

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE  
ON MONDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2022**

**Present:** Cllr Emery (Chair)

Cllrs Cooksey, Corry, Creaghan, G Friend, Hannan, Klein, Rydzkowski, Warnock-Smith

**C77 – Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Friend, Green, Kerr Brown, Laffey

**C78 – Mr Barris Carter**

The Clerk reported that following an accident on the Recreation Ground, Mr Carter had broken his ankle and would be off work for at least 5/6 weeks.

**C79 – Police Reports**

The Parish Council noted the Police Reports for Poulton North and Poulton South. Problems were reported on the former Police Camp estate and a fence had been knocked down, which the Police needed to reinstate. It was also noted that the Police were trying to increase visibility in the area.

**C80 – Borough Councillors' Reports**

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

1. Problems with snow and ice.
2. Eric Avenue flooding.
3. No 4 bus – previously 1 an hour now reduced to 1 every 2 hours.  
Resolved that:  
The Clerk write to the Transport Department seeking improvements in the service, particularly as the route is primarily serviced for elderly people.

4. Manchester Road – problems on the main road, adjacent to Bruche Park, ongoing issues which have been brought to the attention of the Police.
5. Padgate Youth Club - It was noted that a successful application had been received for work on Bennett Recreation Ground with youths.
6. Clarion Office - near completion.

### **C81 – Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

The minutes of the last meeting be taken as read and signed as a correct record, with the substitution of Warnock-Smith in those present at the meeting.

### **C82 – Matters Arising**

- a. **C70(c)** – A container had been purchased (£2,150) and the Fun Day equipment had been relocated to it. It was noted that the new container had not been painted internally. It was also reported that the container at the rear of Fearnhead Cross Community Centre was to be relocated to Bennett Recreation Ground to replace one in poor repair.
- b. **C70(b) – Padgate Campus** – Development proposals – None were reported.
- c. **C70(e) – Fearnhead Cross Centre** – Replacement bin. The Borough Council indicated that it had appointed a new Neighbourhoods Health Improvement Principal, Abby Jones, who would be taking up the matter once she started and would reply to the Parish Council.

### **C83 – Bennett Recreation Ground**

#### **a. Fees**

Resolved that:

The fees for teams on the Recreation Ground be maintained at £170 per annum per team.

#### **b. Boiler repairs**

The Clerk reported upon quotations for repair of the boilers on the Recreation Ground.

Resolved that:

The Clerk look into the possibility of having the boilers replaced with air sourced heat pumps.

#### **C84 – Parish Precept 2023/24**

The Parish Council received details of the income and expenditure for the period up to 31 March 2023 and estimates for income and expenditure for 2023/24.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council Precept against the Borough Council in the sum of 145,000, which equated to Band D Properties being charged £28.53 per annum.

#### **C85 – Highways**

Resolved that:

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

1. Potholes on Bruche Drive
2. Lack of gritting in Fearnhead Cross car park and footpaths and also on the Padgate Community Centre car park.

#### **C86 – Planning Applications**

None were reported

#### **C87 – Letters of Thanks**

The Parish Council noted letters of thanks for recent donations from the Friends of Christ Church Padgate Graveyard and from the New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group.

Resolved that:

The Clerk contact the Chair of the Trail Group and make arrangements for some form of presentation of the work of the Group.

#### **C88 – Wellbeing Service**

Resolved that:

Diane White (Wellbeing Service Manager and Operational Lead for Asylum Seekers and Refugees) be invited to a future meeting to discuss the work of the Wellbeing Service.

### **C89 – Accounts**

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

ALDI	Foodbank Account	14.40
ALDI	Foodbank Account	18.00
Warrington B C	Printing	64.80
Kassia Academy	Donation	1500.00
N J Ditchfield	Container	2150.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	14.40
ALDI	Foodbank Account	14.40
ALDI	Foodbank Account	94.58
ALDI	Foodbank Account	18.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	34.80
Norton	Broadband Security	49.99
Warrington B C	Christmas tree	2604.00
U K Fuels	Fuel Account	100.32
ALDI	Foodbank Account	34.80
Onebelow	Foodbank Account	40.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	75.96
Home Bargains	Foodbank Account	359.20
Microedge	Website work	429.00
New Cut Heritage Trail	Donation	450.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	34.80
O2	Broadband	41.96
Friends of Christ Church	Donation	2000.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	34.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	34.80
Water Plus	Supply	60.95
S Emery	Chair's allowance	140.00
British Telecom	Office (2 quarters)	174.14
British Telecom	Alarm	67.07
Employee no 1	Salary	1124.61

Employee no 1	Mileage	13.57
Employee no 3	Salary	511.93
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps, diary	55.14
Employee no 5	Secretarial	88.10
Employee no 6	Salary	1495.37
Employee no 6	Mileage	5.74
Employee no 7	Salary	1474.17
K Carter	Cleaning	220.20
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1286.08
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1331.21