

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE ON TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2021.

Part 1 – open to the press and the public

Present: Cllr Emery (Chair)

Cllrs Corry, D Friend, G Friend, Gibson, Gosney, Green, Kerr Brown, Mansley, Rydzkowski, Warnock-Smith

C48 – Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cooksey, Creaghan, Hannan, Laffey

C49 – Police Reports

The Parish Council noted the Police reports for Poulton North and Poulton South.

C50 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Rydzkowski, D Friend, Emery, Kerr Brown reported upon the following:

1. Paddington House previously used for Covid purposes was now closed.
2. Flooding
3. Bruche Park – overgrown bushes – meeting arranged with the Warrington Borough Council.
4. Westover Road cul de sac – tree issues
5. Longbarn Park – recent attack
6. Parkfields Park – Warrington Borough Council not cutting the grass.
7. Extensive potholes in ward

8. Issues of fly-tipping and overgrown bushes.
9. Meeting taken place with Headteacher, Padgate Academy and it was agreed to set up a stakeholder's group and also a student media group. Meeting to take place with new students' council.
10. Uniform exchange initiative being considered.
11. Libraries – meeting with Cheryl Siddall and agreed that local groups could hold meetings in the Library.
12. Local Plan Consultation Process
The plan had been approved by Warrington Borough Council to go out for consultation and there was concern about the inclusion of the Peel Hall site. The reason for the inclusion was so that the Borough Council could oppose any development on Peel Hall.
13. Peel Hall Park - the Borough Council were taking action against an extended property on the park.

C51 – Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2021 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C52 – Matters arising

- a. **Kennedy Hall** – The Parish Council noted a letter from the Horizon Group setting out their proposals for improvements to Kennedy Hall.

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to the Secretary and ask for a meeting with the Parish Council and the Chair and Deputy be authorised to attend.

- b. **C37 – Request for financial assistance – Padgate Tennis and Bowling Club.**

Resolved that:

The action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, in authorising the provision of a defibrillator in the sum of £1,137.60 be agreed.

- c. **C39(a) – Bennett Recreation Ground** – The Clerk reported an email from Holly Buckard relating to proposals for the setting up of a Friends of Bennett Recreation Ground. Also, other details were proposed for improvements in the area.
- d. **C40 – Fearnhead Community Association** – The Clerk reported that the donation of £3,000 towards the work on Parkfields Park had not been spent due to the pandemic. They had not yet had a meeting to discuss as to how to use the funding.

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to the Secretary and ask for an urgent meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the disposal of the funds.

- e. **C44 – Food Bank and Rose’s Pantry** – The Parish Council received a draft Constitution and it was agreed that any comments would be forwarded to the Chair.

C53 – Request for financial assistance.

The Parish Council considered a request for financial assistance from the Friends of Christ Church Graveyard for the provision of fencing in the sum of £1,680.

Resolved that:

The grant be agreed.

C54 – Padgate Probus Club – Village Scene

The Parish Council received a request for financial assistance from the Padgate Probus Club for the continuation of the magazine Village Scene in the sum of £1,540.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to a contribution of £770 to enable the Group to continue for a period of 6 months and that they be asked to consider other forms of funding, including the Borough Council’s Community Fund.

C55 – Longbarn Park – Litter Bins

It was noted that these had now been installed and that an invoice was expected from the Borough Council.

C56 – Parish Council Election Charges

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to pay the election charges as a one-off payment.

C57 – Christmas Tree

Resolved that:

The Borough Council be asked to provide a 29-foot tree in the sum of £1,919 at the junction of Manchester Road and old Manchester Road.

C58 – WBC Gambling Policy

The Parish Council noted the Gambling Policy proposed by Warrington Borough Council.

C59 – Highway Matters

Resolved that:

The Borough Council be asked to deal with the following matters:

- a. Overgrown trees in Bickley Close – obstructing the pavement
- b. Walkway outside Fearnhead Cross Community Centre is unlit from Station Road to the shops.

C60 – Planning

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

C61 – Audit of Accounts

The Clerk reported that the audit of accounts had been completed satisfactorily and details were provided to Members.

C62 – Fearnhead Cross Centre - Litter Bin

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to the Borough Council and ask for the litter bin to be reinstated outside the Fearnhead Cross Centre to reduce the amount of littering along the walkway and in the grassed areas.

C63 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

AUGUST

ALDI	Foodbank Account	20.80
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Warrington Borough Council	Printing	22.80
Defib Pad	Grant =- defibrillator	1137.60
Loxley Colour	Grant – Padgate Library	1299.61
ALDI	Foodbank Account	9.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	32.51
D Webster& Sons Ltd	Grant –Padgate Churchyard	1440.00
U K Fuels	Fuel Account	177.10
ALDI	Foodbank Account	9.80
ICE	Broadband	38.93
ALDI	Foodbank Account	20.80
Concept Filters	Filters	142.13
Newey & Eyre (Rexel)	Control box	190.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	20.80
Employee no 1	Salary	664.97
Employee no 1	Mileage	9.92
Employee no 3	Salary	478.47
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	31.32
Employee no 5	Secretarial	78.50
Employee no 7	Salary	1324.35
Employee no 8	Salary	1366.35
K Carter	Cleaning	156.96

H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1021.00
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1194.53

SEPTEMBER

Sainsbury's	Foodbank Account	66.54
ALDI	Foodbank Account	20.80
Screwfix	Drill and bit	134.98
Fearnhead Cross Man Cee	Donation - second tranche	6000.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	20.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	20.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	20.80
TWM Traffic Controls	Charger	125.00
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Cleaning products	106.07
Warrington B C	Printing	45.60
U K Fuels	Fuel Account	154.22
ICE	Broadband	38.93
ALDI	Foodbank Account	24.41
Solopress	Donation – Padgate Library	37.07
ALDI	Foodbank Account	23.00
Friends of Padgate Library	Donation – Reception	148.50
Water Plus	Supply	188.74
British Telecom	Office	68.29
ALDI	Foodbank Account	23.00
Aztec Oils	Oils, antifreeze	123.00
Newey & Eyre (Rexel)	Ballasts	233.71
ALDI	Foodbank Account	9.80
British Telecom	Alarm	67.07
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fee 2020/21	480.00
Warrington BC	Donation, Bins Longbarn Park	772.00
Employee no 1	Salary	664.97
Employee no 1	Mileage	38.11
Employee no 3	Salary	478.47
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps, phone	55.88
Employee no 5	Secretarial	78.50
Employee no 7	Salary	1324.35
Employee no 7	Mileage	9.40
Employee no 8	Salary	1366.35
K Carter	Cleaning	215.82
J Carter	Caretaking	50.00

H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1021.00
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1194.53

Part 2 – closed to the press, including the public

Resolved that:

Because of the confidential nature of the following item of business being within Category 3 of Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Rule 10 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules) the press and the public be excluded from the meeting.

C67 – Proposed replacement tractor

The Parish Council received a report of the Clerk on the existing tractor which was 23 years old and there was increasing difficulty in finding spare parts for it. The replacement tyres would cost in the region of £2,416. The Clerk reported that quotations had been received from three contractors.

Resolved that:

The quotation from Townson Tractors in the sum of £32,000 plus VAT less £5,250 in part-exchange for the existing tractor be accepted.

(Other quotations were in the sum of £33,000 plus VAT, plus part-exchange £5,000 and £34,500 plus VAT plus £4,000 part-exchange.