

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH
HELD VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2021**

Present: Cllr Emery (Vice Chair)

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

C96 – Apologies

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

C97 – Police Reports

The Parish Council received the reports from the PCSO's for Poulton North and Poulton South.

C98 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllrs Froggatt, D Friend, Kerr Brown and G Friend reported upon the following:

1. Land at the rear of Orford Road – Planning Application for 5 bungalows
The Environmental Agency had objected but the land had been cleared.
2. Library – External works would be carried out in April and it was hoped to have a reopening event towards the end of June. It was agreed that Cllr D Friend would approach the Friends of Padgate Library to establish whether they could apply for a grant from “Awards for All”.
3. 106 Orford Road – Developer cut down trees which has caused serious flooding and had been referred to the Environment Enforcement Team.
4. Peel Hall Public Inquiry still continuing.

C99 – Minutes

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2021 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C100 – Matters Arising

a. C86(a) – Bennett Recreation Ground Subways

The Parish Council noted an email from the Engineering and Flood Risk Manager at the Borough Council in response to the Parish Council's request for remedial work to be carried out on the subways. An Engineer would carry out an inspection and, if defects were identified, they would arrange to make appropriate repairs. He also suggested that, if the Parish Council were wishing to continue with improvements to the subway, it would be necessary to engage the Borough Council fully in any plans.

b. C86(b) – Speed Indication Device

The Clerk reported that, following a meeting with PCSO Callum Moore, an application had been submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for the approved grant of £1,000 and that an order had been placed for the Speed Indication Device.

c. C87 – Friends of Padgate Churchyard

The Parish Council noted a letter of thanks from the Friends of Padgate Churchyard for the recent grant of £1,440. It was noted that the Borough Council had confirmed a contribution of £2,500 towards the cost of fencing the periphery of the site. The Friends of Padgate Churchyard were aware that a further application could be submitted at some time in the future.

d. C93 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Sub-group

It was agreed that the Sub-group, consisting of 6 members, would meet on the Recreation Ground on 30 March at 12 noon. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, the Rule of 6 would apply and only members of the Sub-group could carry out the familiarisation of the Recreation Ground.

C101 – Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved that:

The Annual Parish Meeting take place on Monday, 19 April 2021 at 8pm. The Parish Council Meeting would start at 7pm.

C102 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Silcock’s Fair

The Parish Council considered a request from Silcock’s Fair to hold the annual fair in connection with the Padgate Walking Day. It was reported that there was some uncertainty as to whether the Padgate Walking Day would go ahead. It was also recognised that the proposal for the end of June was very close to the proposed lifting of restrictions and there was concern over possible problems.

Resolved that:

The request not be approved

C103 – Highways

Resolved that:

- a. Cllr Creaghan approach Louis Banks at the Borough Council to discuss dog fouling problems and the possibility of stencilling various footpaths.
- b. The Litter Warden be asked to concentrate on Vulcan and Valiant Closes to attend to the extensive littering of the area.

C104 – Planning

No Planning Applications were reported.

C105 – Food Bank

Cllr Emery reported that the volunteers at the Food Bank were all using their own cars and sometimes it was necessary for a larger vehicle to be utilised. The owner of the Station House Public House had offered to include the Food Bank on his contract for vans. The contract would include insuring, taxing and garaging.

Resolved that:

- a. The Parish agree in principle to the proposals for the hiring of a van for the Food Bank.
- b. A report be submitted to the next meeting on the financial implications.

C106 – Food Bank

Resolved that:

The Clerk present a report to the next meeting on the income and expenditure in relation to the Food Bank over the last 12 months.

C107 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

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| ASDA | Foodbank Account | 228.01 |
| ALDI | Foodbank Account | 11.25 |
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| ASDA | Foodbank Account | 122.32 |
| ALDI | Foodbank Account | 11.25 |
| ALDI | Foodbank Account | 11.25 |
| ASDA | Foodbank Account | 74.32 |
| ALDI | Foodbank Account | 11.25 |
| Warrington Borough Council | Van hire | 1368.00 |
| Fantasy Flowers | Foodbank Account | 35.00 |
| ALDI | Foodbank Account | 11.25 |
| ALDI | Foodbank Account | 11.25 |
| ASDA | Foodbank Account | 241.13 |
| ALDI | Foodbank Account | 11.25 |
| ICE | Broadband | 38.40 |
| UK Fuels | Fuel Account | 49.10 |
| C E W | Light ballasts | 38.83 |
| ALDI | Foodbank Account | 11.25 |
| ALDI | Foodbank Account | 11.25 |
| ADT Fire & Security | Alarm Maintenance | 392.83 |
| Office Bridge Group | Test Kits | 144.00 |
| Toolstation | Padlock | 19.98 |
| Employee no 1 | Salary | 1496.50 |
| Employee no 1 | Mileage | 20.88 |
| Employee no 3 | Salary | 478.47 |
| Employee no 3 | Mileage, stamps, phone | 59.14 |
| Employee no 5 | Secretarial | 78.50 |
| Employee no 7 | Salary | 1322.75 |

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| Employee no 8 | Salary | 1392.35 |
| V Riley | Allowance | 200.00 |
| K Carter | Cleaning | 176.58 |
| H M Revenue & Customs | Tax and NI | 629.28 |
| Cheshire West & Chester | Superannuation | 1417.37 |

C108 – 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 being within Category 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 (Rule 10 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules) and the public interest of the information is outweighed by the need to keep the information confidential.

C109 – Peel Hall Public Inquiry

The Parish Council considered a request from the “Save Peel Hall Campaign Group” for a contribution to fund the services of the Planning Consultant to ensure that he could stand as an Advocate to Rule 6 Parties.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree a contribution of £2,000 towards the cost of the Planning Consultant and paid upon the receipt of an invoice.