

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor Mrs N Whalley (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs D Dickinson, Mrs L Willis, T Threlfall, K McKay, Mrs P Mulholland, Mrs F Craig-Wilson, Mrs N Griffiths and Mr A Smith, T Fiddler, Mrs J Atherton

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Mrs C Thomas – Other business – The reason was accepted.

2) Open Forum.

- a) Police update – There was no police presence.
- b) Public participation – Two residents, it was mentioned again about vehicles traveling too fast along Kirkham Road.
- c) Presentation from Fylde Borough Council on the new household food waste recycling initiative.

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

A declaration of interest was recorded for Item 9.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

- a) The Planning meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2026.
- b) The Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2026.

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.

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

Councillor T Threlfall gave the following update:-

- a) David Dwyer taken around village to look at pot holes that need attention, lots have been completed but there are still a few that need attention. Another trip around the village will highlight any areas needing attention.
- b) Plants for FIB and the village have now all been planted out and are looking fantastic.
- c) Lancashire County Council have been taken to the coastal walk as it enters from Green Lane as in a dangerous state, remedial action to be taken in due course.
- d) I met the MP and Jenny Hunter at the RC to discuss any funding opportunities for the RC.
- e) A bench was vandalized at the RC over Club Day weekend, this will be repaired.
- f) We received a quote for new gate to cover grass cutting bunker at the RC. Due to lack of funds this will be re-discussed towards the end of the financial year to see if funds are available.

8) Update on External Audit.

It has become evident that due to the high amount of receipts and payments received into and going out of the Parish Council account we have now been put in a higher external audit bracket. It was discussed if it was possible to reduce these amounts. This is to be readdressed at the end of the financial year.

9) To receive an update on when the allotment drainage will start.

It was resolved that the drainage works will start on the week commencing 24th August 2026.

10) To receive an update on the windfarm project.

Following on from the deadline for answers to the SoS questions and for additional comments, which closed on 22nd June, the responses received have all been published on the Planning Website. From these responses it is clear that the top issue is that generated by the changes of Bird Strike probability resulting from disturbance of the wild birds in their grazing habits on the fields between Newton, Clifton and Freckleton. You will have noted the near hysteria in the press over the recent heat wave with the associated "risk of death" that was identified. The Bird Strike generates this same "Risk", as the possible loss of control that may result is a risk for the crew but perhaps even more significantly, for those on the ground as it is not possible to predict the trajectory of an aircraft, especially if the crew have ejected. The other significant issue is who the applicant would now be, with the announcement of the withdrawal of the Morgan project financial backers. The legality of a Development Consent Order under such circumstances may need testing.

The TASC members working the issue are examining what has to be done next. It may be that there will be further questions and possible delay to decisions, it may be that a decision may be forthcoming or postponement again. If the decision is to progress, then there is the possibility of a Judicial Review. Preparation is ongoing for that option, with meetings between the Borough Council, TASC and our legal rep set to review the options and ensure that if the TASC members do have to lead this, for minimising of associated costs, then there will be no kick back from the other local authorities.

11) To agree the date of the next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Monday 7th September 2026.

Signed: Cllr Mrs N Whalley

Date: 7th September 2026

Appendix A

Freckleton Parish Council

18 May 2026 (2026-2027)

PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT		Net
23	Bowls	01/05/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Fertiliser - Knotw	Bowling club		372.00		372.00
41	Equipment	01/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Scribe System	Scribe Accounts - Start		-64.00	-12.80	-76.80
28	Bowls	01/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Fertiliser - Knot	Helmrig Ltd T/A Knotwe		-372.00	-74.40	-446.40
39	Electric & Rates	01/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Unmetered elec	Npower		-2,936.08		-2,936.08
31	Vehicle Insurance	05/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Insurance pick	NFU Mutual		-541.79		-541.79
32	Vehicle Insurance	05/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Insurance; gras	NFU Mutual		-593.86		-593.86
42	Stationery & web-sit	11/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - website rental	Freeola		-7.50	-1.50	-9.00
34	Electric & Rates	13/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity charg	British Gas		-19.12	-0.95	-20.07
35	Electric & Rates	13/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity	British Gas		-13.44	-0.67	-14.11
29	Electric & Rates	15/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Water charges	Waterplus		-119.39		-119.39
30	Electric & Rates	15/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Water charges	Waterplus		-569.59		-569.59
38	Maintaining Buildings	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Tarmac	BGR Surfacing		-500.00		-500.00
40	Maintaining Buildings	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Materials for pa	Woodys		-36.11	-7.22	-43.33
33	Electric & Rates	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity Ceno	British Gas		-12.60	-0.63	-13.23
36	Vehicle Maintaince	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Servicing to Joh	Seeds		-3,282.53	-656.51	-3,939.04
37	Vehicle Maintaince	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Repair to John I	Seeds		-200.00	-40.00	-240.00
44	Windfarm Reserve	19/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Solicitors fees	Parish Council of Newtc		-389.02		-389.02
46	Wages & Expenses	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Fiona Newbold	Fiona Newbold		-1,149.69		-1,149.69
47	Wages & Expenses	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - HMRC Cumberr	HM Customs		-327.47		-327.47
43	Borders	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wilson - C	DC Gardening		-458.33		-458.33
45	Grass cutting	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Grass cutting	J Rhodes		-1,845.82	-369.16	-2,214.98
43	Bedding out & Water	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wilson - C	DC Gardening		-1,363.50		-1,363.50
43	Litter	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wilson - C	DC Gardening		-425.00		-425.00
43	Extras	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wilson - C	DC Gardening		-141.00		-141.00
Total							-14,995.84	-1,163.84	-16,159.68

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Appendix B Freckleton Parish Council

Summary of Receipts and Payments

Cost Centre Group - Precept Account 2026/27

General Expenditure

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position +/- Under/over spend
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance	
	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	178.00	1,822.00	1,822.00 (91%)
	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	792.00	608.00	608.00 (43%)
	6 Training			1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%)
	1 Wages & Expenses			25,000.00	3,457.78	21,542.22	21,542.22 (86%)
	SUB TOTAL			38,850.00	6,677.78	32,172.22	32,172.22 (82%)

General Income

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position +/- Under/over spend
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance	
	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 – Gr						(N/A)
	29 Natwest - interest on savings ac	94.64	94.64				94.64 (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	56,710.50	56,710.50				56,710.50 (N/A)

Open Spaces Account

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position +/- Under/over spend
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance	
	14 Bedding out & Watering			20,960.00	2,727.00	18,233.00	18,233.00 (86%)
	17 Borders			6,600.00	916.66	5,683.34	5,683.34 (86%)
	52 Club Day						(N/A)
	25 Electric & Rates			6,000.00	5,285.10	714.90	714.90 (11%)
	53 Extras				193.00	-193.00	-193.00 (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	3,691.64	17,808.36	20,208.36 (93%)
	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	850.00	4,250.00	4,250.00 (83%)
	18 Maintaining Buildings			8,000.00	1,457.22	6,542.78	6,542.78 (81%)
	48 Membership						(N/A)
	62 Vehicle Insurance				1,135.65	-1,135.65	-1,135.65 (N/A)
	51 Vehicle Maintainece				3,482.53	-3,482.53	-3,482.53 (N/A)
	SUB TOTAL	2,400.00	2,400.00	69,260.00	19,855.34	49,404.66	51,804.66 (74%)

Organisations

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position +/- Under/over spend
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance	
	21 Bowls	372.00	372.00	1,700.00	372.00	1,328.00	1,700.00 (100%)
	23 Civic events - tree lights, etc			550.00		550.00	550.00 (100%)
	22 Club Dav			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	1,280.89	1,280.89	9,850.00	1,629.94	8,220.06	9,500.95 (96%)

Summary

NET TOTAL	60,391.39	60,391.39	117,960.00	28,163.06	89,796.94	150,188.33
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