

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor, Mrs. C Thomas (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs. F Craig-Wilson (unwell).

It was resolved to accept the reason.

1) Open Forum

a) Police update

There was no police present. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to encourage them to attend the next meeting.

b) Public participation

No concerns raised.

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

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in items

Item 9 – All Councillors as landlord should record a declaration in item 9 – Tree lighting and Carol Service and item 12 – To reconsider the request to restrict parking on the carpark near the side entrance to the school.

3) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th October 2025

4) To review the Clerk's report

The contents were noted.

5) 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.

6) To receive an update from Streetwise.

It was resolved to send Streetwise a Grant Application Form to assess what they require funds for.

7) To consider the setting up of the "Community Speed Unit".

Mr Hunt was not in attendance therefore the Clerk will contact him with the information to apply for the finance support.

8) To review the procedures for the Tree lighting and Carol service.

It was resolved that the Councillors will arrange for a Santa's Grotto to be created near the carpark and that we shall get a Father Christmas who can hand out chocolates. More lighting is needed in the dark areas.

9) To receive an update on the Windfarm Projects.

- You should all have seen the last brief produced by Phil Morgan, Chair of the TASC group. However, there are a few key points.
- The Formal Examination process has now closed, with the final submissions made on 29/10/2025.
- The documents are all published on the NSIP website and the last entries included more new information from the Applicants, as did the Deadline 6 step, which added some 180 documents on 22/10/2025. There are a total of 1724 documents associated with the application.
- This has resulted in formal complaints from TASC, Fylde BC and others, including BAE Systems, that not all key documents will have been assessed and responded to – a point that the Examiners have also raised.
- There is strong support for the consideration of the “Materially Obvious Alternate” Route which has been proposed and has not formally been assessed. This is likely to be a major stumbling block for the Applicants, especially as the available evidence suggests a vastly cheaper option exists.
- This has been taken up outside of the formal examination, via our local MPs, for Fylde and Blackpool North & Fleetwood, as there are significant impacts on the local plans and opportunities for regeneration of the North Fylde.
- Fylde Borough have also engaged actively with pursuing this option on our behalf.
- TASC has work to complete, relating to the payments for our legal adviser, Angus Walker, which have not yet been invoiced. They are also planning to continue low key work to pursue the necessary support to ensuring the “Local Plans” get developed and adopted at all levels.
- The next stages of this Application are that the Examiners now have 3 months to prepare their report and recommendations to the Secretary of State. This completes on 29/01/2026. We are not expecting any formal involvement in this next step. Following that, the Secretary of State has a further 3 months to consider his decision and, in that step, there may be further formal questions asked under the Section 17 rules (which we have already seen and to which we have provided our responses).
- We do believe we have all put forward the strongest case against the current proposals that we could muster.

10) To receive an update of Local Plan Developments.

Fylde Borough Council and Freckleton Parish Council are in communications regarding developments.

11) To reconsider the request to restrict parking on the car park near the side entrance to the School.

It was resolved that the hedge has been cut back and that is sufficient. It was resolved to object to any restricted parking.

12) To consider a nomination – High Sheriff of Lancashire’s Young Citizen of the Year Award 2026.

It was resolved to put forward Freddie to help’s with the Freckleton in Bloom.

13) To approve Pensions Starter into the LCC pension fund.

It was resolved to approve Fiona Newbold as the new starter into the LCC pension fund.

14) To consider taking part in the Methodist Community Event 2025.

Councillor Carol Thomas is preparing “We Three Kings” knitted figures which will be displayed at the Methodist Community Event 20025.

1) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Monday 1st December 2025.

Signed: Cllr Mrs C Thomas

Date: 1st December 2025

Appendix A

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Initialled

Freckleton Parish Council						
Schedule of payments Oct '25						
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
01/10/2025	Salary & Expenses October 2025		BACS	£2,539.78		£2,539.78
09/10/2025	Staples - envelopes		BACS	£10.60	£1.77	£8.83
07/10/2025	Poppy Shop x 5 wreaths		BACS	£99.95	£16.66	£83.29
10/10/2025	Staples - Ink Cartridge		BACS	£44.59	£7.43	£37.16
16/10/2025	BT Internet		DD	£50.20	£8.37	£41.83
27/10/2025	Peter Armitage - Website main.		BACS	£95.00		£95.00
Open Spaces						
01/10/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting		BACS	£1,975.00	£329.17	£1,645.83
01/10/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,363.50		£1,363.50
01/10/2025	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£458.33	£76.39	£381.94
01/10/2025	D Wilson - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
01/10/2025	D Wilson - Hedge cutting		BACS	£324.00		£324.00
01/10/2025	D Wilson - weed spraying		BACS	£20.00		£20.00
01/10/2025	J Rhodes - Hedge cutting		BACS	£1,152.00	£192.00	£960.00
01/10/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting - graveyard		BACS	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00
13/10/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light		BACS	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
17/10/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph		BACS	£14.17	£0.67	£13.50
13/10/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom		D/D	£35.44	£1.68	£33.76
01/10/2025	Batterby - cricket materials		BACS	£1,242.84	£207.14	£1,035.70
03/10/2025	Woodys - Materilas for signs installation		BSCS	£27.81	£4.64	£23.18
16/10/2025	Newgate Nurseries - Bedding Plants		BACS	£439.44	£73.24	£366.20
02/10/2025	Amazon - Flag		BACS	£28.98	£4.83	£24.15
13/10/2025	B of A - Childrens playground donation		cheque	-£380.84		-£380.84
03/10/2025	Seeds - Repair to John Deere Tractor		BACS	£1,572.53	£262.09	£1,310.44
15/10/2025	DANVIC -Bowling Green Turf Care		BACS	£2,400.00	£400.00	£2,000.00
15/10/2025	Bowling Green - Credit against Danvic		BACS	-£2,000.00		-£2,000.00
16/10/2025	DanArb - Tree Cutting		BACS	£1,548.00	£258.00	£1,290.00
23/10/2025	Margaret Mason -	1	BACS	£30.00	£5.00	£25.00
24/10/2025	Lancs Shredding	1	BACS	42	7	35
24/10/2025	Freckleton in Bloom - plants etc		D/P	-3207.5		-3207.5
Allotments						
30/10/2025	Waterplus Croft Butts - Water charges		D/D	£46.70		£46.70
01/10/2025	J Rhodes - Hedge cutting		BACS	£300.00	£50.00	£250.00
08/10/2025	Rent - Croft butts lane		cheques	-£345.00		-£345.00
08/10/2025	Rent - Croft butts lane		D/P	-£275.00		-£275.00
27/10/2025	Waterplus - Bush Lane - Water charges		D/D	£54.59		£54.59
01/10/2025	J Rhodes - Hedge cutting		BACS	£300.00	£50.00	£250.00
Community Development Account						
01/10/2025	J Rhodes - Prepare Foundation for Gym		BACS	£1,890.00	£315.00	£1,575.00
10/10/2025	Fresh-Air Fitness		BACS	£8,629.50	£1,438.25	£7,191.25
30/09/2025	Natwest - Interest - September '25		D/P	-£106.37		-£106.37
VAT						
07/10/2025	HM Customs - VAT Refund		d/p	-£4,388.52		-£4,388.52
Total				£16,710.89	£3,749.99	£12,960.90

Appendix B

Sequence 2402

Initialed

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account Oct '25					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Oct '25	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£30,341	£2,540	£15,845	£14,496	52%
Insurance	£6,000			£6,000	
Stationery & web-site rental	£1,100	£183	£1,381	-£281	126%
Audit fee	£550		£560	-£10	102%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training					
Civic functions	£750	£83	£83	£667	11%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					
Section137	£700		£400	£300	57%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£3,156	£13,521	£7,729	64%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	-£1,478	£15,442	£4,858	76%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£2,975	£2,125	58%
Hedge cutting	£6,600	£1,572	£4,383	£2,217	66%
Borders	£800	£1,384	£1,384	-£584	173%
Maintaining Buildings	£7,000	£136	£7,340	-£340	105%
Organisations	£9,229	£680	£7,203	£2,026	78%
Electric & rates	£5,200	£27	£5,683	-£483	109%
Total	£115,220	£8,708	£76,301	£38,919	66%
Other Accounts Oct '25					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£1,025	£806	£219	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,415	£820	£595	
Allotment - refurbishment	£34,160			£34,160	
Community Development	£482	£8,911	£5,887	£3,507	
Playzone		£12,000	£2,750	£9,250	
Section 106		£16,000	£15,957	£43	
Windfarm			£3,978	-£3,978	
Depriciation fund (car park, etc)	£13,805	-£7,000	£5,889	£3,444	
Open spaces	£21,178	£1,019		£22,197	
VAT	-£1,184	£5,023	£11,965	-£8,126	
Total	£68,441	£38,393	£48,052	£61,311	