

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
In the Village Hall.**

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

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

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

None.

**2) Open Forum.**

- a) Police update – There was no police presence. It was agreed that the “See Something Share Something” information will be placed into the May Newsletter asking residents to register.
- b) Public participation – There was no public presence.

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

All Councillors, as landlords declared and interest in items, 8, 10 and 11.

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

- a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.  
It was resolved that the above mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved.
- b) The Planning meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.  
It was resolved that the above mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved.
- c) The Communications meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.  
It was resolved that the above mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved.
- d) The Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 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 consider making donations to Various Organisations.  
It was resolved to approve the donations.

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

DESNZ highlighted the issues and those bodies expected to respond, but also included a request to any interested body, which covers anyone who registered for the original enquiry. The responses are due before midnight on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

TASC are finalising responses to the questions asked by DESNZ following the completion of submissions and the Examiner’s Report. There is a long list of items that should have been closed but have not and which have the potential to be major issues for the decision process, even to the extent of preventing a decision.

Major amongst the issues are the Bird Strike problem, to which they expect input from BAE Systems, but they will also here from TASC as the Parish & Town Councils have major concerns on this subject – a problem resolved completely if the proposed material alternative

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route via Hillhouse were to be considered properly. It also covers the issues relating to the Riding for the Disabled and the two equitation centres as compliance with the Equalities legislation is also a major issue for the Inspectors.

DESNZ have also reported that the final decision date has been delayed to 14<sup>th</sup> May from 29<sup>th</sup> April, even before receiving the responses.

Separately, lobbying has been undertaken of Ofgem to ensure that they fulfil their obligation to minimise costs to the Customer, which so far they have not done. Initial responses to the first three approaches were received but did not address the question.

I have put these questions to the Ofgem Chair person, and received a similar response. This response has been challenged rigorously as there is a process failure identified, important if the final step of a Judicial Review is required.

Work is ongoing and there are a lot of issues that will require resolution for the applications to succeed.

**8) To have an update on the allotment drainage.**

Works will start as soon as the ground is dry enough for the machinery, hopefully end of April/May start date.

**9) To agree to instruct Margaret Taylor to conduct the internal audit.**

It was resolved to instruct Margaret Taylor.

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

The Club Day grants have been applied for and will be paid sometime in April. Once grants have been received reusable bunting will be purchased. A second quote is being sourced to erect the bunting for Club Day.

**11) To approve temporary bar license application from the Tap N Drum for the Club Day weekend.**

It was resolved to approve the temporary bar license for Club Day.

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

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 due to Bank Holiday Monday.

Signed: Mrs C Thomas (Chair)

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Appendix A

**Freckleton Parish Council**

30 March 2026 (2025 - 2026)

**PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST**

Voucher	Code	Date	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	
293	Equipment	02/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Scribe System	Scribe Accounts - Sta	S	-64.00 -12.80	-76.80	
292	Maintaining Buildings	02/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Top Soil	Woodys	S	-58.00 -11.60	-69.60	
294	Bush Lane Expenditure	02/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Water Charges	Water Plus	Z	-54.82	-54.82	
295	Croft Butts Lane Expenc	02/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Water charges	Waterplus Croft Butts	Z	-47.08	-47.08	
298	Maintaining Buildings	03/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Supply and inst	Blackbox Security Ala	S	-329.31 -65.86	-395.17	
303	Stationery & web-site re	11/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - website rental	Freeola	S	-12.30 -2.46	-14.76	
296	Electric & Rates	12/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - electricity Ceno	British Gas	L	-12.87 -0.64	-13.51	
297	Electric & Rates	12/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - electricity for Si	British Gas	L	-21.44 -1.07	-22.51	
299	Electric & Rates	12/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Electricity Supp	British Gas	L			
300	Electric & Rates	16/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Electricity Supp	British Gas	L			
301	Maintaining Buildings	16/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - BT Internet for	BT Internet	L	-47.81 -2.39	-50.20	
302	Maintaining Buildings	16/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Replacement w	Quality Windows Nor	S	-133.33 -26.67	-160.00	
305	Wages & Expenses	19/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Pension Payme	Lancashire County Cc	Z	-1,869.04	-1,869.04	
304	Electric & Rates	19/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Electricity Supp	British Gas	L	-12.60 -0.63	-13.23	
310	Fertiliser	24/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Fertiliser - Agrc	Fiona Newbold	S	-563.26 -112.65	-675.91	
49	Club Day	26/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Receipt - Medals for club c	Club Day	E	542.95	542.95	
311	Wages & Expenses	26/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Fiona Newbold	Fiona Newbold	E	-917.52	-917.52	
308	Club Day	26/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Medals for club	Teamstrides Ltd	S	-542.95 -108.59	-651.54	
309	Hospitality	26/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Freckleton in bl	Fiona Newbold	Z	-310.40	-310.40	
312	Wages & Expenses	27/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - HMRC Cumber	HM Customs	E	-210.00	-210.00	
306	Grass cutting	27/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Grass cutting	J Rhodes	S	-1,845.82 -369.16	-2,214.98	
307	Bedding out & Watering	27/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Dean Wilson - (	D Wilson	Z	-1,363.50	-1,363.50	
307	Litter	27/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Dean Wilson - (	D Wilson	Z	-425.00	-425.00	
307	Borders	27/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Dean Wilson - (	D Wilson	Z	-458.33	-458.33	
306	Extras	27/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Grass cutting	J Rhodes	S	-120.00 -24.00	-144.00	
307	Extras	27/03/2026	Nat West Currer	Payment - Dean Wilson - (	D Wilson	Z	-127.00	-127.00	
<b>Total</b>							<b>-9,003.43</b>	<b>-738.52</b>	<b>-9,741.95</b>

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### Appendix B Freckleton Parish Council

30 March 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>Budgeted</b>	<b>Payments</b>		<b>Net Position</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</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	1,324.00	-1,124.00	-1,124.00	(-562%)
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				1,165.08	-1,165.08	-1,165.08	(N/A)
44	Legal Fees				6,024.76	-6,024.76	-6,024.76	(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	718.33	381.67	381.67	(34%)
6	Training							(N/A)
1	Wages & Expenses			30,341.00	29,873.84	467.16	467.16	(1%)
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>			<b>39,741.00</b>	<b>71,766.34</b>	<b>-32,025.34</b>	<b>-32,025.34</b>	<b>(-80%)</b>
<b>Open Spaces Account</b>		<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Payments</b>		<b>Net Position</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>+/- Under/over spend</b>	
14	Bedding out & Watering			20,300.00	24,301.21	-4,001.21	-4,001.21	(-19%)
17	Borders			6,600.00	8,556.90	-1,956.90	-1,956.90	(-29%)
52	Club Day	640.15	640.15		640.15	-640.15		(N/A)
25	Electric & Rates			5,200.00	5,827.22	-627.22	-627.22	(-12%)
53	Extras				463.00	-463.00	-463.00	(N/A)
55	Fertiliser				563.26	-563.26	-563.26	(N/A)
13	Grass cutting			21,250.00	27,667.89	-6,417.89	-6,417.89	(-30%)
16	Hedge cutting			800.00	1,460.00	-660.00	-660.00	(-82%)
54	Hospitality				310.40	-310.40	-310.40	(N/A)
46	Income	5.00	5.00				5.00	(N/A)
15	Litter			5,100.00	5,312.00	-212.00	-212.00	(-4%)
18	Maintaining Buildings	909.00	909.00	7,000.00	10,952.67	-3,952.67	-3,043.67	(-43%)
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>1,554.15</b>	<b>1,554.15</b>	<b>66,250.00</b>	<b>86,229.53</b>	<b>-19,979.53</b>	<b>-18,425.38</b>	<b>(-27%)</b>
<b>Organisations</b>		<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Payments</b>		<b>Net Position</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</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	9,598.45	-7,598.45	-7,598.45	(-379%)
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	27,075.59	-23,196.59	-23,196.59	(-598%)
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>9,229.00</b>	<b>43,684.25</b>	<b>-34,455.25</b>	<b>-34,420.25</b>	<b>(-372%)</b>
<b>Summary</b>								
	<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>1,589.15</b>	<b>1,589.15</b>	<b>115,220.00</b>	<b>201,680.12</b>	<b>-86,460.12</b>	<b>-84,870.97</b>	
	<b>V.A.T.</b>	<b>36.00</b>			<b>15,915.17</b>			
	<b>GROSS TOTAL</b>	<b>1,625.15</b>			<b>217,595.29</b>			

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