

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH
FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD
CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE ON MONDAY, 15
MAY 2017**

Present: Cllr Gosney (Chair)

Cllrs Bennett, Creaghan, Emery, Friend, Froggatt, E Purnell,
Rydzkoswki, Taylor, Wright

C1 – Appointment of Chairperson

Resolved that:

Cllr Gosney be appointed Chairperson for the forthcoming municipal
year.

C2 – Appointment of Deputy Chairperson

Resolved that:

Cllr Emery be appointed Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing municipal
year.

C3 – Appointment of Executive Committee

Resolved that:

The Executive Committee consist of the Chair, Deputy, Bennett,
Froggatt, E Purnell, Rydzkowski, Taylor

C4 – Appointment of Outside Bodies

Resolved that:

The following appointments on outside bodies be made:

- a. **Cinnamon Brow Community Association** – Cllr R Purnell
The Clerk write to the Association and ask them to give adequate
advance notice of meetings so that Cllr Purnell would be able to
attend.
- b. **Fearnhead Cross Centre Management Committee** – Cllrs
Bennett and Friend
- c. **New Horizons Management Committee** – Cllr E Purnell

C5 – Apologies for Absence

The Parish Council received apologies from Cllrs Booth, Kerr Brown and R Purnell.

C6 – Fearnhead Lane Parking Problems

Mr and Mrs Holbrook attended the Parish Council meeting and expressed their concern at the parking issues on Fearnhead Lane. PCSO Culleton reported upon the issues and agreed to take action where appropriate.

C7 – Police Reports

PCSO's Culleton and King reported upon the following:

1. Fearnhead Lane – Parking problems near the Business Centre - difficulty of sightlines. PCSO Culleton had called into the Call Centre and looked at various solutions and given them 14 days to rectify the problems. It was agreed that this was a multi-agency approach and they were talking to the Borough Council. Enforcement action would be taken where necessary.
2. Reports were also given in Poulton North relating to a burglary where two were arrested, and theft from vehicles.
3. There were also issues of parking in Longbarn and again in Fearnhead Lane.
4. In Poulton South there have been burglaries and criminal damage on Bennett Recreation Ground.
5. It was also noted that Padgate Walking Day would be taking place shortly and the PCSO's were asked to work extensively with the Churches.

C8 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllrs Bennett, Froggatt and Creaghan reported upon the following:

1. **Padgate Walking Day** – The Borough Council had asked the Churches and Schools participating to pay £500 towards the costs of enabling the closure of the roads. It was agreed that further

information was necessary and that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee with an in-principle decision to approve.

2. **Visit to MASG Group – Multi-Agency Set-up**

C9 – Minutes

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2017 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C10 – Matters Arising

a. **C148 –Proposed Website**

In the absence of Cllr Booth the matter was deferred to the next Meeting.

b. **C157 – Request for financial assistance – Longbarn Residents Association.**

The Parish Council received representations from the Longbarn Residents Association and also considered a letter from the Chief Executive of Warrington Borough Council. It was noted that a Business Rates Relief Report had been made for the accommodation at Raj's shop and this was under consideration. The Chief Executive felt it was the Association's priority was to establish a co-ordinated centre for their work programme and they had requested financial assistance from the Borough Council for this. The Borough Council regard this as a local matter, hence the request to the Parish Council.

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to the Chief Executive and ask that consideration be given to a form of grant from the proposed Board which has been set up following the demise of the Neighbourhood Boards. It was also pointed out that the Parish Council had not yet been consulted on the extent of the Board which would cover the Parish Councils nor what was going to happen. There was also concern about the areas of the Parish which would be in the Central Area, ie, Poplars and Hulme, and there would be no involvement with the Parish Council as a Representative. A copy of the letter be sent to Cllr Higgins, Lead Member.

c. **C159 - Audit of Accounts**

Resolved that:

The Executive Committee meeting be held on 30 May 2017 at 5pm to consider the return to the External Auditor.

C11 – Bennett Recreation Ground –Dangerous Tree

The Parish Council received quotations for the removal of the tree

Resolved that:

The quotation of Hollyoak Tree Services in the sum of £480 be accepted. (The other quotation was in the sum of £693.25)

C12 – Insurance Renewal 20117/2018

The Clerk reported upon negotiations with Zurich Municipal for the renewal of the insurance for the Parish Council over a 3-year period which would bring about a 5% reduction.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to Zurich Municipal continuing over a 3-year period for the insurance renewal.

C13 – Budget 2018/2019 – Proposed Special Items of Expenditure

Resolved that:

1. The Clerk contact Winwick Parish Council to discuss the possibility of the Litter Wardens utilised in the Winwick area carrying out work in the Parished Area for approximately 2 days per week.
2. A Sub-Group be set up to look at the possible transfer of the Fearnhead Cross Community Centre under the Assets Transfer System.

C14 –Fly Tipping

The Parish Council received correspondence from the Borough Council with regard to the recent request relating to the disposal of waste and fly-tipping in the area. The Borough Council had been in contact with the Community Safety Team to discuss the matter and with local Police and Fire Service colleagues to see what can be done to work together on the

issues in the area. Information was also being collated with regard to those who had ordered new bins in the area alongside fly-tipping complaints and any information collected by Police and Fire Service colleagues. This would assist the Borough Council to identify the routes of those committing the anti-social behaviour. It was also noted that any waste deposited on the Bennett Recreation Ground would not be acceptable at the Recycling Centres at Warrington as they were only licensed to accept waste from residents bringing their own waste from their homes. The Borough Council had been asked for information as to where the Parish Council could take fly-tipping waste in the future.

C15 – Litter Bins, Longbarn

It was noted that the litter bins had been installed on Harpers Road and plaques were being made which would record that these bins had been provided jointly by the Parish Council and the Longbarn Residents Association. The Longbarn Residents Association thanked the Parish Council for the generous donation.

C16 –Fearnhead Cross Community Centre

It was noted that the Community Development Manager and the Parish Council would be moving out of the Fearnhead Cross Centre at the end of May and relocating to Ian Telfer House in Vulcan Close.

C17 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

United Utilities	Supply	393.86
Employee no 1	Salary	1248.44
Employee no 1	Mileage	16.18
Employee no 2	Salary	1191.94
Employee no 3	Salary	443.30
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps, batteries	70.43
Employee no 5	Secretarial	67.10
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	746.37
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	791.99
Fearnhead Education		
Project	Printing	24.70
Markland Signs	Dog fouling signs	108.00
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Powerwash	48.53

DG Office Supplies	Storage Boxes	87.82
A O'Hanlon	WiFi mini	39.99
UK Fuels	Fuel account	293.25

C18 – Exclusion of the Public (including the Press)

Resolved that:

Members of the Public (including the Press) be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the following item of business to be transacted being within categories 1 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Rule 10 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules) and the public interest in the information is outweighed by the need to keep the information confidential.

C19 – Land at West View

The Clerk reported that, together with the Chair, a meeting had taken place with the Parish Council's Solicitors and the Solicitor had now responded in detail on the issues which had been raised. It was considered that plans within the Title Deeds were notoriously inaccurate and certainly not precise enough to determine exactly where the boundaries between the properties lay. If the matter was to proceed it would be necessary for the Council to establish, by way of expert evidence, the precise location of the boundary lines between the Council's land and that of the adjoining landowners. It was clear that there was no straight line available on site and subject to a definitive view given by the relevant Surveyor, representations could be made which could, in theory, be the subject of court proceedings. The potential cost of this would be quite prohibitive and disproportionate to the matter in hand.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council take no further action with regard to the alleged incursion onto the Parish Council land.
2. The Clerk write to the owner of the property and to the adjacent property owner and inform them of the Parish Council's decision and indicate that no further incursions would be acceptable.

C20 – Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 12 June 2017 at 7.30pm in Ian Telfer House, Vulcan Close, Padgate, Warrington.