

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026  
In the Village Hall.**

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

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

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

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

**2) Open Forum.**

a) Police update – There was no police presence.

b) Public participation – 8 members of the public attended.

Freddie Stockton was award his Commendation Certificate from Cllr T Threlfall.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding car exiting from Clifton Fields and entering the duel carriageway in the wrong direction. David Dwyer advised that he would look into additional signage. It was also address about the poor lighting in that area.

c) David Dwyer advised that there will be temporary repairs on Lytham Road with a full curb to curb full resurfacing in 2027.

d) Cllr T Threlfall and David Dwyer will together go around the village and make notes of any roads/pavements which need urgent repairs.

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

All Councillors, as landlords declared and interest in item 8.

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

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

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

b) The Planning meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

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

c) The Robert Rawstone Trust Fund meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

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 the 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.

c) To approve the Fixed Assets register.

It was resolved to approve the Fixed Assets register.

d) To ratify that the Council's internal audit procedures have been carried out for 2025/26.

It was resolved to approve that the Council's internal audit procedures have been carried out for 2025/26.

**7) Update regarding Club Day/Bunting.**

The Club Day grant has been applied for and will be paid sometime in April. It is unknown if there will be another grant available next year. We are awaiting a quote to erect the bunting in the village. David Dwyer advised that there could be a grant available for bunting from LCC, he is going to let Patricia Knight know the details.

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**8) To confirm key handover for Rawstone Centre.**

The Parish Council set of keys for the Rawstone Centre will be handed over to the Clerk once Cllr Mrs C Thomas has finished with them. Access for all other members is through the key safes around the building.

**9) To agree that Councilors Mrs P Mulholland, Mrs N Whalley and Mr T Threlfall are authorised signatories on the Santander and NatWest accounts and to ratify that Fiona Newbold to be added as authorised signatory in place of Kenneth Armistead.**

It was resolved that the above be actioned.

**10) To discuss request from the family Doreen Middleton to install a bench in memory of her.**

Cllr T Threlfall read out a letter from the family of Doreen Middleton and it was agreed that a bench be installed in memory of her, the site location will be addressed at an Open Spaces meeting in the summer months.

**11) Update on Pool side adjacent to Bunker Street.**

David Dwyer advised that LCC have made contact with the resident who owns this section of road and they are in conversations with their insurers.

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

Work continues outside, of the formal planning examination process, to lobby Ofgem, NESO and NGET to re-assess the options that they had originally considered in view of the alternatives that have been identified.

This work has included direct contact attempts, engaging with the establishment of a formal plan for adoption of Green Energy in Northwest Lancashire, which has been adopted by LCC and Wyre Councils. This would establish Hillhouse as the centre with appropriate upgraded Grid connection at or adjacent to Hillhouse / Stanah, together with hydrogen production and storage at the site, for which consent is already available. C

TASC have noted that the Applicants have answered queries from the Secretary of State who has published their data. As a result, TASC are asking, via our legal advisor, whether we would get a chance to comment as well! TASC are also considering the available options in response to an adverse decision by the SoS. As that need not be the end of the story.

It is worth noting that the remaining Applicant is still progressing with preparatory work, land samples and questionnaires regarding compensation mechanisms on the assumption that they do receive approval. This does require a level of engagement to ensure that in that event, we can minimise the impact in whatever way possible. “

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

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 due to Easter Monday.

Signed: .....Mrs C Thomas.....

Date: .....7<sup>th</sup> April 2026.....

Appendix A

**Freckleton Parish Council**

22 February 2026 (2025 - 2026)

**PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST**

Voucher	Code	Date	Bank	Payment Re	Description	Supplier	VAT	Net	
44	Grants from LCC, Fair rents	03/02/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Childrens play	B of A	Z	382.43	382.43	
278	Maintaining Buildings	03/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Defib Store	Defib Store	S	-175.00 -35.00	-210.00	
283	Stationery & web-site rental	06/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - internet rent	Freeola	S	-7.50 -1.50	-9.00	
45	Grant LANPAC	09/02/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - LANPAC Gran	LanPac	X	1,146.48	1,146.48	
46	Maintaining Buildings	09/02/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - F Newbold - r	Fiona Newbold	S	145.00 29.00	174.00	
279	Maintaining Buildings	10/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Electricity Su	British Gas	L	-22.53 -1.12	-23.65	
280	Maintaining Buildings	10/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Electricity Su	British Gas	L	-13.02 -0.65	-13.67	
281	Vehicle Maintaince	10/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - MOT and rej	J Townsend & Son	Z	-54.85	-54.85	
281	Vehicle Maintaince	10/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - MOT and rej	J Townsend & Son	S	-29.98 -6.00	-35.98	
282	Club Day	12/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Medals for C	Teamstrides Ltd	S	-97.20 -19.44	-116.64	
284	Internet/Telephone	16/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Internet	BT Internet	S	-41.83 -8.37	-50.20	
285	Electric & Rates	16/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity ch	British Gas	L	-28.77 -1.44	-30.21	
286	Borders	18/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Tree Cutting	DanArb	S	-1,000.00 -200.00	-1,200.00	
288	Wages & Expenses	27/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Fiona Newbr	Fiona Newbold	Z	-1,236.53	-1,236.53	
289	Wages & Expenses	27/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - HMRC Cumt	HM Customs	Z	-288.00	-288.00	
287	Grass cutting	27/02/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - J Rhodes Co	John Rhodes	S	-1,845.82 -369.16	-2,214.98	
<b>Tot</b>							<b>-3,167.12</b>	<b>-613.68</b>	<b>-3,780.80</b>

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**Appendix B Freckleton Parish Council**

22 February 2026 (2025 - 2026)

**Summary of Receipts and Payments**

**Cost Centre Group - Precept Account 2025/26 (Between 01/04/2025 and 31/03/2026)**

<b>General Expenditure</b>			<b>Receipts</b>			<b>Payments</b>			<b>Net Position</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Under/over spend</b>	
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					1,177.38	-1,177.38	-1,177.38	(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	693.73	406.27	406.27	(36%)	
6	Training								(N/A)	
1	Wages & Expenses				30,341.00	26,877.28	3,463.72	3,463.72	(11%)	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>39,741.00</b>	<b>66,547.96</b>	<b>-26,806.96</b>	<b>-26,806.96</b>	<b>(-67%)</b>	
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>			<b>Receipts</b>			<b>Payments</b>			<b>Net Position</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Under/over spend</b>	
14	Bedding out & Watering				20,300.00	22,512.71	-2,212.71	-2,212.71	(-10%)	
17	Borders				6,600.00	8,098.57	-1,498.57	-1,498.57	(-22%)	
52	Club Day					97.20	-97.20	-97.20	(N/A)	
25	Electric & Rates				5,200.00	5,760.53	-560.53	-560.53	(-10%)	
53	Extras					216.00	-216.00	-216.00	(N/A)	
13	Grass cutting				21,250.00	25,622.07	-4,372.07	-4,372.07	(-20%)	
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	4,872.00	228.00	228.00	(4%)	
18	Maintaining Buildings		909.00	909.00	7,000.00	11,079.00	-4,079.00	-3,170.00	(-45%)	
48	Membership					90.00	-90.00	-90.00	(N/A)	
51	Vehicle Maintaince					84.83	-84.83	-84.83	(N/A)	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>914.00</b>	<b>914.00</b>	<b>-13,642.91</b>	<b>-12,728.91</b>	<b>(-19%)</b>	
<b>Organisations</b>			<b>Receipts</b>			<b>Payments</b>			<b>Net Position</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Under/over spend</b>	
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%)	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>35.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>-34,455.25</b>	<b>-34,420.25</b>	<b>(-372%)</b>	
<b>Summary</b>										
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>949.00</b>	<b>949.00</b>	<b>115,220.00</b>	<b>190,125.12</b>	<b>-74,905.12</b>	<b>-73,956.12</b>
<b>V.A.T.</b>					<b>36.00</b>			<b>15,163.85</b>		
<b>GROSS TOTAL</b>					<b>985.00</b>			<b>205,288.97</b>		

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