

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
In the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillor, Mrs. N Griffiths (Chair)  
Councillors, K McKay, Mrs. C Thomas, Mrs. P Mulholland, Mrs. D Dickinson, Mrs L Willis,  
Mrs. F Craig-Wilson, N Whalley and A Smith.

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

Councillors Mrs. J Atherton, T Fiddler and T Threlfall – Other business.  
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**

It was reported that the lights were not working on Tom Croft car park. The clerk reported that the council were aware of the light situation. The electric board have been out and changed a fuse but the lights were still not working. The clerk is arranging a meeting with Cllr Threlfall and the electricity board to find out the problem with the lights and hopefully a solution.

It was also reported that the hedge on the central reservation of the bypass needed cutting back and the inside lane needed cleaning as it id full of debris. County Councillor P Rigby agreed to take this to LCC highways.

It was further reported that there was a broken tree at the far end of the park near the shops. The clerk will speak to the contractor in the morning.

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

All Councillors as landlords declared an interest in item 9. To receive an update on the running of the bar at the Rawstone Centre.

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

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**
- b) The Planning meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**
- c) The Finance meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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 Risk Assessment procedures.**

It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment procedures

**8) To Consider a Project for the S106 monies**

Several considerations have been brought forward which have been dismissed as they were not considered to be open spaces.

The re-tarmacking of a small area at the entrance to the memorial park has been approved.

**9) To receive an update on the running of the bar at the Rawstone Centre.**

It was resolve that the Rawstrone Centre bar will be closed down. The license will be suspended at the next license review.

**10) To receive an update from Broadfield UK, Barristers (Windfarm project).**

It was reported that all submissions had been put in. It was noted that the project was deemed to be non-compliant as they had not followed the cheapest possible route which would save £450m. They are looking at alternative routes. There is an issue that FBC did not disclose the windfarm until recently. There are 3 windfarms in the plan, they are all pointing at Penwortham and the cables will need upgrading. It was asked if FPC were going to employ Angus Walker to represent the council? It has not been decided at this time and FPC have not committed as yet. If they do there will be a maximum cost of £3k.

**11) To receive an update on the LCC Local Delivery & Biodiversity schemes**

The Clerk reported that the coastal paths and path between Bunker St. & Naze lane has been strimmed back and tied up.

It was reported that Strike Lane School were well advanced with their scheme and C of E School were just getting there group up and running. Both Schools have submitted a list of things they would like purchasing. Cllr Mrs Griffiths & Cllr Mrs Willis were actioning both lists.

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

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

Date.....04/03/25.....

**Appendix A**

<b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>						
<b>Schedule of payments January '25</b>						
			<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net of VAT</b>
<b>Precept Account</b>						
02/01/2025	Salary & Expenses January 2025		BACS	£2,327.80		£2,327.80
16/01/2025	BT Internet	1	D/D	£46.74	£7.79	£38.95
<b>Open Spaces</b>						
02/01/2025	J Rhodes - Grass cutting		BACS	£1,974.98		£1,974.98
02/01/2025	D Wilson - Beds & watering		BACS	£1,342.50		£1,342.50
02/01/2025	D Wilson - Borders		BACS	£458.33		£458.33
02/01/2025	D Wilson - litter picking		BACS	£425.00		£425.00
20/01/2025	Br Gas - electricity	2	D/D	£143.90	£6.85	£137.05
21/01/2025	Bank of america - Interest		Cheque	-£381.35		-£381.35
23/01/2025	J Noblett - Xmas tre	1	BACS	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00
02/01/2025	D Wilson - Jetwash & Painting in Centotaph		BACs	£108.00		£108.00
22/01/2025	Target Group - replk	1	BACS	£162.00	£27.00	£135.00
<b>Allotments</b>						
23/01/2025	Waterplus - Croft butts water charges		D/D	£3.15		£3.15
23/01/2025	Waterplus - Bush Lane water charges		D/D	£39.95		£39.95
23/01/2025	Bob Disley - Repair to leak		BACS	120		£120.00
<b>Community Development Account</b>						
14/01/2025	Glasdon - New grit s	1	BACS	£200.11	£33.35	£166.76
15/01/2025	LCC - erect post &	1	BACS	£693.60	£115.60	£578.00
31/12/2024	Natwest - Interest		D/P	-£101.46		-£101.46
05/01/2025	SP Hobin - rent on Open Spaces Area		D/P	-£5.00		-£5.00
<b>VAT</b>						
05/01/2025	HM Customs - VAT Refund		d/p	-£2,649.95		-£2,649.95

## Appendix B

Freckleton Parish Council					
Precept Account January '25					
Budget		Expenditure		Balance	Percentage
Headings	Allocation	January '25	To date	Outstanding	used
Wages & Expenses	£29,747	£2,328	£23,647	£6,100	79%
Insurance	£6,000		£5,976	£24	100%
Stationery & web-site rental	£950	£39	£1,433	-£483	151%
Audit fee	£550		£550		100%
Chair Allow	£100			£100	
Training					#DIV/0!
Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services,	£750		£697	£53	93%
Election					
Reserve					
equipment	£200			£200	
Grants					#DIV/0!
Section137	£500		£665	-£165	133%
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>					
Grass cutting	£21,250	£1,975	£23,471	-£2,221	110%
Bedding out & Watering	£20,300	£1,343	£17,706	£2,594	87%
Litter	£5,100	£425	£3,970	£1,130	78%
Hedge cutting	£800		£2,480	£4,120	38%
Borders	£6,600	£458	£2,370	-£1,570	296%
Maintaining Buildings	£5,500	£243	£7,645	-£2,145	139%
Organisations	£8,997	-£81	£10,576	-£1,579	118%
Electric & rates	<b>£3,200</b>	<b>£137</b>	<b>£5,094</b>	<b>-£1,894</b>	159%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£110,544</b>	<b>£6,866</b>	<b>£106,282</b>	<b>£4,262</b>	96%
<b>Other Accounts January '25</b>					
Account	Opening Bal	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Croft Butts lane Allotments		£1,043	£445	£597	
Bush lane Allotments		£1,660	£1,624	£36	
Allotment - refurbishment	£33,320			£34,160	
Community Development	£5,222	£33,307	£28,110	£12,704	
Memorial park					
Depreciation fund (car park, etc.)	£16,333		£1,800	£16,333	
Open Spaces	£15,752	£4,302		£21,178	
VAT		£16,683	£15,205	£1,478	
Total	£70,627	£56,995	£47,185	£86,486	