

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE ON MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Present:** Cllr Gosney (Chair)

Cllrs Cooksey, Emery, D Friend, G Friend, Froggatt, Kerr Brown, Rydzkowski,

**C49 – Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Creaghan and E Purnell.

**C50 – Police Reports**

The Parish Council received the Police report from PCSO Bloomfield.

**C51 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Request to use**

The Parish Council considered a request from Rylands Sharks to reintroduce rugby league onto the Recreation Ground utilising two pitches on the Recreation Ground and also Colivers Field.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree in principle to the use of the pitches by Rylands Sharks subject to satisfactory financial arrangements.

**C52 – Padgate Station**

The Parish Council received a presentation from Mr S Hayes relating to the possible renovation of Padgate Station and adjoining issues.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council thank Mr Hayes for his detailed information
2. The Clerk be authorised to write to Network Rail and ask for help and assistance in the refurbishment of Padgate Station.
3. The Clerk write to Network Rail and ask for the railings along Padgate Lane to be replaced with compatible railings.

4. The Clerk be authorised to write to Warrington Borough Council and ask for the entrances from Station Road onto the Recreation Ground to be cleared of vegetation and also a slope be introduced rather than steps down to the Recreation Ground to assist those with mobility issues.
5. The Parish Council recommend that Mr Hayes make contact with the Friends of Padgate Station.

#### **C53 – Fearnhead Cross Centre – removal of bin**

The Parish Council were informed that the waste bin outside the Centre had been removed. It was reported that the bin was removed a number of years ago as part of a consultation exercise on placing bins closer to the shopping area. The Parish Council and local groups had petitioned the Council for the bin to be replaced and subsequently it had been reintroduced. It was understood that the bin had been removed at the request of the Director of Public Health.

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to the Director of Public Health and ask why the bin was removed and whether or not any consultation had taken place with local users.

#### **C54 – Fearnhead Cross Centre**

The Parish Council received a report from Mr R Robinson, who was attempting to resolve the impasse at the Centre and that contact had been made with the Local Ombudsman. It was noted that the group was required to prepare a report for submission to the Borough Council for comment and then the matter would be referred again back to the Local Ombudsman. Mr Robinson indicated that a copy of the report to the Borough Council would be circulated to all Members of the Borough and this Parish Council for information.

Resolved that:

The report from Mr Robinson be noted and that the matter be deferred until the report has been received by the Parish Council.

#### **C55 – Borough Councillors' Reports**

Cllrs Froggatt, D Friend and G Friend reported upon the following:

1. Sheerwater Close – residents wanted road humps but the Borough Council had indicated that there had been no incidents.
2. Morris Homes – access onto Manchester Road – work not carried out – Borough Council were reviewing the scheme.
3. Harpers Road – Yellow lines had now been introduced.
4. Crab Lane – Outside One Shop – road markings being ignored
5. Station Road – Adjacent to Padgate Church Yard – major burst and work not being reinstated by United Utilities.

Resolved that:

The Clerk contact Mr I Langton of the Borough Council's Estates Department and ask for an update.

6. Orchard Street – fencing going up.
7. Bridgfords Station Road North – Planning application received.
8. 103 Cinnamon Lane – noted that buildings had been broken into and temporary fencing erected.
9. Cinnamon Lane – Torus have decided to sell the land and there were problems with other persons wanting to purchase this site.
10. Parkfields Park – work being carried out.

### **C56 – Minutes**

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

## **C57 – Matters Arising**

### **a. C41 – Friends of Padgate Library**

The Parish Council noted a letter of thanks for the recent donation for furniture.

### **b. C42 – Polling District and Polling Places Review**

It was understood that neither option was suitable and the Borough Council was continuing to use New Horizons School.

### **c. C47 – Noticeboard outside Fearnhead Cross Centre**

The Parish Council received a response from the Fearnhead Cross Management Group indicating that they would give all groups access to the noticeboard.

## **C58 – Parish Council Office**

The Clerk reported revised roles and responsibilities.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to the lease of the Office and the Estates Department of the Borough Council be notified.

## **C59 – Litter Warden**

The Clerk reported that the Litter Warden had resigned and options were considered as to whether to continue with the 3-day week or a 5-day week.

Resolved that:

The resignation of the Litter Warden be noted and that a vacancy be declared on a 3-day week.

## **C60 – Requests for financial assistance**

The Parish Council approved the following requests for financial assistance:

a. Friends of Woolston Park – Woolston Show - £560

b. Fearnhead Cross Management Group – Public Liability Insurance - £254

- c. Fearnhead Parents and Toddler Group – Rental - £300
- d. Friends of Longbarn Park – petrol brush cutter - £350

(Cllrs Emery and G Friend declared an interest in items b. and d.)

### **C61 – Christmas Tree**

Resolved that:

The Borough Council be asked to provide a Christmas Tree to be erected at the junction of Manchester Road and old Manchester Road.

### **C62 – Budget 2020/21 – Special Items of Expenditure**

None were reported.

### **C63 – Audit of Accounts**

The Clerk reported that the audit of accounts for 2018/2019 had now been completed and the Parish Council noted the views of the External Auditor.

### **C64 – Highway Matters**

Resolved that:

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

1. Whitchurch Close – Woolston Park – Park entrance up to bridge in very poor condition.
2. Land on Harrier Road between the Spar and the Jolly Falstaff very overgrown. This land belongs to Warrington Borough Council.

### **C65 – Planning Applications**

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

## **C66 – Parish Council Office – Broadband**

The Clerk reported the problems with utilising the existing broadband at the Centre and it was agreed that an alternative broadband provision be sought.

## **C67 – Accounts**

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

### **AUGUST**

Office Furniture Online	Donation – Friends of Padgate Library	1924.80
Selco	Concrete	169.26
Employee no 1	Salary	1619.14
Employee no 1	Mileage	22.45
Employee no 2	Salary	1425.37
Employee no 6	Salary	1043.59
Employee no 3	Salary	465.86
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	50.26
Employee no 5	Secretarial	114.45
K Carter	Cleaning	32.84
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	954.37
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	868.59
LiveWire CIC	Donation – LRA	100.00
Fearnhead Ed Project	Printing	199.20
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Rags	19.87
Employee no 6	Outstanding holiday pay	164.78
UK Fuels	Fuel account	185.18

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Employee no 1	Salary	1462.08
Employee no 1	Mileage	29.75
Employee no 2	Salary	1306.89
Employee no 3	Salary	465.86
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps, phone	57.90
Employee no 5	Secretarial	76.50
K Carter	Cleaning	98.52

H M Revenues & Customs	Tax and NI	799.31
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	868.59
LiveWire CIC	Donation – LRA	100.00
Warrington Borough Council	Printing	57.60
Fearnhead Cross Community & Youth Centre	Donation – 2nd Tranche	5000.00
TE Hughes & Son Ltd	Cleaner, towels, flashband	104.42
British Telecom	Office	68.14
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fee 2018/2019	480.00
Water Plus Ltd	Supply	308.12
British Telecom	Alarm	107.07
UK Fuels	Fuel account	256.38