

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE ON MONDAY, 18 JULY 2022.

Present: Cllr Emery (Chair)

Cllrs Corry, Gosney, G Friend, Laffey, Mansley, Rydzkowski, Warnock-Smith

C28 – Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cooksey, Creaghan, D Friend and Kerr Brown

C29 – Resignation of Cllr Gibson

The Clerk reported the resignation of Cllr William Gibson due to health reasons and changing work patterns.

Resolved that:

The Clerk notify Warrington Borough Council of the resignation of Councillor Gibson on Longbarn, Fearnhead and Cinnamon Brow Ward to enable them to advertise the vacancy.

C30 – Police Report

The Parish Council noted the Police report for Poulton North.

C31 – Questions from Members of the Public

None were raised.

C31 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllrs G Friend, Rydzkowski and Emery reported upon the following:

1. Bushes – Several problems
2. Blocked footpaths
3. Speeding issues – Sandford Village
4. Drainage systems – pond – concern over problems of children using them. Morris Homes contacted about signage.

5. Travellers on Enfield Park
6. Longbarn Residents Association – issues for parking and possible volunteer lollipop people.
7. Vulcan/Valiant Task Group to be set up next week

C32 – Minutes

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2022 be taken as read as a correct record with the addition of Cllr Mansley in the attendance.

C33 – Matters Arising

- a. **C19 – Central Six Traffic Proposals** – Cllr Mansley submitted detailed information of the outcomes from the Borough Council and also from a recent Facebook page group. Cllr Mansley also reported that, following a freedom of information request, the Borough Council had indicated that predicted impact assessments had not been undertaken on the proposals and they were essentially relying upon experimental traffic regulation orders.

Resolved that:

Cllr Mansley be requested to analyse the data which had been received and forward to the Clerk to enable a case to be put forward to Warrington Borough Council. The case to be based on the following information

- increased fuel costs due to diversions
- increased journey time and traffic funnelling into surrounding already congested routes, causing environmental and health concerns,
- time management issues for care workers while supplying medication and support for our vulnerable residents and for those whose work/school routine requires passage not only through the affected areas but the surrounding routes who will see a surge in traffic.
- concerns over increases in ASB through the defacement of the placed planters
- parking issues on the restricted roads and accessibility for the emergency services.

- b. C21(a) – Padgate Campus** – no further proposals were noted.
- c. C21(b) – Bennett Recreation Ground – Fun Day update.**
The Chair reported upon the proposals for the Fun Day and the extent of the work to date.

C34 – Minutes of the Executive Committee

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 28 June 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

C35 – Parish Governance Review

The Parish Council noted that Winwick Parish Council had suggested a joint meeting with this Parish Council to discuss the proposals for Cinnamon Brow Ward.

Resolved that:

Cllrs G Friend and Warnock-Smith, as members of both Parish Councils, be appointed to the Sub-Group with the suggestion that two be appointed from Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council and two from Winwick Parish Council. It was also agreed that Cllr G Friend would contact Democratic Services to establish the time frame for the implementation of the Governance Review.

C36 – Highway Matters

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to the Borough Council and point out the problems of hedges and other obstacles on the path from the side of Church View to Padgate Churchyard

It was noted that the Council's Rights of Way Officer was looking at carrying out some work on the site and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Rights of Way Officer to discuss the extent of the problems.

C37 – Planning

None were reported.

C38 – Bennett Recreation Ground

It was noted that the tractor had now arrived and an inspection had taken place at the garage.

Resolved that:

The Clerk be authorised to get specialist advice from a Health and Safety company to look at the possibility of asbestos in the building. It was also noted, following discussions with the Borough Council, that there could be possible investment on the Recreation Ground.

C39 – Walking Day

Resolved that:

The Parish Council suggest to the organisers of the Padgate Walking Day that the Parish Council would be willing to contribute towards a lead band of the procession.

C40 – Old Billy

It was reported that Old Billy was the oldest known horse and had been used along the New Cut Canal. To celebrate the anniversary, funding had been received from Culture Warrington to celebrate and this was being supported by Woolston Parish Council and the New Cut Trail Group. It was noted that there could be requests for funding from the Parish Council.

C41 – Accounts

ALDI	Foodbank Account	11.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	29.56
ALDI	Foodbank Account	13.00
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Key	6.00
Water Plus	Water supply	60.95
A Monk Anglers	Donation – benches	800.00
UK Fuels	Fuel Account	145.20
Ashford	Cutting tool	124.76
ALDI	Foodbank Account	13.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	13.00
O2	Broadband	41.96
Zurich Municipal	Tractor Insurance	590.21
Screwfix	Trimmer line	6.98

ALDI	Foodbank Account	106.30
ALDI	Foodbank Account	13.00
British Telecom	Sports facility	86.52
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.00
Employee no 1	Salary	690.32
Employee no 1	Mileage	35.50
Employee no 3	Salary	487.14
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps, phone	51.81
Employee no 5	Secretarial	80.10
Employee no 6	Salary	1536.32
Employee no 7	Salary	1432.66
K Carter	Cleaning	160.16
J Carter	Caretaking	100.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1317.48
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	741.10

C42 – Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that:

The next meeting be held on Tuesday, 20 September 2022.