

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

Present: Councillor, Mrs. C Thomas (Chair)

Councillors, K McKay, Mrs. P Mulholland, Mrs. D Dickinson, Mrs L Willis, Mrs. N Griffiths,
T Threlfall, Mrs N Whalley, Mrs F Craig-Wilson

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs J Atherton (unwell). It was resolved to accept the reason.

Councillor Mr T Fiddler (unwell). It was resolved to accept the reason.

Councillor Mr A Smith (absent). It was resolved to accept the reason.

2) Open Forum

a) Police update – PC Garry and PC Tom attended and updated the Parish Council of the current statistics in Freckleton and Warton, for November 2025. 1 vehicle crime, 10 ASB (mostly in Starbucks), 3 criminal damage, 1 Drug incident, 1 burglary, 1 robbery. They have carried out various road watches.

b) Public participation

A member of the public enquired:-

A resident raised the concerns regarding the number of illegal flags being attached to lamp posts in the village. It was addressed that the Parish Council has made the Police, Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council aware of the situation and that Freckleton Parish Council are not responsible for removing them.

A resident raised the concern regarding the overgrown trees/shrubs on the bypass still not completed. The Clerk will chase this up with LCC.

A resident raised the concern in the speed of vehicles in the village, the Clerk handed over information received from LCC regarding setting up a “Community Speed Unit”.

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

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in items

Item 12 – All Councillors as landlord should record a declaration in item 12 – Crib Electricity Supply.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd November 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

7) To consider 5 year contract for John Rhodes and Dean Wilson our contractors.

It was resolved to grant 5 year contracts for both John Rhodes and Dean Wilson which will commence in 2026.

8) To consider the quote from Seeds Mechanical Engineering.

It was resolved to go ahead with this quote.

9) To consider the quote from Blackbox to replace one camera.

It was resolved to go ahead with this quote.

10) To consider the invoice from TASC.

It was resolved to go ahead with this quote.

11) Update on Windfarm.

The formal examination of the Morgan and Morecambe Wind Farm closed on 29th October and we are not expecting any feedback from the subsequent process until the next stage, which is the Examiners' Report to the Secretary of State which completes on 29/01/2026. After that there may be queries to answer until the decision is forthcoming. Post the decision, there is a 28 day period when a formal review can be called by objectors – the Judicial Review. TASC are enquiring as to the implications, in terms of pre-requisites and possible costs in order that action can be taken promptly if needed.

In the meantime, there are contact meetings ongoing with Morgan & Morecambe. This is to ensure that we understand the next steps and what mitigations might be achieved in the event that the projects go ahead. This is precautionary and aimed at maximising any possible gain and minimising harms. We clearly hope this will not become a feature but have to be prepared.

Also, work continues to lobby Ofgem, NESO and NGET with regard to the option to use the Hillhouse TEZ and existing power line infrastructure for getting the wind farm energy to the grid, whilst using any excess above need locally. This has now been integrated into a Lancashire energy strategy which has been formally adopted by LCC. This would maximise the use of Hillhouse HTEZ as an energy centre, bringing employment opportunities to the area, especially to North Fylde and Fleetwood. The significance to our area is that this adds weight to our argument and helps influence the political thinking in relation to the area, by offering a better, cheaper more effective solution for all.

12) To consider the Crib Electrical Supply.

It was resolved to defer this item until the 5th January 2026 Parish Council meeting, when we expect to have all the details.

13) To consider Scribe, Parish Council software.

It was resolved to go ahead with obtaining the Scribe software.

14) To agree the date of the next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Monday 5th January 2026.

SignedCllr Mrs C Thomas.....

Date5th January 2026

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council					
Schedule of payments Nov '25					
		Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account					
03/11/2025	Salary & Expenses November 2025	BACS	£3,108.42		£3,108.42
28/11/2025	Salary & Expenses December 2025	BACS	£3,542.70		£3,542.70
07/11/2025	Freeola - internet domain charge	D/D	£8.25	£1.38	£6.88
11/11/2025	Fylde BC - Credit for Wreath	BACS	-£19.99		-£19.99
28/11/2025	AJG - Council's insurance	BACS	£6,157.33		£6,157.33
19/11/2025	BT Internet	D/D	£50.20	£8.37	£41.83
Open Spaces					
03/11/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting	BACS	£1,974.98	£329.16	£1,645.82
03/11/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,414.50		£1,414.50
03/11/2025	D Wilson - Borders	BACS	£458.33		£458.33
03/11/2025	D Wilson - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
03/11/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting graveyard	BACS	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00
25/11/2025	J Rhodes - Grass Cutting inc graveyard	BACS	£2,358.00	£393.00	£1,965.00
11/11/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Storeroom	D/D	£23.96		£23.96
11/11/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Security Light	D/D	£13.59	£1.14	£12.45
17/11/2025	Br Gas - electricity - Cenotaph	D/D	£13.28	£0.65	£12.65
03/11/2025	Woodys - Chain Link Fencing/Steel	BACS	£281.38	£46.90	£234.48
03/11/2025	Woodys - Paint etc	BACS	£60.30	£10.05	£50.25
03/11/2025	Freckleton Skip Hire	BACS	£220.00	£36.67	£183.33
28/11/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering	BACS	£1,348.50		£1,348.50
28/11/2025	D Wilson - Boarders	BACS	£458.33		£458.33
28/11/2025	D Wilson - litter picking	BACS	£425.00		£425.00
20/11/2025	Joseph Noblett - Christmas tree	BACS	£420.00	£70.00	£350.00
Allotments					
24/11/2025	Waterplus - Bush Lane Water charges	D/D		£59.57	-£59.57
Community Development Account					
30/10/2025	NatWest - Interest - October 2025	D/P	-83.88		-83.88
Total					
			£22,898.18	£996.88	£21,901.32

Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account Nov '25					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	Nov '25	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£30,341	£6,651	£22,496	£7,845	74%
Insurance	£6,000	£6,157	£6,157	-£157	103%
Stationery & web-site rental	£1,100	£49	£1,430	-£330	130%
Audit fee	£550		£560	-£10	102%
Chair Allow	£100		£100		100%
Training					
Civic functions	£750	-£20	£63	£687	8%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					#DIV/0!
Section137	£700		£400	£300	57%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£3,611	£17,132	£4,118	81%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£2,763	£18,205	£2,095	90%
Litter	£5,100	£850	£3,825	£1,275	75%
Hedge cutting	£6,600		£4,383	£2,217	66%
Borders	£800	£917	£2,301	-£1,501	288%
Maintaining Buildings	£7,000	£668	£8,008	-£1,008	114%
Organisations	£9,229	£350	£7,588	£1,641	82%
Electric & rates	£5,200	£48	£5,732	-£532	110%
Total	£115,220	£22,044	£98,380	£16,840	85%
Other Accounts Nov '25					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£1,048	£806	£241	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,415	£760	£655	
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		-£7,000	£3,978	-£10,978	
Depreciation fund (car park, etc)	£13,805	-£7,000	£5,889	£916	
Open spaces	£21,178	£1,019		£22,197	
VAT	-£1,184	£5,023	£12,981	-£9,142	
Total	£68,441	£31,415	£49,009	£50,848	