

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
In the Village Hall.**

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

Councillors, Mrs. P Mulholland, Mrs. D Dickinson, Mrs L Willis, Mrs. N Griffiths,  
T Threlfall, Mrs N Whalley, Mrs F Craig-Wilson, Mrs J Atherton, T Fiddler, A Smith

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

Councillor K McKay (recovering from operation). It was resolved to accept the reason.

Councillor Mrs F Craig-Wilson – (unwell). It was resolved to accept the reason.

Councillor Mrs. D Dickinson – (other commitments). It was resolved to accept the reason.

**2) Open Forum.**

a) Police update – delivered by email via Clerk.

b) Public participation – A resident raised the matter that he observed people leaving the Carol Service and Tree Lighting as soon as the lights were turned on, he suggested that we leave the lighting to right at the end, to avoid people leaving before the event had finished.

c) David Dwyer for LCC was asked to report the following:

Pot holes in the road on Tarnbick Avenue, Marquis Drive and Bush Lane into Clitheroes Lane.

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

All Councillors, as landlords declared and interest in items:

Item 10 Crib electricity supply at the Cenotaph.

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

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025.

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

b) The Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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 – *not submitted this month due to transferring data to Scribe see Clerks report.*

**7) To review the Tree Lighting, Carol Service & Christmas Stalls.**

It was agreed that if school children are chosen to switch on the tree lights – the specific school will be informed of the children's names in their invitation.

It was noted that temporary lighting needs to available down to the Cenotaph for the procession, this will be addressed by Open Spaces.

It was agreed to find another PA system supplier for the event.

It was agreed to look at the format of the Order of Service maybe change the last hymn for a Christmassy song.

Clerk to discuss speaker specification with Michelle.

**8) Revised quote from Blackbox.**

It was resolved to approve the revised quote.

**9) Football.**

It was resolved that this matter will be addressed by Rawstone Committee.

**10) To consider the quote for Crib electricity supply.**

It was resolved to discuss this matter at the Finance Meeting and Open Spaces.

**11) To receive an update on the Windfarm Project.**

Not a great deal to report that is different from last time. Still looking at the possible options that lie ahead, culminating in a Judicial Review and what that would mean for us. No update as yet on that.

Still working with the Applicants on the interfaces that would be necessary if this proceeds as this would maximise any options we have for recovering something from the wreckage, if this is passed. One gets the feeling from the Project Team that all may not be quite so well as they would have wished, with possible delays to their timescales and consequent impact on funding and maybe even viability – we'll see.

We are still looking for ways to influence Ofgem, NESO and NGET and just before Christmas I made a very interesting contact with an old colleague that may well prove to be a key entry. I will not say more at this stage.

Sorry that I can't be with you and the PC tonight – if there are any questions, can you get them fed back to me and I will try to address any issues arising. I know that there are concerns that some in the village think that they might be being sold down the river, on this – due to having to work the process with the Applicants. All I can say is that we are intent on getting the alternative as a priority – even the BBC today made reference to the LCC plan that shows how to use the Enterprise Zones to effect, which includes the use of Hillhouse for energy projects!

**12) Pool side adjacent to Bunker Street, steel cover and hole in road.**

It was resolved that it is essential that this road needs adopting therefore, conversations between, United Utilities, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Borough Council and the Parish Council are underway to get the road suitable for being adopted. In the meantime LCC has secured the plates with tarmac as a temporary fix.

**13) To agree the date of the next meeting.**

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

Signed Cllr Mrs P Mulholland

Date 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

## Appendix A

## Freckleton Parish Council December 2025 Schedule of Payments

| Date       | Event  | Details                                       | Net               | VAT              | Total             |
|------------|--|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 01/12/2025 | Civic functions - Remembrance, carol services, | PA System for Remembrance Sunday              | -300.00           | -60.00           | -360.00           |
| 01/12/2025 | Croft Butts Lane Expenditure                   | Croft Butts Allotments                        | 0                 | 0                | 0                 |
| 01/12/2025 | Bush Lane Expenditure                          | Bush Lane Allotments                          | -54.82            |                  | -54.82            |
| 03/12/2025 | Maintaining Buildings                          | Payment from FBC for sheet metal              | 764.00            |                  | 764.00            |
| 03/12/2025 | Maintaining Buildings                          | Metal Sheets for Bowling Club                 | -764.00           | -152.80          | -916.80           |
| 03/12/2025 | Windfarm Project                               | TASC  | -2,046.52         |                  | -2,046.52         |
| 08/12/2025 | Stationery & web-site rental                   | Data Protection Fee                           | -39.17            | -7.83            | -47.00            |
| 09/12/2025 | Stationery & web-site rental                   | Freeola - Website Rental                      | -12.30            | -2.46            | -14.76            |
| 10/12/2025 | Cricket  | Refund for overpayment of invoice             | 35.00             | 7.00             | 42.00             |
| 10/12/2025 | Maintaining Buildings                          | Electricity Supply - Security Light in Yard   | -13.02            | -0.65            | -13.67            |
| 10/12/2025 | Maintaining Buildings                          | Electricity Supply for Store Room             | -28.21            | -1.41            | -29.62            |
| 16/12/2025 | Equipment                                      | Scribe System                                 | -1,097.00         | -219.40          | -1,316.40         |
| 16/12/2025 | Maintaining Buildings                          | Electricity Supply - Xmas Lighting Memorial G | -13.29            | -0.66            | -13.95            |
| 18/12/2025 | Internet/Telephone                             | BT Internet for CCTV                          | -41.83            | -8.37            | -50.20            |
| 19/12/2025 | Maintaining Buildings                          | David Taylor - Painting                       | -220.00           |                  | -220.00           |
| 22/12/2025 | Wages & Expenses                               | Fiona Newbold Salary and Expenses             | -1,184.84         |                  | -1,184.84         |
| 22/12/2025 | Wages & Expenses                               | HMRC Cumbernauld - PAYE                       | -350.74           |                  | -350.74           |
| 22/12/2025 | Maintaining Buildings                          | Supply and install CCTV                       | -1,146.48         | -229.29          | -1,375.77         |
| 22/12/2025 | Borders  | Dean Wilson - Contractor Invoice              | -458.33           |                  | -458.33           |
| 22/12/2025 | Bedding out & Watering                         | Dean Wilson - Contractor Invoice              | -1,363.50         |                  | -1,363.50         |
| 22/12/2025 | Litter   | Dean Wilson - Contractor Invoice              | -425.00           |                  | -425.00           |
| 23/12/2025 | Grass cutting                                  | J Rhodes Contractor                           | -1,845.82         | -369.16          | -2,214.98         |
|            |  |   | <b>£10,695.87</b> | <b>£1,045.03</b> | <b>£11,650.90</b> |
| 03/12/2025 |  | Transfer from Reserve Account                 |                   |                  | £10,000           |

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