

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
In the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillor, Mrs. C Thomas (Chair)

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

**1) To accept Apologies for Absence.**

Councillors T Threlfall (hols), Mrs N Whalley (hols), Mrs J Atherton (unwell)

It was resolved to accept the reason.

**2) Open Forum**

**a) Police Update.**

There was no police present.

**b) Public participation**

A member of the public enquired:-

Residents raised concerns about speeding on Lytham Road and Kirkham Road. County Councillor David Dwyer suggested that we could set up a community speed unit and maybe funding would be available from LCC. This would need setting up as an independent group from the Parish Council. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

County Councillor David Dwyer confirmed that a ticket had been logged for a technical assessment of Bunker Street to be reviewed regarding resurfacing.

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

All councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in Items

Item 6C - All councillors as landlord should record a Declaration in item 6C – CCTV cameras on poles and item 11 – Poster to be placed on railings.

**4) To read and approve the minutes of:-**

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

b) The Planning committee meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

c) The Special Full Council meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

d) The Special Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 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

It was resolved to move £7,000 from the Car Park account to the Community Development account.

**c) To consider the cost of fixing the new cameras on poles**

It was resolved to approve £1146 to install new poles and move the cameras.

**d) To consider how many lamppost poppies to be purchased**

It was resolved not to go ahead this year.

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**e) To consider opening a Santander Savings account for the Robert Rawstorne trust fund**

It was resolved to open a new Santander Savings account.

**7) To receive and update on the Outreach initiatives offered by Streetwise**

Danielle Ofori-Nyrkio from Streetwise informed the meeting that she is aware of the antisocial behavior both in Freckleton and Warton and is liaising with the police. She was looking for volunteers to help resolve the situation. Two Councillors agreed to help.

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

Cllr K McKay gave an update.

**1. Morgan & Morecambe**

- a. Deadline 5 submissions closed on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, for which TASC made three main inputs, (i) relating to the arguments made by NGET over the alternative route and reason for their not allowing connection at Stanah/Hillhouse – all down to savings to National Grid, but not the consumer, (ii) comments in response the applicants entries and (iii) responses to queries from the Examining Authority (ExA) direct to Newton & Freckleton Parish Councils re the impact of not completing the build simultaneously. You will have seen copies of the responses in the TASC brief.
- b. Deadline 5 also contained an initial Statement of Common Ground – there is not a lot in common, but it provides a formal record of areas on difference and non-agreement between TASC and the Applicants. This was requested by the ExA, despite M&M not wishing to undertake the work and significant attempts to deter us!
- c. The Examination is reaching its closing stages, with the completion due on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Prior to that, there are the Issue Specific and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings this week at the Village, Blackpool. Tonight's TASC meeting will be finalising what is to be said by ourselves at these events, in line with the ExA agenda.
- d. The TASC brief will be confirmed at this meeting and will be sent out formally for all to have access following that meeting.

**9) To consider applying for a grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for reducing reoffending.**

It was resolved that we will seek David Dwyers help in applying for this grant from the Reducing Reoffending Funding. The grant will be open for application from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 until Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**10) To review the Remembrance Sunday service procedures.**

The procedures for the Remembrance Sunday were reviewed and the responsibility for each procedure was allocated.

**11) To consider a request from the Freckleton Players drama group to put a banner on the Memorial garden's railings to advertise its Christmas panto.**

It was resolved that we will approved the banner for Freckleton Players to be placed on the Memorial garden's railings for an agreed period.

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**12) To agree the date of the next meeting**

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

**Signed Mrs C Thomas - Chairman**

**Date 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

**Appendix A**

| <b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>     |  |   |                   |                    |                  |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Schedule of payments Sept '25</b> |  |   |                   |                    |                  |                    |
|                                      |  |   | <b>Cheque No.</b> | <b>£</b>           | <b>VAT</b>       | <b>Net of VAT</b>  |
| <b>Precept Account</b>               |  |   |                   |                    |                  |                    |
| 01/09/2025                           | Salary & Expenses September 2025       |   | BACS              | £2,365.85          |                  | £2,365.85          |
| 08/09/2025                           | Freeola - website                      | 1 | dd                | £14.76             | £2.46            | £12.30             |
| 15/09/2025                           | Bt - Internet                          | 1 | D/D               | £50.20             | £8.37            | £41.83             |
| 29/08/2025                           | FBC - Precept grant                    |   | D/P               | -£57,610.00        |                  | -£57,610.00        |
| 09/09/2025                           | Stapleas - Memory                      | 1 | BACS              | £86.19             | £14.37           | £71.83             |
| <b>Open Spaces</b>                   |  |   |                   |                    |                  |                    |
| 01/09/2025                           | J Rhodes - Grass                       | 1 | BACS              | £1,974.98          | £329.16          | £1,645.82          |
| 01/09/2025                           | J Rhodes - Grass                       | 1 | BACS              | £240.00            | £40.00           | £200.00            |
| 01/09/2025                           | D Wilson - Beds & watering             |   | BACS              | £1,554.06          |                  | £1,554.06          |
| 01/09/2025                           | D Wilson - Borders                     |   | BACS              | £458.33            |                  | £458.33            |
| 01/09/2025                           | D Wilson - litter picking              |   | BACS              | £425.00            |                  | £425.00            |
| 01/09/2025                           | D wilson - Spray park & AWS            |   | BACS              | £33.00             |                  | £33.00             |
| 03/09/2025                           | Woodys - Material                      | 1 | BACS              | £44.02             | £7.34            | £36.68             |
| 29/08/2025                           | FBC - Playground maintenance           |   | D/P               | £2,622.51          |                  | £2,622.51          |
| 03/09/2025                           | Band - Donation towards National Champ |   | BACS              | £500.00            |                  | £500.00            |
| 17/09/2025                           | Br Gas - electricity                   | 2 | D/D               | £14.83             | £0.71            | £14.12             |
| 11/09/2025                           | Br Gas - electricity                   | 2 | D/D               | £40.76             | £1.94            | £38.82             |
| 11/09/2025                           | Br Gas - electricity                   | 2 | D/D               | £14.17             | £0.67            | £13.50             |
| 15/09/2025                           | D Taylor - Painting & Repair benches   |   | BACS              | £435.00            |                  | £435.00            |
| 17/09/2025                           | Npower - Unmeter                       | 2 | BACS              | £3,108.25          | £148.01          | £2,960.24          |
| 18/09/2025                           | Margaret Mason - Flowers for Grave     |   | BACS              | £30.00             |                  | £30.00             |
| <b>Allotments</b>                    |  |   |                   |                    |                  |                    |
| 29/09/2025                           | Water plus - water charges Croft Butts |   | D/D               | £97.25             |                  | £97.25             |
| Sept '25                             | Croft Butts rent                       |   | BACs              | -£405.00           |                  | -£405.00           |
| 01/09/2025                           | D. Wilson - repair fence               |   | BACS              | £72.00             |                  | £72.00             |
| 29/09/2025                           | Waterplus - Bush lane Water charges    |   | D/D               | £237.95            |                  | £237.95            |
| <b>Community Development Account</b> |  |   |                   |                    |                  |                    |
| 15/09/2025                           | Freshair Fitness -                     | 1 | BACS              | £8,629.50          | £1,438.25        | £7,191.25          |
| 24/09/2025                           | Black Box - Install                    | 1 | BACS              | £2,568.18          | £428.03          | £2,140.15          |
| 29/08/2025                           | NatWest - Savings                      |   | D/P               | -£59.80            |                  | -£59.80            |
| <b>Total</b>                         |  |   |                   |                    |                  |                    |
|                                      |  |   |                   | <b>-£32,458.01</b> | <b>£2,419.31</b> | <b>-£34,877.32</b> |

**Appendix B**

| <b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Precept Account Sept '25</b>   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| <b>Budget</b>                     |                    | <b>Expenditure</b> |                    | <b>Balance</b>     | <b>Percentage</b> |
| <b>Headings</b>                   | <b>Allocation</b>  | <b>Sept '25</b>    | <b>To date</b>     | <b>Outstanding</b> | <b>used</b>       |
| Wages & Expenses                  | £30,341            | £2,366             | £13,305            | £17,036            | 44%               |
| Insurance                         | £6,000             |                    |                    | £6,000             |                   |
| Stationery & web-site rental      | £1,100             | £126               | £1,198             | -£98               | 109%              |
| Audit fee                         | £550               |                    | £560               | -£10               | 102%              |
| Chair Allow                       | £100               |                    | £100               |                    | 100%              |
| Training                          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| Civic functions                   | £750               |                    |                    | £750               |                   |
| Election                          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| Reserve                           |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| equipment                         | £200               |                    |                    | £200               |                   |
| Grants                            |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| Section137                        | £700               |                    | £400               | £300               | 57%               |
| <b>Open Spaces Account</b>        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| Grass cutting                     | £21,250            | £1,846             | £10,365            | £10,885            | 49%               |
| Bedding out & Watering            | £20,300            | £1,554             | £16,920            | £3,380             | 83%               |
| Litter                            | £5,100             | £425               | £2,550             | £2,550             | 50%               |
| Hedge cutting                     | £6,600             | £491               | £2,811             | £3,789             | 43%               |
| Borders                           | £800               |                    |                    | £800               |                   |
| Maintaining Buildings             | £7,000             | £3,094             | £7,204             | -£204              | 103%              |
| Organisations                     | £9,229             | £530               | £6,523             | £2,706             | 71%               |
| Electric & rates                  | £5,200             | £3,027             | £5,656             | -£456              | 109%              |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>£115,220</b>    | <b>£13,459</b>     | <b>£67,593</b>     | <b>£47,627</b>     | <b>59%</b>        |
| <b>Other Accounts Sept '25</b>    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                   |
| <b>Account</b>                    | <b>Opening Bal</b> | <b>Income</b>      | <b>Expenditure</b> | <b>Balance</b>     |                   |
| Croft Butts lane Allotments       |                    | £405               | £510               | -£105              |                   |
| Bush lane Allotments              |                    | £1,415             | £515               | £900               |                   |
| Allotment - refurbishment         | £34,160            |                    |                    | £34,160            |                   |
| Community Development             | £482               | £1,805             | £5,886             | -£3,599            |                   |
| Playzone                          |                    | £12,000            | £2,750             | £9,250             |                   |
| Section 106                       |                    | £16,000            | £7,191             | £8,809             |                   |
| Windfarm                          |                    |                    | £3,978             | -£3,978            |                   |
| Depriciation fund (car park, etc) | £13,805            |                    | £5,889             | £7,916             |                   |
| Open spaces                       | £21,178            | £1,419             |                    | £22,597            |                   |
| VAT                               | -£1,184            | £5,023             | £8,227             | -£4,388            |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>£68,441</b>     | <b>£38,066</b>     | <b>£34,946</b>     | <b>£71,561</b>     |                   |

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