '25	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£30,341	£2,418	£4,847	£25,495	16%
Insurance	£6,000			£6,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£1,100	£109	£222	£878	20%
Audit fee	£550		£140	£410	25%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					#DIV/0!
Section137	£700		£400	£300	57%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£2,102	£5,255	£15,995	25%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£1,605	£3,605	£16,695	18%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£850	£4,250	17%
Hedge cuttting	£800	£458	£945	£-145	118%
Borders	£6,600				
Maintaining Buildings	£7,000	£160	£909	£6,091	13%
Organisations	£9,229	£1	£4,129	£5,100	45%
Electric & rates	£5,200	£54	£2,242	£2,958	43%
Total	£115,220	£7,332	£23,543	£85,077	20%
Other Accounts May '25					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£99	£-99	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,365	£73	£1,292	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160			£34,160	
Community Development	£12,782	£28,510	£26,707	£9,310	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333			£18,133	
Open Spaces	£21,178			£16,876	
VAT		£1,729	£1,043	£685	
Total	£84,453	£31,604	£27,923	£80,357	

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