

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH
FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL, HELD IN IAN TELFER
HOUSE, VULCAN CLOSE, PADGATE WARRINGTON ON
MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2017**

Present: Cllr Gosney (Chair)

Cllrs Bennett, Cooksey, Friend, Froggatt, Emery, E Purnell,
Rydzkowski,

C102 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Kerr Brown, R Purnell,
Taylor

C103 – Police Reports

The Parish Council noted a report from PCSO Burke relating to issues in Poulton North and Poulton South. It was noted that there had been incidents of anti-social behaviour but there were no trends or repeat locations. There had been burglaries in both the North and the South and it was also noted that PCSO Burke and PC Hancock were working with the Crime Reduction Advisor to address longstanding anti-social behaviour issues around Blackbrook Square and the Tidal Lane subway.

C104 –Borough Councillors’ Reports

No matters were raised.

C105 – Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 be taken as read and signed as a correct record with the addition of Cllr Froggatt in the list of apologies.

C106 –Matters Arising

a. C74(a) –Website

The Clerk reported amended details from Microedge with a revised total of £360 and £120 per annum for updates. It was also noted that the domain name of Poulton with Fearnhead PC.org had now been registered. Work was now being undertaken on the construction of the site.

b. 74(b) –Litter Warden

The Clerk reported that following discussions with the Borough Council it had been agreed that the Parish Council would deal directly with the Letting Agency with regard to costs. Mr Darren Lloyd had been appointed by the Agency and would work Monday to Wednesday each week. Mr Lloyd started on 11 December and the first two days would be set aside for training, etc.

Cllr E Purnell reported upon the current arrangements whereby she was collating information with regard to the routes to be included for the Litter Warden and asked for details of the contact persons in the Borough Council. It was also noted that updates on roads and areas to be included should be forwarded to the Clerk on

pwfpc@yahoo.co.uk.

Resolved that:

A meeting be held with Mr Lloyd on Monday, 18 December at 9.30am.

c. C94(1)

The Clerk reported that an acknowledgement had been received from Cllr O’Neil with regard to the complaint lodged by the Parish Council and contact had been made with the Chief Whip.

C107 – Fearnhead Cross Centre –Roof

It was reported that the Borough Council had identified a leak in the roof which would cost in the region of £70,000, £80,000 or £90,000 depending on which option was determined. The Community Development Manager at Fearnhead Cross Centre had identified funding from WREN but the application would have to be in the name of the Management Group. This had been taken on board by the Borough Council and an application had been submitted to WREN.

C108 – Fearnhead Cross Centre

Details of a number of problems relating to the Centre were reported and it was agreed that the matter would be considered further at the next meeting once all the Groups and the Parish Council were in occupation.

C109 – Parish Precept 2018/2019

The Parish Council considered a list of items of expenditure which had been identified for consideration in the budget process during the year. The Parish Council also received a letter from the Borough Council with regard to the proposed surfacing of footpath No 31. The Borough Council anticipated that the cost of surfacing the footpath would be in the region of £60,000. The Parish Council had been asked to consider making a financial contribution of £6,000 per year over the next 5 years towards this. The Clerk also reported a letter from the Borough Council relating to the method in which the Parish Council precept is determined and that the Borough Council were proposing to replace the locally-funded scheme which would mean that the Parish Council would lose approximately £13,342 per annum. The proposal from the Borough Council would go to Full Council as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and budget setting on 26 February 2018. In the meantime the Parish Council would have to look at a reduced figure of Band E properties in the calculation of the precept. Extensive discussion took place on the schemes which had been identified during the last 12 months. It was also reported that a meeting was to take place on 14 December to discuss the revised arrangements for the PCSO funding. This could impact upon the budget process.

Resolved that:

The consideration of the special items of expenditure be referred to the meeting of the Executive Committee and be the subject to ratification by the Parish Council on 15 January 2018.

C110 – Parish Precept 2018/2019

Resolved that:

A meeting of the Executive Committee be held on 9 January 2018 at 4pm to make recommendations on the budget process for ratification by the Parish Council on 15 January 2018. It was also agreed that in the absence of Cllr Bennett Cllr Cooksey would substitute

C111 – Parish Remuneration Panel

The Parish Council noted the details from the Independent Parish Remuneration Panel with regard to the allowance paid to Chairs of Parish Councils.

C112 – Highway Matters

Resolved that:

The following be brought to the attention of the Borough Council:

Defective street lighting – Montrose Close

C113 – Planning Applications

The Parish Council noted the current planning applications being considered by the Local Planning Authority.

C114 – Request for financial assistance

Resolved that:

A donation of £50 be made to the North West Air Ambulance Charity.

C115 –Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed

Employee no 1	Salary	1247.57
Employee no 1	Mileage	10.96
Employee no 2	Salary	1179.88
Employee no 3	Salary	443.30
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	60.61
Employee no 5	Secretarial	67.10
S. Lea	Cleaning	30.00
K Carter	Cleaning	60.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	728.09
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	791.99
Fearnhead Education		
Project	Printing	16.90
Toolstation	Safety wear	72.94
British Telecom	Broadband	175.56
British Telecom	Office	67.07

P Gosney	Chair's allowance	140.00
A O'Hanlon	WiFi payment	47.99
NW Air Ambulance Charity	Donation	50.00
UK Fuels	Fuel account	90.03