

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH
FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN IAN TELFER
HOUSE, VULCAN CLOSE, PADGATE, WARRINGTON ON
TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2017**

Present: Cllr Gosney (Chair)

Cllrs Bennett, Booth, Emery, Friend, Maher, E Purnell, R Purnell,
Rydzkowski, Wright

C70 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cooksey, Creaghan,
Froggatt and Kerr Brown

C71 – Police Reports

PCSO Culleton reported upon bicycle thefts, burglary and damage to fence panels, also damage to certain vehicles. Shoplifting had taken place at Fearnhead Cross Centre and the culprits had been identified. It was noted that PCSO Culleton would be leaving the Authority on 3 November and the Parish Council thanked him for all his help and assistance and wished him well in his new job.

C72 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Friend reported upon the following:

1. Fearnhead Cross Centre – refurbishment – problems leaking roof
2. Birchwood Way lamp posts in foliage

C73 – Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

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

C74 – Matters Arising

a. C57 (b) – Proposed Website

The Clerk reported details of the proposals initially prepared by Mr G Hill. It was noted that nothing had come of the enquiries for another person to prepare a quotation for the Parish Council.

Resolved that:

1. Mr Hill be asked to update his quotation
2. The Clerk contact Great Sankey and Woolston Parish Councils and ask for details of their website developers and make contact with them.
3. Cllr Bennett be asked to contact the person concerned and establish whether he would be willing to provide a quotation

b. C57 (d) – Litter Wardens

The Parish Council noted a response from the Borough Council with regard to the living wage which was paid to Agency workers. It was noted that the Agency worker would not become a permanent member of staff after the 12-week period as there was not a permanent role available. The Borough Council would employ an Agency worker on behalf of the Parish Council as long as it was required. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Woolston Parish Council but as yet no response had been received.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council agree to take up the option of 3-day operation of the provision of a Litter Warden for the Parished area.
2. Cllr E Purnell agrees to help out with the schedule of streets, etc

c. C65 – Woolston Show

The Parish Council noted a letter of thanks from the organisers of the show for the recent donation.

d. C66 (3), 4 – Highway Matters

The Parish Council noted the response from the Borough Council with regard to the state of the cleanliness of the car park and shops and the bin outside the Centre which had been replaced.

e. C68 – Local Plan Preferred Development Option

The Clerk reported that an informal meeting had taken place with representatives from Culcheth and Glazebury/Croft, Winwick and Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Councils regarding the formulation of a joint position on the Borough Council's Local Plan and their Preferred Development Option. The Clerk reported that the meeting had asked each Parish Council to consider funding approvals relating to the proposal up to a contribution of £500 from participating Parishes. The Clerk reported that, in consultation with the Chair, a sum of £500 had been agreed towards the cost of the response to the Local Plan document.

Resolved that:

The action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, be approved.

C75 – Proposed Parish Ward Boundaries Review

Cllr Friend reported that the Borough Council was not in a position to carry out a Parish Ward Boundary Review but had asked whether Parish Councils wished to carry out their own reviews and submit them to the Boundary Commission.

Resolved that:

Cllr Friend be asked to bring proposals to the next meeting.

C76 – Application for Financial Assistance – Longbarn Residents' Association

The Parish Council received a request for financial assistance from the Longbarn Residents' Association who were negotiating with LiveWire for some exclusive space at Padgate Library as a community base/office. The cost of the rental period was £1121.18 per annum.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to fund the office space at Padgate Library for a period of one year and to look at, after 12 months, to see how things had developed.

C77 – Christmas Activities

Resolved that:

The following grants be approved to Groups for support towards their Christmas activities:

Padgate Youth Club	£50
Fearnhead Mums and Tots	£50
Fearnhead Coffee Shop	£50
Blackbrook Community Association	£50
Fearnhead Water Colours Group	£50
Bitz and Bobs Craft Group	£50
Fearnhead Community Association	£50
Fearnhead Management Group	£50
Cinnamon Brow Residents Association	£50
Padgate Activities Group	£50
Fearnhead Shutters Group	£50
Fearnhead Over 50's Club	£50
Friends of Longbarn Park	£50
Longbarn Residents Association	£50
Fearnhead Community Association	£100
(For selection boxes)	
Warrington University Academy	£100
(Towards local pensioners Christmas Lunch)	

C78 – Fearnhead Cross Centre – Grotto

The Parish Council understood that, following the refurbishment work at the Centre, some of the equipment used for the provision of the Grotto had been found to be in a poor state and no funding was available to replace it.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to ring-fence £1,000 if the Grotto goes ahead and no funding is available from elsewhere.

C79 – Longbarn Residents Association/Friends of Longbarn Park

The Parish Council noted that both Groups had been successful with their applications to Britain in Bloom and had been invited to attend the Presentation Evening in Southport on 1 November. The cost per person

was £10 per ticket and the Parish Council had been asked to fund 3 places for each Group.

Resolved that:

The Longbarn Residents Association and Friends of Longbarn Park be given a donation of £60 towards the cost.

C80 – Bennett Recreation Ground –Replacement of Equipment

The Clerk reported that it was necessary to replace the existing tree pruner which was old and no longer complied with Health and Safety legislation. Quotations for the replacement were reported.

Resolved that:

The quotation from Dick Lee in the sum of £562.50 plus VAT be agreed (Other quotes were in the sums of £640 and £798).

C81 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Trees

The Clerk reported upon the condition of dead trees adjacent to the footpath on Bennett Recreation Ground which could become a danger to users. The Parish Council considered quotations received.

Resolved that:

The quotation from Hollyoak Tree Services in the sum of £480 be agreed (Other quotation was in the sum of £552.94).

C82 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Application to hold Service

The Clerk reported a request from Mr Chris Bent to hold a short Service at the Cenotaph on Bennett Recreation Ground on 4 November in memory of the Kenwright and Bent family.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to this Service on the Recreation Ground.

C83 – Christmas tree

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to the quotation from the Borough Council in the sum of £1,500 for the supply and fitting of the tree on Manchester Road.

C84 – Budget 2018/2019 – Proposed Special Items of Expenditure

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to include £3,000 in the Budget for replacement equipment.

(A copy of existing equipment be provided for the information of Members.)

C85 – Remembrance Sunday

It was noted that a Service of Remembrance would be held at the Memorial on Bennett Recreation Ground at 12 noon on Sunday, 12 November 2017.

C86 – Highway Matters

Resolved that:

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

1. Station Road South – Bridge near railway station end - appears that car has gone into the fence and left a large gap. There is broken wood and other damage.
2. Old Manchester Road near Paddington House, Dog and Partridge, overhanging foliage.

C87 – Planning Applications

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

C88 – Police Community Support Officers

The Parish Council received details of the proposals by the Acting Chief Constable for the allocation of one PCSO in Poulton North and one PCSO in Poulton South. The Police were asking the Parish Council to consider the new arrangements and look for some form of funding.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agrees to meet with representatives of Cheshire Constabulary and the Chair, Deputy, Cllrs Bennett, Friend be asked to meet with them.

C89 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

Friends of Woolston Park	Woolston Show	500.00
Employee no 1	Salary	1263.62
Employee no 1	Mileage	19.83
Employee no 2	Salary	1179.88
Employee no 3	Salary	443.30
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	73.00
Employee no 5	Secretarial	67.10
S. Lea	Cleaning	30.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	738.49
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	791.99
Fearnhead Cross Comm & Youth Centre	2 nd Tranche donation	5000.00
Fearnhead Education Project	Printing	35.70
Noel Ogden	Filters	46.00
Malpas Tractors Ltd	Bush, pins, bearing	90.68
Sherriff Amenity	Seed	90.00
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Overalls	30.00
British Telecom	Alarm	107.07
British Telecom	Garage	112.68
British Telecom	Sports facility	86.39
Machine Mart	Sets	28.78
A O'Hanlon	WiFi payment	32.98
UK Fuels	Fuel account	200.08

