

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor Mrs N Whalley (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs D Dickinson, Mrs L Willis, T Threlfall, Mrs J Atherton, T Fiddler, K McKay, Mrs P Mulholland, Mrs F Craig-Wilson and Mrs C Thomas.

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Mrs N Griffiths – Other business – The reason was accepted.

Mr A Smith – Other business – The reason was accepted.

2) Open Forum.

a) Police update – There was no police presence.

b) Public participation – There were two members of the public present.

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

All Councillors, as landlords declared and interest in item 7.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Annual Assembly meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026.

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

b) The Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026.

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

c) The Planning committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026.

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

d) The Extraordinary Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2026.

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

e) The Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 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 review the Internal Auditors report.

It was resolved to approve the Internal Auditors report.

d) To approve the final statement of accounts for 2025-26.

It was resolved to approve the final statement of accounts for 2025-26.

e) To approve the Audit Annual governance statements for 2025-26.

It was resolved to approve the Audit Annual governance statements for 2025-26.

f) To approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2025-26 accounts.

It was resolved to approve the Audit Accounting statement for the 2025-26 accounts.

7) To receive an update on Open Spaces during April 2026.

- a) Councillor T Threlfall gave the following update:-
- b) He met with David Dwyer from Lancashire County Council on Sunday morning to visit throughout the village identifying pot holes, a great deal have been filled but this is ongoing.
- c) Lancashire County Council are obtaining a new resurfacing machine and Bunker Street will be on one of the trial sessions for a full resurfacing from top to bottom.
- d) The gully on the north side of the allotment road has been approved and is on the list to be commenced.
- e) The trees on the roundabout which have a loose root base have been shown to LCC and they agree action needs taking, Cllr Threlfall has introduced him to our contractors and our tree surgeon DanArb who has quoted to remove the trees.
- f) Various site meetings have taken place with United Utilities regarding Poolside and the collapsed sewer, I can confirm that UU provided an excellent service in supporting the system before work could commence. I can confirm that the main sewer has been repaired and the road resurfaced. Residents are very happy with the result.
- g) LCC have commented on how lovely the village is looking and are proposing some funding to Freckleton in Bloom.
- h) The clock in the village has been serviced and it was noted that there was water ingress. This has been resolved and the scaffolding will be removed shortly.
- i) There was a root trip hazard in the footpath of the War Memorial grounds, this has been cut out and re-tarmacked, leaving the safe for residents.

8) To receive an update on the Morgan & Morecambe.

The final decision from the SoS has been delayed to 14-05-2026, with no firm indications as to the recommended outcome or the SoS decision, which may differ.

Work continues to lobby in Parliament, with Ofgem and NESIO, whilst TASC have made overtures to LCC, Wyre and Fylde Borough Councils with regard to establishing a plan should the SoS recommend the wind farm proceeds. In that eventuality, there are 28 days in which to lodge an appeal for a Judicial Review.

Our legal advisor, Angus Walker, has provided guidance which shows there are many legal reasons why a decision could be challenged.

The key is establishing what has been missed that should not have been missed or what has been considered that should not have been considered. Work proceeds on that basis.

9) To agree the date of the next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th May 2026 due to Bank Holiday Monday and the Clerks annual leave.

10) Any other business.

The date for the allotment drainage is to be confirmed shortly.

All Councillors will have the option to attend any Rawstone Centre Committee Meetings.

Signed: Cllr Mrs N Whalley (Chair)

Date: 26th May 2026

Appendix A - Freckleton Parish Council - Payments and Receipts List 1-31 April 2026

Code	Date	Bank	Payment Re	Description	Supplier	VAT	Net	
1	01/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mrs D Dickinson	E	140.00	140.00	
2	01/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mr and Mrs J Finch	E	210.00	210.00	
3	01/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Scribe Sy	Scribe Accounts - Start	S	-64.00	-76.80	
1	01/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Materials	Woodys	S	-52.53	-63.04	
2	01/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Solicitors	Parish Council of Newt	E	-295.08	-295.08	
3	07/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Precept gr	Fyde Borough Council	Z	56,231.00	56,231.00	
21	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Childrens	Bank of America	E	384.86	384.86	
4	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - cricket ma	Ingo and Freckleton Cr	E	908.89	908.89	
5	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - cricket ma	Ingo and Freckleton Cr	E			
8	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - LANPAC	LanPac	S	-50.00	-60.00	
4	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - S137 gra	Freckleton Bowling Clu	Z	-1,700.00	-1,700.00	
5	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - S137 gra	Air Ambulance	Z	-200.00	-200.00	
6	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - S137 gra	The Fylde Hospice	Z	-200.00	-200.00	
9	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Repair to	Rawstorne Sports Cent	E	-125.00	-125.00	
7	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - cricket m	NX Team Work	S	-908.90	-1,090.68	
10	09/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Rates for	Fylde Borough Council	E	-1,571.85	-1,571.85	
7	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mr T Neilson	E	70.00	70.00	
8	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mrs M Livesey	E	140.00	140.00	
9	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mrs A Hardman	E	70.00	70.00	
10	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mr P Rawstrone	E	140.00	140.00	
11	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mr A Haselden	E	140.00	140.00	
12	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mrs Elizabeth Willis	E	140.00	140.00	
13	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mrs Norma Whalley	E	70.00	70.00	
14	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mr and Mrs Cheswort	E	70.00	70.00	
6	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush lane	Mr R Marsden	E	70.00	70.00	
15	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mr Trevor Francis	E	35.00	35.00	
16	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush lane	Mr Stephen Coward	E	35.00	35.00	
17	10/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush lane	Bush lane rents	E	70.00	70.00	
18	13/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mr F Davis	E	70.00	70.00	
13	13/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Annual C	Blackbox Security Alarr	S	-278.25	-333.90	
14	13/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Clock Ser	Cumbria Clock	S	-240.00	-288.00	
11	13/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity	British Gas	L	-11.76	-12.34	
12	13/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity	British Gas	L	-18.82	-19.76	
19	14/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Bush Lane	Mrs P Harper	E	140.00	140.00	
20	16/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - VAT Refur	HM Customs	R	2,357.87	2,357.87	
15	16/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - BT Interr	BT Internet	S	-45.33	-54.40	
21	17/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Pension I	Lancashire County Cou	E	-475.25	-475.25	
16	20/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - External	Margaret Taylor	X	-150.00	-150.00	
17	20/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity	British Gas	L	-12.45	-13.07	
19	21/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Print & D	Leaflet Delivery Uk	S	-724.50	-869.40	
18	21/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Service c	Singletons	S	-349.04	-418.85	
23	23/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Website	Peter Armitage	E	-60.00	-60.00	
22	23/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Heaters	Target group	S	-180.00	-216.00	
22	24/04/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Grass cutti	Fylde Borough Council	E	2,400.00	2,400.00	
25	24/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Fiona Ne	Fiona Newbold	X	-1,177.99	-1,177.99	
26	24/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - HMRC Cl	HM Customs	X	-327.38	-327.38	
20	24/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - J Rhodes	J Rhodes	S	-1,845.82	-2,214.98	
24	24/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wil	DC Gardening	E	-1,363.50	-1,363.50	
24	24/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wil	DC Gardening	E	-425.00	-425.00	
24	24/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wil	DC Gardening	E	-458.33	-458.33	
24	24/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wil	DC Gardening	E	-52.00	-52.00	
24	24/04/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wil	DC Gardening	E	-116.54	-116.54	
Total						48,055.43	1,408.05	49,463.48

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Appendix B - Freckleton Parish Council

27 April 2026 (2026-2027)

Summary of Receipts and Payments Cost Centre Group - Precept Account 2026/27

General Expenditure		Receipts			Payments			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
4	Audit fee				600.00	150.00	450.00	450.00 (75%)
5	Chairman Allowance				100.00		100.00	100.00 (100%)
7	Civic functions - Remembrance,				750.00		750.00	750.00 (100%)
8	Election							(N/A)
10	Equipment				2,000.00	114.00	1,886.00	1,886.00 (94%)
11	Grants							(N/A)
47	Hospitality							(N/A)
2	Insurance				6,500.00		6,500.00	6,500.00 (100%)
43	Internet/Telephone							(N/A)
44	Legal Fees							(N/A)
9	Reserve				1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%)
12	Section137				500.00	2,100.00	-1,600.00	-1,600.00 (-320%)
3	Stationery & web-site rental				1,400.00	784.50	615.50	615.50 (43%)
6	Training				1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%)
1	Wages & Expenses				25,000.00	1,980.62	23,019.38	23,019.38 (92%)
SUB TOTAL					38,850.00	5,129.12	33,720.88	33,720.88 (86%)
General Income		Receipts			Payments			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
27	All Weather Surface area fees							(N/A)
50	Grant LANPAC							(N/A)
28	Grants from FBC							(N/A)
30	Grants from LCC, Fair rents,							(N/A)
26	Lancashire county Council – Gra							(N/A)
29	Natwest - interest on savings acc							(N/A)
60	Playground Donation		384.86	384.86				384.86 (N/A)
57	Precept 2026/27		56,231.00	56,231.00				56,231.00 (N/A)
45	VAT Refund							(N/A)
SUB TOTAL			56,615.86	56,615.86				56,615.86 (N/A)
Open Spaces Account		Receipts			Payments			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
14	Bedding out & Watering				20,960.00	1,363.50	19,596.50	19,596.50 (93%)
17	Borders				6,600.00	458.33	6,141.67	6,141.67 (93%)
52	Club Day							(N/A)
25	Electric & Rates				6,000.00	1,614.88	4,385.12	4,385.12 (73%)
53	Extras					52.00	-52.00	-52.00 (N/A)
55	Fertiliser							(N/A)
61	Fuel for Pickup					116.54	-116.54	-116.54 (N/A)
13	Grass cutting		2,400.00	2,400.00	21,500.00	1,845.82	19,654.18	22,054.18 (102%)
16	Hedge cutting				1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00 (100%)
54	Hospitality							(N/A)
46	Income							(N/A)
15	Litter				5,100.00	425.00	4,675.00	4,675.00 (91%)
18	Maintaining Buildings				8,000.00	921.11	7,078.89	7,078.89 (88%)
48	Membership							(N/A)
51	Vehicle Maintaince							(N/A)
SUB TOTAL			2,400.00	2,400.00	69,260.00	6,797.18	62,462.82	64,862.82 (93%)

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Organisations Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
21 Bowls				1,700.00		1,700.00	1,700.00 ▲ (100%)
23 Civic events - tree lights, etc				550.00		550.00	550.00 ▲ (100%)
22 Club Day				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00 ▲ (100%)
19 Cricket		908.89	908.89	550.00	1,257.94	-707.94	200.95 ▲ (36%)
20 Football				550.00		550.00	550.00 ▲ (100%)
24 Playground Maintenance				4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00 ▲ (100%)
SUB TOTAL		908.89	908.89	9,850.00	1,257.94	8,592.06	9,500.95 ▲ (96%)
Summary							
NET TOTAL		59,924.75	59,924.75	117,960.00	13,184.24	104,775.76	164,700.51
V.A.T.		2,357.87			949.82		
GROSS TOTAL		62,282.62			14,134.06		