

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor, Mrs. N Griffiths (Chair)
Councillors, T Fiddler, K McKay, Mrs. C Thomas, Mrs. J Atherton, Mrs. P Mulholland,
T Threlfall, N Whalley, Mrs L Willis and A Smith.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Mrs. D Dickinson and Mrs. F Craig-Wilson – Sick.
It was resolved to approve the reason for absence.

2) Open Forum

a) Police Update.

No Police were present at the meeting.

b) Public participation

Two members of the public expressed an interest in running the Rawstone Centre bar. This was discussed at item 9 below.

3) To record in any item to be discussed.

All councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 8. To receive an update on Bush Lane allotment drainage. Item 9. To review the use of the Rawstone Centre Bar. Item 10. To receive an update on the play-zone project. Item 11. To review the advertising on Bush Lane sports field.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024

b) The Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th December 2024

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

5) To review the Clerk's report

The content was noted.

6) Finance

a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk

It was resolved to approve the accounts paid by Clerk

b) Monthly budget statements

The content was noted.

7) To review the Tree Lighting & Carol Service.

Concerns were raised over the procession being a little dis-jointed and members of the public being in the cenotaph.

It was reported that the band have not led the procession for a couple of years due to the dangers of walking and playing especially in the dark. Also, people who were inside the cenotaph were unsure where to stand for the service.

It was suggested that the council send out a map/plan to show people inside the cenotaph where to assemble for the service.

The clerk will speak to the band to see if they will lead the procession from the entrance to the cenotaph.

The clerk will send out letters of thanks to Michelle Ward for organizing the stalls, Mr Garlic and Mr. D Kirby for the tree and the new landlords of the coach and horses for his co-operation and support at short notice.

8) To receive an update on the Bush Lane Allotment drainage

The Clerk has written to FBC to request that Section 106 money be used towards the drainage issue. He's had a reply stating that they will look at his request. He further stated that he was struggling to get a second like-for-like quote. Cllr Mrs Atherton said she knew someone who could potentially give the council a quote. She agreed to send the details of the company to the clerk.

9) To review the use of the Rawstone Centre Bar

The clerk gave review and a brief history of how the bar has been run over the years and stated some of the terms and conditions of the license. It was resolved to move this Item to a separate meeting so all the proposals and requirements can be discussed. Currently there are two interested parties who would like to run the bar. Both will be invited to the meeting.

10) To receive an update on the Play-zone project.

There has been a meeting with FBC and the application has been submitted. Currently costs are being discussed and ways to raise money. There is a meeting on Wednesday 8th with BAE to discuss if they will contributing towards the cost of the play-zone. The Parish Council cost would be £28,150 with initial cost of approximately £3,000. The cost to use the facility has not been discussed yet but they will be discounted for Rawstone members. Other groups and clubs will be able to book and use the facilities.

11) To review the advertising on the Bush Lane sports field.

It was reported that someone had knocked a post in to the ground near the cricket pitch and attached a poster on advertising a dog grooming service. The dog groomer had been notified to remove the advertisement as the Parish Council did not allow advertising on the sports field.

12) To receive an update on the Windfarm Project.

The briefing notes were to be sent to the barrister. Cllr McKay is ready to put the objection in. He will send the objection document to the clerk to be distributed to all councilors. It was reported that the fees could be £100k – £150k and that Freckleton's cost cap would be 10k. The first payment will be paying £3k. It will be discussed at the Finance meeting as to where the money will come from. There is to be a task force meeting next Thursday at Clifton.

13) To agree the date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Tuesday 4th February 2025

Signed.....Mrs. N Griffiths, Chairman.....

Date.....04/02/25.....

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council						
Schedule of payments December '24						
			Cheque No.	£	VAT	Net of VAT
Precept Account						
02/12/2024	Salary & Expenses December 2024		BACS	£2,339.90		£2,339.90
08/12/2024	ICO - renewal fee		D/D	£35.00		£35.00
09/12/2024	Freeola - web-site r	1	D/D	£14.76	£2.46	£12.30
16/12/2024	BT Internet	1	DD	£46.74	£7.79	£38.95
04/12/2024	B & M/AILDI - goodies for Xmas tree lighting		BACs	£37.39		£37.39
17/12/2024	InTrak - PA system	1	BACS	£420.00	£70.00	£350.00
Open Spaces						
02/12/2024	J Rhodes - Grass c	1	BACS	£2,094.98	£349.16	£1,745.82
02/12/2024	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
02/12/2024	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£458.33		£458.33
02/12/2024	D Wilson - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
02/12/2024	D Wilson - Soil for FIB		BACS	£40.00		£40.00
03/12/2024	Woodys - Paint for	1	BACS	£26.11	£4.35	£21.76
25/11/2024	Rawstorne Centre - membership		BACS	£60.00		£60.00
22/11/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£57.89	£2.76	£55.13
22/11/2024	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£16.01	£0.76	£15.25
25/11/2024	Target Group - Soc	1	BACS	£33.60	£5.60	£28.00
Allotments						
23/12/2024	Waterplus Croft Butts - water charges		D/D	£12.14		£12.14
23/12/2024	Waterplus - Bush Lane - water charges		D/D	£37.65		£37.65
Community Development Account						
25/11/2024	Elan city - SPID ma	1	BACS	£2,807.99	£468.00	£2,339.99
29/11/2024	NatWest - Interest		D/P	-£101.42		-£101.42
Total						
				£10,204.57	£910.88	£9,293.69

Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account December '24					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	December '24	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,747	£2,340	£21,320	£8,427	72%
Insurance	£6,000		£5,976	£24	100%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£51	£1,394	-£444	147%
Audit fee	£550		£550		100%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750	£422	£697	£53	93%
Election Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					#DIV/0!
Section137	£500		£665	-£165	133%
Open Spaces Account					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,746	£21,496	-£246	101%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£1,343	£16,364	£3,936	81%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£3,545	£1,555	70%
Hedge cutting	£800		£2,480	£4,120	38%
Borders	£6,600	£458	£1,912	-£1,112	239%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£50	£7,402	-£1,902	135%
Organisations	£8,997	£100	£10,658	-£1,661	118%
Electric & rates	£3,200	£70	£4,957	-£1,757	155%
Total	£110,544	£7,005	£99,415	£11,129	90%
Other Accounts December '24					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£1,043	£442	£600	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,660	£1,464	£196	
Allotment - refurbishment	£33,320			£34,160	
Community Development	£5,222	£33,201	£27,366	£13,342	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333		£1,800	£16,333	
Open Spaces	£15,752	£4,302		£21,178	
VAT		£14,033	£14,954	-£921	
Total	£70,627	£54,238	£46,027	£84,888	