

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 1st September 2025
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor, Mrs. C Thomas (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

None

2) Open Forum**a) Police Update.**

There was no Police present. Cllr Threlfall reported an incident of theft from an industrial unit on Kirkham Road. He reported that the Police response very was poor and support in general from the police in the village was poor. He requested that the clerk send a letter to the chief constable expressing the counselors concerns over the level of policing we are receiving in the village.

b) Public participation

A member of the public enquired:-

1. Why the Clerk did not have a copy of an agreement made in 2020 between Mr. Martland, the then Chairman of the Football section and his mother Mrs. J Maguire and the Clerk.

It was pointed out that there was no record of the meeting of the Council when this item was discussed and if the Clerk was at the meeting when this agreement was made it would be an unofficial meeting were he did not have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council.

2. Why the Clerk could not provide him with a copy of the Indenture that covered the use of the sports field, despite being asked to provide this document under the Freedom of Information Act. He stated he was able to obtain this document from the Charities Commission and the document stated that the Parish Council has full power to determine how the Sports field should be used

It was pointed out that the Clerk informed him that the original document was with the solicitors and he would provide a copy of it provided the person paid the cost of postage for receiving it and sending it back to the solicitors. Also, the Clerk reported that he had told him in the first email that The Bush Lane sports field together with the allotments is a charity registered with the Charity Commission and the Parish Council has full power on how the field should be used

3. When the new clerk is appointed, there should be an audit of the Council's financial records as he was unable to find a record of a Sign being purchased that was placed on the fence near to the back of his property. Although a picture of the sign was shown to the meeting no dates of when it was installed or taken down were given.

The Clerk reported that all Invoices paid for from the Council bank accounts were authorised by the Chair & Vice Chair of Finance and approved at the next full Council meeting. He took exception to the remark that the Accounts were not in proper order.

4. Several Footballs were kicked into his and his neighbour's gardens.

It was suggested he attends the next Rawstone Centre Management Committee meeting when his concerns can be discussed.

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

All councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in Items 6c – To consider the revised quotation for the Outdoor gym of £15,957.50. 6d - To consider work on the hedgerows in the park to comply with the Police recommendations - £260. 6e - To consider the quotation for

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the work on the trees in the park recommended by the Open Spaces committee. 6f - To consider purchasing netting to stop footballs going in to the allotments. – cost £350. And Item 9 - To review the use of the green waste compounds.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th July 2025

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

5) To review the Clerk's report

The contents were 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 consider the revised quotation for the Outdoor gym of £15,957.50

It was resolved to accept the revised quotation for the Outdoor gym of £15,957.50 and take the additional money from the Open Spaces account.

d) To consider work on the hedgerows in the park to comply with the Police recommendations - £260.

It was agreed to do the work on the hedgerows in the park to comply with the Police recommendations.

e) To consider the quotation for the work on the trees in park recommended by the Open Spaces committee.

It was agreed to proceed with the work on the trees in park recommended by the Open Spaces committee.

f) To consider purchasing netting to stop footballs going in to the allotments. – cost £350

It was agreed not to put up netting as it would hinder future cutting of the current hedges. It was further agreed to plant hawthorn bushes instead of netting.

g) To consider the External Auditor's report

It was resolved to approve the External Auditor's report.

h) To consider a request from Freckleton Band to support its submission to the National Brass Band Championship.

Councilor Threlfall suggested that we should make a donation to the band.

It was resolved to donate £500 to Freckleton Band to support their submission to the National Brass Band Championship.

7) To review the speeding on Bunker Street

It was agreed to refer this item to the surgery with the county councilor.

8) To receive an update on the Morgan & Morecambe and the East Irish Sea Transmission projects

Cllr K McKay gave an update.

Lytham town council have joined the TASC group. All submissions have been submitted before the deadline. The applicants have been told they have to go to Penwortham. There could be an issue with BAE as the proposed location of the cable installation could contravene regulations regarding bird strikes due to the location of their run way. Moir Vannin have met with local councils. They were asked if they preferred to go to Stannah. They said they would and they would put a substation in and use the existing transmission circuit. They are starting a consultation on 12th September and holding it at Newton & Clifton village hall.

There is a possibility there may be an east Fylde working group. Bottom line is the alternative meets all the requirements. Cllr Threlfall reiterated Cllr McKay's update. Council Trelfall gave a similar update from the FBC Environment perspective.

9) To review the use of the green waste compounds

It was reported that barriers have been fitted to all council green waste compounds.

10) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 6th October 2025

Signed Mrs C Thomas, Chairman

Date 6th October 2025

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council					
Schedule of payments July-Aug '25					
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
01/07/2025	Salary & Expenses July 2025	BACS	£2,374.35		£2,374.35
07/07/2025	Inland revenue - Nat Ins refund	D/P	-£1,127.62		-£1,127.62
16/07/2025	Bt - Internet	D/D	£50.20	£8.37	£41.83
01/08/2025	Salary & Expenses August 2025	BACS	£2,389.51		£2,389.51
08/08/2025	Freola - website rental	dd	£8.64	£1.44	£7.20
13/08/2025	PKF- External audit fees	BACS	£504.00	£84.00	£420.00
18/08/2025	Bt - Internet	D/D	£50.20	£8.37	£41.83
Open Spaces					
01/07/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting - Graveyard	BACS	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00
01/07/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
01/07/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,450.50		£1,450.50
01/07/2025	D Wilson - Borders	BACS	£458.33		£458.33
01/07/2025	D Wilson - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/07/2025	D Wilson - spraying weeds	BACS	£25.00		£25.00
01/07/2025	D Wilson - Installing barrels for FIB	BACS	£108.00		£108.00
01/07/2025	D Wilson - Fuel for pickup	BACS	£86.01		£86.01
03/07/2025	St John Ambulance - Cover for Club day	BACS	£274.56	£45.76	£228.80
03/07/2025	Intrak - PA system for Club day	BACS	£1,620.00	£270.00	£1,350.00
07/07/2025	RSS - Road security for club day	BACS	£2,562.00	£427.00	£2,135.00
14/07/2025	Bank of America - playground fund	cheque	-£350.44		-£350.44
07/07/2025	RMS Ambulance - Ambulance for half-marathon	BACS	£1,485.78	£247.63	£1,238.15
07/07/2025	T Threlfall - repair to lights - bowling pavilion	BACS	£218.00		£218.00
11/07/2025	Danarb - remove tree in park	BACS	£350.00		£350.00
11/07/2025	Trophy & medals - Medals for club day	BACS	£1,485.60	£247.60	£1,238.00
11/07/2025	Chubb - Annual contract for security system	BACS	£205.28	£34.21	£171.07
11/07/2025	Woodys - Materials for bench	BACS	£53.80	£8.97	£44.83
28/07/2025	DVLA - Road Tax for Pickup	BACS	£345.00		£345.00
14/07/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom	D/D	£49.40	£2.35	£47.05

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14/07/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light	BACS	£14.83	£0.71	£14.12
18/07/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph	BACS	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
20/07/2025	Club Day - donation towards Invoices	D/P	-£7,384.21		-£7,384.21
22/07/2025	Divine signs - signs for buildings	BACS	£215.14	£35.86	£179.28
24/07/2025	T Threlfall - repair lights at RC	BACS	£166.00		£166.00
01/07/2025	DanArb - Cut back trees in Naze lane	BACS	£150.00		£150.00
25/07/2025	FBC -Contribution for graveyard maintenance	D/P	-£2,400.00		-£2,400.00
01/08/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting - Graveyard	BACS	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00
01/08/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£2,118.00	£353.00	£1,765.00
01/08/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,648.03		£1,648.03
01/08/2025	D Wilson - Borders	BACS	£458.33		£458.33
01/08/2025	D Wilson - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/08/2025	Woodys - Mateials	BACS	£81.59	£13.60	£67.99
01/08/2025	LS Systems - Parts for watering system	BACS	£110.19	£18.37	£91.83
04/08/2025	Freck Skip Hire - hire of skip for club day	BACS	£312.00	£52.00	£260.00
12/08/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom	D/D	£35.65	£1.70	£33.95
12/08/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light	BACS	£13.72	£0.65	£13.07
18/08/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph	BACS	£13.72	£0.65	£13.07
14/08/2025	Kirkham Prison - FIB Plants	BACS	£1,449.00	£241.50	£1,207.50
Allotments					
24/07/2025	Waterplus - water charges Croft Butts lane	D/D	£29.14		£29.14
24/07/2025	Waterplus - water charges Bush Lane	D/D	£42.05		£42.05
24/07/2025	Fair - Water usage	cash	-£50.00		-£50.00
24/08/2025	WaterPlus - water charges -Croft Butts Lane	D/D	£255.29		£255.29
24/08/2025	Waterplus - Water Charges Bush lane	D/D	£44.79		£44.79
Community Development Account					
14/07/2025	LEF - Third party contribution	BACS	£2,750.00		£2,750.00
03/07/2025	N with C PC - Solicitors fees	BACS	£1,921.10		£1,921.10
30/06/2025	Natwest - interest	D/P	-£78.28		-£78.28
24/07/2025	Fair - rent	cash	-£850.00		-£850.00
18/07/2025	FBC - S106 monies	D/P	-£13,000.00		-£13,000.00
25/07/2025	LCC - Payment for public Realms work	D/P	-£4,419.00		-£4,419.00
01/08/2025	BGR Surfacing - Resurface path in park	BACS	£5,888.75		£5,888.75
05/08/2025	Fiddler family - Donation for bench	D/P	-£500.00		-£500.00
31/07/2025	Natwest - Interest	D/P	-£65.43		-£65.43
VAT					
05/07/2025	HM Customs - VAT Refund	d/p	-£3,294.13		-£3,294.13
Total			£3,671.52	£2,513.56	£1,157.95

Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account July-Aug '25					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Aug '25	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£30,341	£2,390	£10,880	£19,461	36%
Insurance	£6,000			£6,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£1,100	£49	£1,072	£28	97%
Audit fee	£550	£420	£560	-£10	102%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training					
Civic functions	£750			£750	
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					#DIV/0!
Section137	£700		£400	£300	57%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,765	£8,519	£12,731	40%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£2,947	£15,366	£4,934	76%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£2,125	£2,975	42%
Hedge cutting	£6,600	£458	£2,320	£4,280	35%
Borders	£800			£800	
Maintaining Buildings	£7,000	£68	£4,110	£2,890	59%
Organisations	£9,229	£260	£5,993	£3,236	65%
Electric & rates	£5,200	£260	£2,630	£2,570	51%
Total	£115,220	£9,042	£54,074	£61,146	47%
Other Accounts July-Aug '25					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments			£413	-£413	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,415	£205	£1,210	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160			£34,160	
Community Development	£482	£1,745	£3,746	-£1,519	
Playzone		£12,000	£2,750	£9,250	
Section 106		£13,000	£5,889	£7,111	
Windfarm			£3,978	-£3,978	
Depriciation fund (car park, etc)	£13,805			£13,805	
Open spaces	£21,178	£4,419		£25,597	
VAT	-£1,184	£5,023	£5,808	-£1,969	
Total	£68,441	£37,602	£22,788	£83,255	

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