

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH
COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY, 18
JANUARY 2021**

Present: Cllr Gosney (Chair)

Cllrs Emery, D Friend, G Friend, Froggatt, Hannan, Kerr Brown, Rydzkowski
Warnock-Smith

C67 – Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Creaghan, Maher and Wright

C68 – Police Reports

The Parish Council received the Police reports for Poulton North and Poulton South. It was also reported that the proposal for a Tri-cam had not been accepted as a bid against the Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund. PCSO Murphy had proposed an alternative application for PCC funding to improve the subways on Tidal Lane and Blackbrook Avenue, that lead on to Bennett Recreation Ground by having NHS and World War Memorials painted on the walls. The aim was to approach Community Payback to assist in the cleaning and removal of the old graffiti, which would reduce costs to the Borough Council. The Borough Council would also be asked to replace some of the concrete slabs that were missing from the walls. Approaches would also be made to local schools to come up with new designs that would be judged by both Parish and Borough Councillors, plus the Police and Crime Commissioner and Beat Officers. An approach would be made to Chester University to see if anyone can produce the chosen artwork to be painted on the walls. This could well go towards someone's final degree. It was considered that by involving the local community into the improvement/works it would give them a sense of ownership which might help to reduce vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the area. The chosen categories would be a reflection of the current pandemic and in memory of those who had sacrificed their lives during the conflicts around the world and recognising that Bennett Recreation Ground had been used by the RAF during the 2nd World War. The Clerk reported that, as the application for funding had to be in before the Council meeting, together in consultation with the Chair, an amount of £500 had been allocated towards the Scheme.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council welcome the Scheme and approve the action of the Clerk in consultation with the Chair in authorising £500 for the Scheme.

C69 – Borough Councillors’ Reports

Cllr D Friend reported upon the following:

1. Credit Union – complaint about air conditioning unit at the side.
2. School Governors – complaints about lack of lap tops although they had been promised by the Government.
3. PCSO’s were looking at traffic problems in the area, particularly around schools.

C70 – Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

The minutes of the last meeting be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C71 – Parish Precept 2021/2022

The Parish Council received details of the income and expenditure in 2019/2020 and an estimate up to 31 March 2021. An estimate was also given as to the expected income and expenditure during 2021/2022.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council notify the Borough Council that they would precept against them the sum of £135,094 which would mean no increase in the rate for 2021/2022.

C72 – Food Bank

Resolved that:

An initial £5,000 be included in the account for the Food Bank up to 31 March 2021.

C73 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Proposals from Greater Manchester Ecology Unit

The Clerk reported an approach from the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit to consider the creation of new ponds on the Recreation Ground. They would be managed and monitored as part of a Scheme by Natural England for the next 25 years.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council note the approach but decide that resources should be more committed towards improvements to the car park, the roadway and footpaths.

C74 – Census 2021

The Parish Council noted that the Census across England and Wales on 21 March 2021 would be the first digital Census ever to take place. The role of the Census Management Engagement Manager was to raise awareness of the Census and also support members of the community who needed additional help in completing it.

C75 – Corona Vaccination Scams

The Parish Council noted that Action Fraud had received 57 reports from members who had been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS offering the opportunity to sign up for Corona vaccinations. It was reiterated that the vaccine was only available on the National Health and was free of charge.

C76 – Vulcan Close

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to the Director of Environment and Planning and ask for the trees on Vulcan Close opposite Padgate House to be reduced in height.

C77 – Proposed Longbarn Park and Nook Lane to College path improvement

The Parish Council noted details from the Borough Council of a scheme to provide a new path between Nook Lane subway and College Place roundabout. Discussions had been taken with community groups and they had taken on

board the points that had been made. It was expected that work would commence in February 2021 and that a Public Consultation Exercise would be carried out.

C78 – Planning Applications

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

C79 – Local Planned Community Involvement

The Parish Council noted that Warrington Borough Council had approved revisions to its Statement of Community Involvement in December 2020. The SCI set out how and when the community would be involved in the preparation of the Local Plan and how they would be consulted on planning applications.

C80 – Food Bank

Cllr Emery reported that notices would be delivered around shops and businesses in the area asking for donations to the Emergency Food Bank set up by the Parish Council.

C81 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be approved:

ICE	Broadband	38.40
British Telecom	Alarm	67.07
Amazon	Ledger	33.98
Iceland	Foodbank Account	190.60
Abbey Pack Eggs	Foodbank Account	234.00
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Boots, discs	44.85
ASDA	Foodbank Account	424.57
UK Fuels	Fuel Account	2.40
ICE	Broadband	38.40
ASDA	Foodbank Account	502.84
Bells Dairy	Foodbank Account	222.95
British Telecom	Sports Facility	84.80

Rainford's Christmas Trees	Christmas tree	1368.00
Employee no 1	Salary	1496.50
Employee no 1	Mileage	4.70
Employee no 3	Salary	478.67
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	47.96
Employee no 5	Secretarial	78.30
Employee no 7	Salary	1398.96
Employee no 7	Mileage	16.18
Employee no 8	Salary	1459.15
V Riley	Allowance	200.00
K Carter	Cleaning	176.58
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	581.28
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	951.19