

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD
PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS CENTRE,
INSALL ROAD, PADGATE ON TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Present: Cllr Gosney (Chair)
Cllrs Emery, D Friend, G Friend, Froggatt

C50 – Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Booth, Creaghan, E Purnell R Purnell, Rydzkowski

C51 – Police Reports

PCSO Powell reported on the problems in Poulton South and particularly the issues relating to anti-social behaviour on Bennett Recreation Ground which were being addressed by the Police.

C52 – Borough Councillor’s Report

Cllrs D Friend and G Friend reported on the following:

1. Bruche Park – lots of enthusiasm but unfortunately the weather was not kind.
2. Heritage Day – over 600 people attended a really successful event.
3. Longbarn Residents’ Association had positive meetings with the Borough Council’s Traffic Department.
4. Friends of Longbarn Park – had positive meeting with with the Borough Council Parks Department
5. Children’s’ Homes inspections
6. Padgate Community Centre – meeting to be held on 20 September
7. Friends of Padgate Library going well.

C53 – Minutes

Resolved that:
The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018 be taken as read and signed a correct record.

C54 – Matters Arising

a. **C38 – Fearnhead Cross Centre**

The Chair reported upon a recent meeting with Professor Broomhead , Chief Executive of Warrington Borough Council, and upon the improving relationships between the Centre staff and Members of the Fearnhead Cross Management Committee and the Parish Council. Unfortunately, an issue had arisen with Cllr Higgins who had demanded the removal of the sign over the Community Office because he felt it did not reflect what was agreed.

Resolved that:

The Chair, in consultation with the Clerk, write to Cllr O’Neill, Leader of Warrington Borough Council, with a copy to Professor Broomhead, expressing the deep concern of the Parish Council at the approach of Cllr Higgins which could sully the relationship between the parties in the Centre.

b. **C40 – Budget 2019/2020**

The Parish Council considered the report of the Clerk following a survey carried out with other Parish Councils. Overwhelmingly, those Parish Councils, that had taken part, were concerned about the problems with the Borough Council’s workload carrying out litter-picking. A number had tried other work but were frustrated with the requirements of the Borough Council. The Clerk also reported upon the current workload and hours of the Litter Warden. It was agreed that the report be noted and that an extension of the hours of the Litter Warden be considered further at the Budget Meeting.

c. **C41 – Speed Issues**

The Clerk reported that he was seeking a meeting with the Police to discuss the implications of any form of traffic management to control speeding in the area.

C54 – Christmas Activities

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council had asked the Parish Council for a decision on the number of trees in the Parish. The Parish Council noted that there was a Christmas tree which had now grown outside the Fearnhead Cross Centre and the Clerk was in discussion with the Borough Council with regard to attaching Christmas lights to it at the appropriate time.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to the location of a Christmas tree at the junction of Manchester Road and old Manchester Road.

C55 – Request for financial assistance

- a. Charity event 8 September – The Parish Council approved the action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to agree a grant of £100 to support a local family.
- b. Friends of Woolston Park
Resolved that:
A donation of £500 be made to the event.
- c. Fearnhead Mums and Tots
Resolved that:
A donation of £50 be made towards the Christmas activities
- d. Fearnhead Community Association – Christmas Grotto
Resolved that:
A grant of £1,500 be made to Blackbrook Community Association to enable them to facilitate the Grotto in the Centre in a more flexible way, taking into consideration the new layout of the Hall.

C56 – Budget 2019-2020 – Proposed Special Items of Expenditure

Resolved that:

The following 2 special items of expenditure be included in the consideration of the budget process:

1. Litter Warden – possible extension of hours
2. Police – additional resources.

C57 – Highway Matters

Resolved that:

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

1. Defective street lighting
Street light outside No 6 Cinnamon Lane
2. Highway Matters
 - a. Flooding on Fearnhead Lane
 - b. Blocked gulleys in Hilden Road

C58 – Blackbrook Walkabout

It was agreed that a response would be sought from the Housing Association following the recent walkabout on the estate.

C59 – Planning

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

C60 – Public Footpath No 32

The Parish Council received a letter from Mr John Thorpe, Public Rights of Way Lead Officer, Warrington Borough Council, over a proposal to resurface Public Footpath No 32. Mr Thorpe had costed a pared-down project which would provide a bitumen tarmac surface for the footpath of 1.2metres wide. The works would entail scraping off earth and vegetation from the stone surface of the existing path approximately 300m long, regulating the undulations with recycled stone and then surfacing with a 100ml thick layer of bitumen macadam. It was noted that there was no funding from the Borough Council to spare for coppicing the adjacent woodland that was needed to improve the footpath environment.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to the work being carried out by the Borough Council and that the Parish Council carry out the coppicing work required to facilitate the resurfaced footpath.

C61 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

AUGUST

Employee no 1 1309.50	Salary	
Employee no 1	Mileage	74.64
Employee no 2 1255.45	Salary	
Employee no 3 456.64	Salary	
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	54.36
Employee no 5	Secretarial	72.10
K Carter	Cleaning	93.96
H M Revenue & Customs 783.16	Tax and NI	
Cheshire West & Chester 852.86	Superannuation	
LiveWire 93.43	Rental - Padgate Library	
Service Care Solutions 1482.30	Litter Warden – 5 weeks	
Trade UK (Screwfix)	White spirit, tape	8.38

R S Components 25.43	Cable, receptacle	
T E Hughes & Son Ltd Warrington Borough Council Fearnhead Management Group 100.00	Bleach, cleaner, rolls Printing Donation – Charity evening	70.18 46.80
UK Fuels	Fuel account	215.25

SEPTEMBER

Fearnhead Cross Comm & Youth Centre Service Care Solutions Employee no 1 1309.70	Donation – 2 nd tranche Replacement cheque Salary	5000.00 1482.30
Employee no 1 Employee no 2 1262.21	Mileage Salary	14.09
Employee no 3 456.64	Salary	
Employee no 3 Employee no 5 72.10	Mileage, stamps, ink Salary	66.50
K Carter H M Revenue & Customs 787.01	Cleaning Tax and NI	93.96
Cheshire West & Chester 852.86	Superannuation	
Andrew Fishwick Consultancy 160.79	Desktop PC	
Waterplus T E Hughes & Son Ltd 64.55	Water supply Oil, spray, rags	252.29
Fearnhead Ed Project LiveWire 93.43	Printing Rental – Padgate Library	28.00
Service Care Solutions British Telecom 67.90	Litter Warden- 4 weeks Office	1185.84
U K Fuels	Fuel account	191.52

