

**MINUTES OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE FEARNHEAD CROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, WARRINGTON ON MONDAY, 17 JANUARY 2022**

**Present: Cllr Emery (Chair)**

Cllrs Corry, G Friend, Gibson, Green, Laffey, Mansley, Warnock-Smith

**C113 – Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cooksey, Creaghan, D Friend, Gosney, Hannan, Kerr-Brown, Rydzkowski

**C114 – Police Reports**

The Parish Council received the Police Reports from the PCSO's for Poulton North and Poulton South. It was reported that there was some drug-dealing on the Recreation Ground and that the matter had been brought to the attention of the Police through 999 although no action had occurred.

It was noted that the PCSO's would look at the problem and consider what action can be taken.

It was agreed that details of the speed indication device would be forwarded to PCSO Potter and provide some litter-grabbers for the use of the Police.

**C115 – Cllr Creaghan**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Creaghan would shortly be outside the 6-month rule for attendance at meetings. The Parish Council considered a request for a dispensation from Cllr Creaghan.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree a dispensation for Cllr Creaghan up to the end of May because of extensive Mayoral duties and periods of ill health.

**C116 – Borough Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Emery reported upon the following:

1. Meeting with Cllr Higgins , Portfolio holder about bringing the Café back into the Fearnhead Cross Community Centre. The Parish Council noted the possible problems with regard to this but the matter was still under consideration.
2. Flooding
3. The Food Bank and the Pantry were very busy which was symptomatic of the current financial problems.

### **C117 – Minutes**

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2021 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **C118 – Matters Arising**

#### **(a) C107 – Colivers Field – Future of POD.**

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place on Colivers Field with PCSO Murphy and the views of a local resident were also reported. The Chair reported that Youth for Christ had been contacted and they were willing to help out on a trial period in the area, at a cost.

Resolved that:

1. The Clerk be authorised to arrange for the removal of the hoop
2. The Parish Council agree a funding arrangement for Youth for Christ on a trial period at the PoD.
3. The progress be monitored.

### **C119 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Defibrillator**

Resolved that:

The thanks of the Parish Council be conveyed to Rylands Sharks for the gift of a defibrillator which is housed in the sports facility.

### **C120 – Bennett Recreation Ground Project**

The Parish Council received an update from Holly Buckard with regard to the improvements on the Recreation Ground. Various ideas had been forwarded, including an edible garden and tree-planting. It was noted that the Cheshire Wildlife Trust were interested and a meeting was taking place soon.

Resolved that:

The thanks of the Parish Council be conveyed to Holly for all her work on the Recreation Ground.

### **C121 – Police Budget Consultation**

The Parish Council noted a consultation exercise undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for the upcoming budget. It was noted that the Commissioner was proposing an increase in the Police Precept of approximately 83p per month for the average Band D property.

### **C122 – Highway Matters**

Resolved that:

The following be brought to the attention of the Borough Council:

Blocked gullies and drainage outside 19 Ruislip Court

### **C123 – Planning Applications**

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

### **C124 – Accounts**

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

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| British Telecom | Office           | 67.99 |
| UK Fuels        | Fuel Account     | 2.40  |
| ALDI            | Foodbank Account | 32.05 |
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| ALDI                    | Foodbank Account       | 25.45   |
| O2                      | Broadband              | 38.93   |
| ALDI                    | Foodbank Account       | 107.68  |
| ALDI                    | Foodbank Account       | 25.45   |
| ALDI                    | Foodbank Account       | 29.85   |
| ALDI                    | Foodbank Account       | 66.61   |
| British Telecom         | Sports Facility        | 81.31   |
| T E Hughes & Son Ltd    | Cleaning products      | 89.57   |
| ALDI                    | Foodbank Account       | 25.45   |
| ALDI                    | Foodbank Account       | 29.85   |
| Screwfix                | Maintenance spares     | 64.80   |
| Employee no 1           | Salary                 | 616.57  |
| Employee no 1           | Mileage                | 12.53   |
| Employee no 3           | Salary                 | 478.67  |
| Employee no 3           | Mileage, stamps, phone | 41.95   |
| Employee no 5           | Secretarial            | 78.30   |
| Employee no 7           | Salary                 | 1324.35 |
| K Carter                | Cleaning               | 117.72  |
| H M Revenue & Customs   | Tax and NI             | 764.84  |
| Cheshire West & Chester | Superannuation         | 728.35  |