

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. P Mulholland, (Chair)

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

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Mrs C Thomas – (husband in hospital). It was resolved to accept the reason.

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

Councillor Mrs N Whalley – (on holiday). It was resolved to accept the reason.

2) Open Forum.

a) Police update – There was no police present however Cllr P Mulholland informed the Parish Council that she had raised concerns with the police regarding CCTV footage at her own property.

b) Public participation – No concerns raised.

c) BAE Systems - Cllr T Threlfall introduced the BAE apprentices who informed the Council about the new replacement sign to be made for the roundabout where the accident had occurred and the original sign damaged. It was agreed on the design would be example six, Cllr T Threlfall thanked them for all their help and time creating the new sign.

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

All Councillors, as landlords declared and interest in items:

Items 8, 9 and 12.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th January 2026.

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

b) The Finance meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026.

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

c) The Robert Rawstorne Trust Fund meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026.

It was resolved that the Freckleton Parish Council grant be withdrawn. Minutes to be approved on Monday 2nd March 2026.

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.

It was resolved to approve the accounts paid by the Clerk. See Appendix B.

7) To discuss Blue Bear Nursery.

No representative from the nursery present, to be revised if necessary.

8) To discuss Paul Fiddler Memorial Trophy – Temporary bar license.

It was resolved to grant the temporary bar license on the agreement that the police are informed of the event and relevant insurance is in place.

9) To discuss Club Day Bunting.

Two Club Day Committee members attended and discussed what would be required. It was agreed that they would with the Club Day Sports Committee apply for the grant from FBC and purchase bunting. The erecting of the bunting is still to be agreed. This will be followed up at the next Parish Meeting.

10) To discuss the Rawstorne Grant applications for Freckleton Parish Council, Freckleton Football Club.

It was resolved that Freckleton Parish Council grant will be withdrawn and the grant will be approved for Freckleton Football Club now that we are in receipt of their finances.

11) To review the Risk Assessment procedures.

It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment procedures.

12) To discuss blocking off 3 spaces in the car park for the NHS Health Check van on the 6th March 2026.

It was resolved that this be arranged.

13) Update on Pool side adjacent to Bunker Street.

A temporary repair has been made and emergency services have access if necessary. LCC are pursuing the owner of the road.

14) To receive an update on the Windfarm Project.

Confirmation has been made via the Government Planning website that the Examination Phase has been closed as planned on 29/01/2026. The Examiners have now issued their report to the Secretary of State for his consideration. The report itself is not available for review by the public.

What we can now expect are questions arising from the Examiners' Report which will come from the Secretary of State. These questions may be to the Applicants or to those raising objections to the plan. We do not know, for sure, but have to be prepared. This includes deciding what we might do if the Secretary of State decides to approve the plan.

In the meantime, there are things to be followed through relating to the withdrawal of the Morgan operation and what this implies.

There is also work going on to cement a local energy Strategy across North West Lancashire focussing on the maximising of the utility of the Hillhouse site. Approaches are also being made to ensure that Ofgem and NESO are being tackled about some of the issues that have been identified and which might influence their thinking and actions, I don't think there is any more I can say at present.

15) To agree the date of the next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March 2026.

Signed ...Councillor Mrs Carol Thomas

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Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council

23 January 2026 (2025 - 2026)

PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type		Net	
39	Income	02/01/2026	Nat West Current		Receipt - Pepper corn rent	SP & A Hobin	Z	5.00	5.00	
258	Equipment	02/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Scribe System	Scribe Accounts - Start	S	-64.00	-12.80	-76.80
261	Civic functions - Remembrar	05/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - PA System for	Intrak	S	-300.00	-60.00	-360.00
262	Civic functions - Remembrar	05/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - PA System for	Intrak	S			
263	Maintaining Buildings	05/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Freckleton Skip	Freck Skip Hire	S	-135.00	-27.00	-162.00
264	Maintaining Buildings	05/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Fiona Newbold	Fiona Newbold	S	-145.00	-29.00	-174.00
260	Croft Butts Lane Expenditure	05/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - water charges	Waterplus Croft Butts	X	-21.03		-21.03
259	Bush Lane Expenditure	05/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Water Charges	Waterplus	X	-54.59		-54.59
268	Hospitality	06/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Coach and Hor:	Fiona Newbold	Z	-150.00		-150.00
269	Membership	07/01/2026	Nat West Current	Membership	Payment - Rawstorne Cor	Rawstorne Sports Cent	Z	-60.00		-60.00
42	VAT Refund	09/01/2026	Nat West Current		Receipt - VAT Refund	HM Customs	Z	5,360.00		5,360.00
265	Maintaining Buildings	13/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - electricity for Si	British Gas	L	-25.12	-1.25	-26.37
266	Maintaining Buildings	13/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Electricity Supp	British Gas	L	-12.87	-0.64	-13.51
272	Membership	15/01/2026	Nat West Current	Membership	Payment - Rawstorne Cor	Rawstorne Sports Cent	Z	-30.00		-30.00
273	Internet/Telephone	16/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - BT Internet	BT Internet	S	-41.83	-8.37	-50.20
267	Maintaining Buildings	19/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - electricity for C	British Gas	L	-57.96	-2.90	-60.86
270	Croft Butts Lane Expenditure	29/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - water charges ;	Water Plus	Z	-47.08		-47.08
271	Bush Lane Expenditure	29/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Water Charges	Waterplus	Z	-54.82		-54.82
274	Bedding out & Watering	30/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Dean Wilson - (	DC Gardening	Z	-1,525.50		-1,525.50
274	Litter	30/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Dean Wilson - (	DC Gardening	Z	-425.00		-425.00
274	Borders	30/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Dean Wilson - (	DC Gardening	Z	-458.33		-458.33
276	Wages & Expenses	30/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Fiona Newbold	Fiona Newbold	Z	-1,173.79		-1,173.79
277	Wages & Expenses	30/01/2026	Nat West Current	065PS00110103	Payment - HMRC Cumber	HM Customs	X	-350.74		-350.74
275	Grass cutting	30/01/2026	Nat West Current		Payment - Grass cutting	J Rhodes	S	-1,845.82	-369.16	-2,214.98
Total								-1,613.48	-511.12	-2,124.60

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Appendix B Freckleton Parish Council

23 January 2026 (2025 - 2026)

Summary of Receipts and Payments

Cost Centre Group - Precept Account 2025/26

General Expenditure

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position +/- Under/over spend
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance	
4	Audit fee			550.00	560.00	-10.00	-10.00 (-1%)
5	Chairman Allowance			100.00	100.00		(0%)
7	Civic functions - Remembrance,			750.00	663.30	86.70	86.70 (11%)
8	Election						(N/A)
10	Equipment			200.00	1,161.00	-961.00	-961.00 (-480%)
11	Grants				24,629.70	-24,629.70	-24,629.70 (N/A)
47	Hospitality				150.00	-150.00	-150.00 (N/A)
2	Insurance			6,000.00	6,157.33	-157.33	-157.33 (-2%)
43	Internet/Telephone				1,135.55	-1,135.55	-1,135.55 (N/A)
44	Legal Fees				3,978.24	-3,978.24	-3,978.24 (N/A)
9	Reserve						(N/A)
12	Section137			700.00	400.00	300.00	300.00 (42%)
3	Stationery & web-site rental			1,100.00	686.23	413.77	413.77 (37%)
6	Training						(N/A)
1	Wages & Expenses			30,341.00	25,352.75	4,988.25	4,988.25 (16%)
SUB TOTAL				39,741.00	64,974.10	-25,233.10	-25,233.10 (-63%)

Open Spaces Account

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position +/- Under/over spend		
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance			
14	Bedding out & Watering			20,300.00	21,149.21	-849.21	-849.21 (-4%)		
17	Borders			6,600.00	6,640.24	-40.24	-40.24 (-0%)		
25	Electric & Rates			5,200.00	5,731.76	-531.76	-531.76 (-10%)		
13	Grass cutting			21,250.00	23,776.25	-2,526.25	-2,526.25 (-11%)		
16	Hedge cutting			800.00	1,460.00	-660.00	-660.00 (-82%)		
46	Income	5.00	5.00				5.00 (N/A)		
15	Litter			5,100.00	4,447.00	653.00	653.00 (12%)		
18	Maintaining Buildings	764.00	764.00	7,000.00	10,868.45	-3,868.45	-3,104.45 (-44%)		
48	Membership				90.00	-90.00	-90.00 (N/A)		
SUB TOTAL				769.00	769.00	66,250.00	74,162.91	-7,912.91	-7,143.91 (-10%)

Organisations

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position +/- Under/over spend		
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance			
21	Bowls			1,700.00	5,000.00	-3,300.00	-3,300.00 (-194%)		
23	Civic events - tree lights, etc			550.00	630.51	-80.51	-80.51 (-14%)		
22	Club Day			2,000.00	7,393.45	-5,393.45	-5,393.45 (-269%)		
19	Cricket	35.00	35.00	550.00	1,379.70	-829.70	-794.70 (-144%)		
20	Football			550.00		550.00	550.00 (100%)		
24	Playground Maintenance			3,879.00	29,280.59	-25,401.59	-25,401.59 (-654%)		
SUB TOTAL				35.00	35.00	9,229.00	43,684.25	-34,455.25	-34,420.25 (-372%)

Summary

NET TOTAL	804.00	804.00	115,220.00	182,821.26	-67,601.26	-66,797.26
V.A.T.	7.00			14,521.17		
GROSS TOTAL	811.00			197,342.43		

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