

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH
COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY, 15
FEBRUARY 2021**

Present: Cllr Gosney (Chair)

Cllrs Cooksey, Creaghan, Emery, D Friend, G Friend, Kerr Brown, Rydzkowski, Warnock-Smith

C82 – Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Froggatt, Hannan, and Maher

C83 – Police Reports

The Parish Council received the police reports for Poulton North and Poulton South from PCSO's Callum Moore and Tom Murphy.

C84 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllrs Creaghan and Emery reported upon the following:

1. Padgate Lane pedestrian crossing going ahead
2. No information had yet been received relating to the air condition unit at the Credit Union.

C85 – Minutes

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C86 – Matters Arising

a. C68 – Police funding – Bennett Recreation Ground

The Parish Council noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner had not granted the application for funding for artworks to be included on the underpasses leading to Bennett Recreation Ground. The Parish

Council also noted correspondence from the Borough Council expressing concern about the proposals.

Resolved that:

1. The issue of proposals on the underpasses be raised again when Covid-19 restrictions end.
2. The Clerk be authorised to write to the Borough Council and express concern about the condition of the subways and ask for repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.
3. The Parish Council expressed thanks to PCSO Tom Murphy for all his work in presenting the proposals relating to the underpasses.

b. C68 – Speed Indication Device

It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner had approved the sum of £1,000 towards the speed indication device. It was also noted that an application had been submitted for Station Road for CCTV for a 12-week period.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to match fund the contribution from the Police and Crime Commissioner in the sum of £1,000.

c. C77 – Longbarn Park and Nook Lane to College path

It was noted the programme of works for these proposals.

C87 – Friends of Padgate Churchyard – Request for Financial assistance

The Parish Council considered a request from the Friends of Padgate Churchyard for financial assistance towards the improvement of the path within the Churchyard, which was a health and safety hazard, and also to replace fencing around the periphery of the site. Mr R Robinson, on behalf of the Friends of Padgate Churchyard, reported that the Borough Council had, verbally, offered the sum of £2,500 towards the cost of the fencing.

Resolved that:

1. The Parish Council agree a grant of £1,440 towards the improvement of the footpath at the Churchyard.

2. The Ward Councillors for Poulton North be asked to contact the Borough Council and ask for the Borough Council's offer to be put in writing to enable it to be included in the accounts of the Friends of Padgate Churchyard.
3. The request for funding for the fence be not agreed to, but funding would be considered at a later date.

C88 – Padgate Station Proposals

The Parish Council noted that the Manchester Recovery Task Force had issued a Public Consultation Paper which was aimed at improving train performance in the Manchester area and North of England by simplifying and spacing service patterns, reducing the number of services running and separating train movement as far as possible. The Parish Council noted the implications for Padgate Station which would mean a reduction in hours running from Warrington Central via Padgate to Manchester and that the direct services from Padgate to Liverpool would cease.

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to the Department for Transport and raise the strong objections of the Parish Council on the implications for users of Padgate Station which would mean the removal of service and inconvenience, and request that, of the three options provided, Option 1 was the most suitable, which would maintain the service at Padgate Station.

C89 – Police Budget

The Parish Council noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner had approved the Police Budget for 2021/2022.

C90 – Highway Matters

None were reported

C91 – Planning Applications – Peel Hall Public Inquiry

It was noted that the Public Inquiry into the application on the Peel Hall site would resume on 9 March 2021 as a virtual event.

C92 – Parish Elections 2021

The Parish Council received details from the Electoral Services Manager as to what Parishes will and won't pay at a combined election. Actual fees were not available at the moment as they had not yet been set. The charging routine would enable Parish Councils to repay any of the costs which are wholly Parish related and other costs over a 4-year period.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council note the proposals from the Electoral Services Manager.

C93 – Bennett Recreation Ground

The Parish Council considered the condition of various parts of the Recreation Ground including the car park and paths and it was agreed that a Working Group be set up consisting of Chair, Deputy, Cllrs Creaghan and Rydzkowski and a representative from Rylands Sharks, a Mr A Lloyd of Station Road North, to meet and consider options for future improvement and maintenance of the Recreation Ground.

C94 – Food Bank

Cllr Emery reported that a container had been supplied by the owner of the Station House public house which enabled the Food Bank to store more dry goods and also that discussions had taken place with the One Stop shop at Cinnamon Brow to enable the Food Bank to apply for funding and help with promotion. It was also noted that, if more than one One Stop shop became part of the proposal, it would increase the element of funding.

C95 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be approved

Warrington Borough		
Council	Office rental	2400.00
Office Bridge Group	Gloves	44.64
ASDA	Foodbank Account	111.87
Bells Dairy	Foodbank Account	257.25
ASDA	Foodbank Account	182.85

ICE	Broadband	38.40
UK Fuels	Fuel Account	45.24
Office Bridge Group	Toner cartridges	93.58
ASDA	Foodbank Account	144.90
Warrington Borough Council	Printing	39.60
Employee no 1	Salary	1496.50
Employee no 3	Salary	478.67
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	51.15
Employee no 5	Secretarial	78.50
Employee no 7	Salary	1322.75
Employee no 8	Salary	1444.35
V Riley	Allowance	200.00
K Carter	Cleaning	156.96
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	576.88
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1417.37