

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2020**

**Present:** Cllr Gosney (Chair)

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

**C21 – Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Creaghan, E Purnell, Wright

**C22 – Police**

The Parish Council noted the Police reports in respect of Poulton North and Poulton South.

**C23 – Borough Councillors’ Reports**

Cllrs D Friend and G Friend reported upon the following:

1. Borough Council meetings still taking place virtually.
2. Complaints about bushes
3. Libraries – all efforts were being made to keep Padgate Library open

**C24 – Minutes**

Resolved that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2020 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**C25 – Matters Arising**

**a. C44 – Filling of vacancies**

Resolved that:

Andrew Warnock-Smith be co-opted onto the Paddington Ward and Gillian Sara Hannan be co-opted onto the Bruche Ward. The Clerk reported that the filling of the vacancies would be notified to the Borough Council’s Elections Office.

**b. C15 – Emergency Food Bank**

The Parish Council received a report from the Emergency Food Bank co-ordinators, Cllrs Sue Emery and Graham Friend, on the work of the project from the period 22 April to 19 August 2020. Details of the opening hours and extent of the number of food parcels being distributed in the vulnerable areas in the north of the area were reported. Funding had been provided from the Parish Council, Cinnamon Brown Residents Association, RSA, Padgate Campus and Heineken. There had also been personal donations and the landlord of the Station House had continued with support by hiring a portacabin which was based on his car park. Various supermarkets were also providing weekly donations to the project and Green Core, who were local to the area, had been extremely generous with large donations of ready meals, biscuits and other treats on a daily basis. Many of the volunteers had come forward after being furloughed from their employment and worked exceptionally hard. Some had now returned to work but were still involved in one way or another and others had come forward. Following analysis of the funding of the project, the Chair of the Parish Council had agreed a further donation of £2,000. It was also noted that the Churches had given their harvest to the Food Bank. Grants were also being sought from Clarion who had been exceedingly generous over this period. The Parish Council also noted that Green Core were donating approximately 100 hampers for families over the Christmas period. The Parish Council also noted that residual food and donations from local bakeries were being distributed from Clarion's community office by Rose's Pantry.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council note with pleasure the work being carried out by all the volunteers and local organisations, shops, charities, etc who were contributing towards the valuable work being carried out.
2. The Clerk be asked to write to the Chief Executive, Warrington Borough Council, and ask for financial support towards the services provided to the vulnerable in the Parished areas.
3. The Parish Council confirm the action of the Chair in agreeing a £2,000 donation to the Food Bank.

## **C26 – Fearnhead Cross Centre**

The Parish Council received an update from representatives of the Management Group with regard to progress on attempts to have the Fearnhead Cross Management Group relocated back the Fearnhead Cross Centre. It was noted that the matter had been raised with the local Ombudsman and a sympathetic meeting had been held with Charlotte Nichols, MP for Warrington North.

Resolved that:

1. Cllr Friend be asked to engage further with Cllr Bowden, Leader of the Council, to ask for progress.
2. The Clerk write to Cllr Bowden and ask him to arrange, as soon as possible, a meeting with the Fearnhead Cross Management Group, as had been promised early in the year.

## **C27 – Fearnhead Cross Management Committee**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council agreed, annually, a grant of £10,000 to the Fearnhead Cross Management Committee, which was used to pay for the services of the Community Development Manager. Following recent increases in various overheads, it was reported that there was a shortfall in the amount of money needed by the Fearnhead Cross Management Group.

Resolved that:

A further donation of £2,000 be made to the Fearnhead Cross Management Group.

## **C28 – Staff**

1. **Pay Award** – It was noted that details had been received of the pay award from 1 April 2020 which was 2.75%, with one additional day's leave.
2. **Post of Litter Warden** – The Clerk reported that the part-time Litter Warden had not completed the three-month probationary period and that consideration should be given to the possibility of making the post full-time.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council agree to the post of Litter Warden being made full-time and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for an appointment.
2. The Clerk be authorised to negotiate with the Head Groundsman with regard to a possible reduction in hours.

### **C29 – Remembrance Sunday**

The Clerk reported that, because of the latest Government advice on the “Rule of 6”, the Churches had reluctantly decided that the Service this year could not go ahead. It was also reported that the Chair had felt it inappropriate for the Service to take place in its current format on the Recreation Ground because of social distancing measures.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council note the Churches would be holding a virtual service and that no service would be held on the Recreation Ground. However, if people wish to lay wreathes, poppies, etc they were quite welcome to do so. It was noted that the Chair of the Parish Council would be laying a wreath at some stage.

### **C30 – Highway Matters**

The Parish Council noted proposals for further works at Woolston New Cut.

### **C31 – Planning Applications**

Resolved that:

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

### **C32 – Planning Application 2020/37650 – Land at rear of 57-91 Orford Road**

The Clerk reported that a further application had been received in respect of the above land for the erection of 5 detached bungalows. This was following consent for the erection of one bungalow. The Parish Council noted that Borough Councillors Froggatt and Creaghan had objected to the proposal and had asked for the matter to be referred to the Development Control Committee.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council lodge a formal objection to the proposals for 5 bungalows on the grounds that it is a totally unsuitable area and this amounts to creeping development.

### **C33 – Warrington Local Plan**

It was noted that the Local Plan would be delayed until next year

(Cllr G Friend declared an interest in Minutes C31, C32 and C33 and took no part in the discussion)

### **C34 – Padgate Youth and Community Association – Request for grant**

The Parish Council received a request for a grant from the Padgate Youth and Community Association for the continuation of the Kids' Café.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree a grant of £500.

### **C35 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Cameras**

The Clerk reported the success of the current CCTV on the sports facility and that, to give even better coverage, an additional camera would be beneficial.

Resolved that:

Approval be given for the purchase of an additional camera in the sum of £150.

### **C36 – Parish Council Office – Broadband**

The Clerk reported that the current Wi-Fi in the Parish Council Office was not satisfactory.

Resolved that:

The Clerk be authorised to make arrangements for an improvement to the broadband to the Parish Council Office.

## **C37 – Accounts**

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

Abbey Pack Eggs	Foodbank Account	24.00
Water Plus Ltd	Supply	131.29
M Mason	Holiday pay	106.80
Bells Dairy	Foodbank Account	205.80
Abbey Pack Eggs	Foodbank Account	24.00
Blackfryers Planning	Peel Hall Public Inquiry	1200.00
Office Bridge Group	PPE, masks, sanitisers	164.98
UK Fuels	Fuel Account	43.54
Abbey Pack Eggs	Foodbank Account	21.00
TE Hughes & Son Ltd	Cleaning supplies	107.47
British Telecom	Sports facility	75.26
Abbey Pack Eggs	Foodbank Account	21.00
ASDA	Foodbank Account	75.26
ASDA	Foodbank Account	201.11
ASDA	Foodbank Account	408.60
Black Dog Solutions	Technological advice	108.00
Fearnhead Cross Management Committee	Donation plus	2000.00
Warrington Borough Council	Van hire	2376.00
Abbey Pack Eggs	Foodbank Account	21.00
Employee no 1	Salary	1462.08
Employee no 1	Mileage	4.70
Employee no 3	Salary	465.86
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamp,	36.78
Employee no 5	Secretarial	76.50
Employee no 7	Salary	1369.11
V Riley	Allowance	200.00
K Carter	Cleaning	165.68
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	516.15
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	472.03

### **C38 – Next Meeting**

Resolved that:

The next meeting of the Parish Council be held, virtually, on Monday, 16 November 2020 at 7.30pm.