

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH  
FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN IAN TELFER  
HOUSE, VULCAN CLOSE, PADGATE, WARRINGTON ON  
MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2018.**

**Present:** Cllr Gosney (Chair)

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

**C116 – Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Kerr Brown, Maher,  
Taylor, and Wright

**C117 –Planning Application 2017/31357- 82 Station Road North**

The Parish Council received representations from residents who lived in close proximity to the above application. The proposal had been for the conversion of a garage to a sandwich shop. It was noted that the application had been dealt with under Officer delegated powers and had been approved. It appeared that the Borough Council had a process of only submitting applications to Committee whereby 10 or more objections were received or where there is a specific referral from a Councillor. The residents also expressed concern at the extent of the notification of the Planning Application which had not been as widespread as would have been expected. The residents reported that they were in the process of submitting a complaint to the Local Ombudsman claiming maladministration on behalf of the Borough Council.

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to Warrington Borough Council and ask the following questions:

1. What is the process for notification of residents and businesses of planning applications in the area?
2. What is the process for an application to be referred to Committee for consideration?

3. What consent is necessary for conversion of properties into houses of multiple occupation?
4. A copy of the letter be sent to Mr A Ainsworth of 84 Station Road North.
5. Cllr Emery be asked to speak to residents in the area with regard to the re-formation of the Fearnhead Community Association which would improve knowledge of events in the area.

### **C118 – “Gloomy Fearnhead”**

The Parish Council received representations from Mr A Sheldon of 8 Cinnamon Lane asking about the extent of Christmas trees and decorations in the Fearnhead area. The history relating to the location of a Christmas tree in the Fearnhead area was reported and that following vandalism the Parish Council had decided to donate the money that had been budgeted for a Christmas tree to give to various charities and local organisations.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council look at how expenditure for Christmas is looked at in the September cycle and if residents had any proposals relating to the possible siting of a Christmas tree, would they bring them to that meeting.

### **C119 –Police Report**

The Parish Council noted details of anti-social behaviour in Poulton North and Poulton South and also a number of burglaries in both areas. Anti-social behaviour around the Fearnhead Cross Centre was also being monitored and extensive work being done to try and address the behaviour.

### **C120 – Borough Councillors’ Report**

Cllrs Froggatt and Bennett reported upon the following:

1. House in Northolt Court had been broken into by the Police on information about drugs being on the property. However, the wrong person had been identified and the young couple had been left without a front door. This was unacceptable and was being followed up.

2. Peel Hall rally being held at the Orford Hub on 21 January 2018.

### **C121 – Minutes**

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2017 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **C122 – Matters Arising**

**a. C106(a) –Website**

It was noted that a meeting would take place on Wednesday, 24 January with Microedge to discuss the way forward with the website.

**b. C108 –Fearnhead Cross Centre**

The Clerk gave an update on the legal issues relating to the return of the Parish Council and the Community Groups to the Centre.

**c. C114**

The Parish Council noted a letter of thanks from the Northwest Air Ambulance Charity for the recent donation.

### **C123 – Parish Precepts – Minutes of the Executive Committee**

The Parish Council received the Minutes of the Executive Committee at a meeting held on 9 January 2018 together with a copy of the income and expenditure with an estimate for 31.3.2018 and for 2018/2019. It was also reported that following a further meeting the proposal to replace the locally-funded scheme which would impact on the Precept would not now take place until 2019/2020.

Resolved that:

Subject to ratification of the Borough Council's decision relating to the locally-funded scheme, the Parish Council Precept against the Borough's sum of £122,248.

### **C124 – Church Field- Draft Heads and Terms**

Resolved that:

The matter be deferred to the next meeting to enable further information to be provided.

### **C125 – Bennett Recreation Ground**

Resolved that:

The application from Mr J E Silcock to hold the annual fair in connection with Padgate Walking Day 2018 be agreed at a fee of £700.

### **C126 – Pay Award 2017/2018**

Details were received of the pay award which increased pay of staff by approximately 1%.

### **C127 – Highway Matters**

Resolved that;

The Litter Warden be asked to monitor the situation in Enfield Park Road and remove any litter which is found there.

### **C128 –Planning Applications**

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

### **C129 –Accounts for Payment**

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

Employee no 1	Salary	1345.98
Employee no 1	Mileage	12.52
Employee no 2	Salary	1311.94
Employee no 3	Salary	487.70
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps, parking	81.74
Employee no 5	Secretarial	79.10
K Carter	Cleaning	60.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	904.03
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	888.64
Fearnhead Education		

Project	Printing	19.50
British Telecom	Garage	112.68
British Telecom	Alarm	107.07
British Telecom	Sports facility	79.34
A O'Hanlon	WiFi payment	48.00
Smart Control Systems	Maintenance and parts	606.00
Service Care Solutions	Litter Warden wages	591.84
Water Plus Ltd	Water supply	327.42
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Liquid, sacks	48.09
UK Fuels	Fuel account	72.04