



Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

After 22 years of devoted service to Freckleton village, Ken Armisteid, Clerk to the Parish Council, will be retiring in December. Ken's commitment and active involvement have played a significant role in shaping our community, and the Parish Council extends its heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for a very happy retirement as he embarks on this new chapter.

Looking to the future, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Fiona Newbold as the new Clerk to the Parish Council. We look forward to working closely with Fiona and anticipate a positive and collaborative relationship as she takes on her new responsibilities.

Community Events and Achievements

This year's horticultural show was a tremendous success, with excellent attendance and a wonderful display of local talent. Our thanks go to the Village Hall Committee, whose dedication and hard work made this event possible.

As we mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we pause to honour the immense sacrifices made by the British Army, the Royal Air Force, and all those who bravely served and fought for our country. Their courage and dedication continue to inspire our community.

Community Involvement

Freckleton is home to several organisations whose volunteers generously give their time to benefit the village. The three local churches are also actively engaged in community activities, helping to bring people together and foster a spirit of unity.

The Freckleton in Bloom initiative has once again brought vibrant colour and beauty to our village. We extend our appreciation to everyone involved for their hard work and creativity.

We would like to thank the committees, coaches, and members of the Rawstone Sports Centre for their ongoing support of sports programmes for both children and adults. Their willingness to volunteer ensures that these valuable activities continue to thrive within our community.

Community Safety

Unfortunately, there has been an incident of vandalism in the park. The Parish Council, together with our contractors, is actively taking measures to protect and safeguard our social and play areas. We encourage all residents to remain vigilant and to work together in supporting the well-being of our community spaces.

Remembrance Sunday

The remembrance Sunday service will be held at the Village Cenotaph on Sunday, 9th November 2025 for the service of commemoration which will start at 12:15 pm. The Order of Service will be published on the Council's web site.

Christmas Carol & Tree lighting service

This will take place on Tuesday 2nd December 2025, at 7.00pm, The Order of Service will be published on the Council's web site towards the end of November.

Half Marathon

In 2026 the Freckleton half marathon celebrates the 50th year of the ladies half marathon, we look forward to seeing all the competitors.

Morgan & Morecambe Onshore Transmission

The Planning Examination for the Morgan & Morecambe Onshore Transmission Assets is reaching it's final stages and the Examination will have closed on 29th October. The Parish Council, via its working with the TASC group, Fylde Borough and other interested parties, including many residents, has provided a robust response to the Application and suggested a significant Alternative for consideration, which would provide huge savings to tax payers, of £904 million, just for this plan. There are many reasons put forward in opposition, some of which may prove intractable as far as finding a solution by the Applicants. However, we remain vigilant, as the response of the Secretary of State when it comes to a decision is not entirely predictable. Rest assured, we have done all in our power to persuade a

rejection of the plan by the Examiners. They report their recommendation and findings at the end of January 2026, with the final decision due 29th April 2026. Of note is that the Offshore Assets associated with this plan has had the final decision delayed, following a report that it had been approved. At present, it has not.

New Outside Gym

We are pleased to announce that your new outdoor gym has now been completed; I am always pleased to see funding of this nature to benefit residents of Freckleton, please make use of this and increase your health and fitness levels whilst watching your children play on our state-of-the-art playground. Councillor Mr T Threlfall.

Freckleton Library

The Library opening hours are as follows:

Sunday and Monday	Closed
Tuesday	09:00 - 19:00
Wednesday and Saturday	09:00 - 13:00
Thursday and Friday	09:00 - 17:00

If you wish to renew your items you can do this online or by phone; more details are at

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/library-services/borrowing-renewals-and-reservations/>

Remember that our Digital Library is always open for eBooks and eResources

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/digital-library/>

There are lots of social activities that the Library support with the aid of the local friends group. You can find what's going on Facebook under Love Freckleton Library.

Over 60's

We are actively seeking new members to come along and join us at our get togethers in the village Hall every 3rd Tuesday of the month from March to December (excluding August). Food and entertainment are supplied. Please keep your eye on the Village notice boards for details of what is happening or contact is Jill Atherton Telephone 01772 634563.

Rawstorne Sports Centre

We would like to make you all aware of the facilities and activities available at the Rawstorne Sports Centre:-

Youth Club - Wednesday 7pm - 9pm

Junior Football - Training Wednesday 6pm - 8pm

Adult Football Saturday morning.

Cricket when in season.

There is an All-Weather Surface that is available for hire, for tennis, football or other sports @ £12.00 per hour.

The function room and bar is also available for private parties and family functions. For further information please contact

Mrs Carol Thomas tel: 07966831660. Or email carolthomas23@hotmail.com.

Contacting the Police

We would like to remind residents' that if they have an issue which is not an emergency, they should contact the Police on 101. We are assured that dialling 101 will not only get a response but each report helps the Police to build a picture of events that are of a repeat nature and help them to deal with offenders more effectively.

Communication

Advance notice of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the council notice board. This is on the footpath opposite The Cenotaph and by The Coach and Horses Car Park. The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are held on the Council's website www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk

Public Participation

There is an opportunity for public participation at full Council meetings. The aim is to enable any member of the public to raise issues of local concern or observation and this should be addressed through The Chairman. Unless time permits, questions and statements will be limited to 3 minutes each (the length of time permitted is at the discretion of The Chairman).

November '25

03/11/25 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

03/11/25 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

December '25

01/12/25 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

01/12/25 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

January '26

05/01/26 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

05/01/26 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

12/01/26 – Finance Committee – starting 6:30pm

12/01/26 - Rawstorne Trust fund – starting 7:00pm

February '26

02/02/26 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

02/02/26 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

March '26

02/03/26 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

02/03/26 – Communications - 6:00pm

02/03/26 - Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

April '26

06/04/26 - Annual Assembly – Meeting of the electorate - starting 6:30pm

06/04/26 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

13/04/26 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

13/04/26 - Communications group – Starting 6:30pm

20/04/26 - Open Spaces /Fabrics committee – starting 6:30pm

May '26

04/05/26- Annual Parish Council meeting - starting 6:30pm

04/05/26 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm after the Annual Parish Council meeting

04/05/26– Planning Committee - starting 6:00pm

12/05/26 - Open Spaces /Fabrics committee – starting 6:30pm

Your Parish Councillors and telephone numbers are: -**Freckleton Village Ward**

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Councillor Mrs N Whalley 07715359451

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Freckleton Outer Ward

Councillor Mr T Threlfall 01772 633964

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