

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE
ON MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2023**

Present: Cllr Emery (Chair)

Cllrs Cooksey, Friend, Green, Klein, Mansley, Rydzkoski, Sheridan

Also in attendance Borough Councillor Gillham.

C70 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Corry, Creaghan, Gosney, Hannan, Kerr Brown, Warnock-Smith

C71 – Police Reports

The Parish Council noted the Police Report for Poulton North. It was noted that the PCSO for Poulton South, Becky Shevlin, was on leave and was unable to attend the meeting.

C72 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllrs Rydzkoski, Gillham, Cooksey and Emery reported upon the following:

1. Walkabout with PCSO for Poulton South
2. Bruche Park – request for sign “Dogs on Lead”
3. Land off Orford Road – alpaca farm – development approved with conditions but these have been appealed by the applicant.
4. Land at rear of Orford Road – amended plans for housing rejected by Committee.
5. Plaice Station – Seating and Improvements around the Station.
6. Peel Hall Consultations started

7. Vulcan/Valiant Walkabouts – it was noted that the Task Group would be reinstated.
8. 4 Referrals had been made to the Wellbeing Service.

C73 – Questions from Members of the Public

Mr D Jones reported upon the following:

1. Speeding on Cinnamon Lane/Croppers Road
2. Cinnamon Brow Farm – some works relating to the Enforcement Notice being carried out and hedge cut back.
3. Isherwood Close – Planning Application approved for additional car parking spaces

C74 – Minutes

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2023 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C75 – Matters Arising

- a. **C54 (1)** – It was noted that PCSO Potter had indicated that the matter was the responsibility of the Borough Council and this had been passed to the resident to follow up.
- b. **C59 – Benches** – The Clerk reported upon discussions with Angus Lord of the Borough Council with regard to the possible refurbishment of the benches and also upon the cost of the riding of the benches. It was noted that the bench commemorating Cllr Diana Friend was in progress.

Resolved that:

The Clerk and Chair investigate the condition of the two other benches.

- c. **C66 – Fun Day – Assessment.** The Parish Council noted the income and expenditure for the Fun Day and that a meeting was to take place in the Station House on 1 November at 6pm.

- d. **C67 - Noticeboard** – The noticeboard had been purchased and would be located on the railings outside the sports facility.

C76 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Garages

The Clerk reported that not all quotations had been received.

Resolved that:

The matter be referred to the Executive Committee for a decision.

C77 – Remembrance Sunday

It was noted that the Service of Remembrance would take place at the Cenotaph on Bennett Recreation Ground on Sunday 12 November 2023 at 12 noon.

C78 – Longbarn Residents Association

Resolved that:

The request for a donation for the large poppies on lampposts on Harpers Road be approved and the sum of £100 be forwarded to the Longbarn Residents Association to go direct to the Royal British Legion.

C79 – Highway Matters

Resolved that:

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

- a. Problem with paths on Grantham Avenue and neighbourhood streets
- b. Bruche Park asking for update on park sign regarding “Dogs on Leads”
- c. Footpath on Padgate Lane (near St Oswald’s) to iron bridge on way to Bennett Recreation Ground virtually impassable.
- d. Speeding on Cinnamon Lane
- e. Speeding on Harpers Road

C80 – Planning Applications

None were reported to the Parish Council.

C81 – Longbarn

It was noted that a drugs raid had been held on the estate.

C82 – “Old Billy”

Cllr Rydzkowski reported that a children’s book had been prepared by Culture Warrington to celebrate the life of the world’s oldest horse “Old Billy”. Old Billy had lived in Warrington more than two centuries ago and had reached the age of 62. Culture Warrington had produced the book and it was being circulated within schools. It was noted that a request for funding could be received by the Parish Council to provide signage on the New Cut Heritage Trail explaining the life of “Old Billy”.

C83 – Hawthorn Centre

Resolved that:

A site visit be arranged with the Borough Council to the Hawthorn Centre and all members be invited.

C84 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

ALDI	Foodbank Account	208.09
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
New Cut Heritage Group	Donation	500.00
British Telecom	Alarm	67.07
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fee – 2022/23	504.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	195.18
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	34.05
Warrington BC	Printing	51.00
UK Fuels	Fuel Account	205.97
ALDI	Foodbank Account	194.61

ALDI	Foodbank Account	41.55
O2	Broadband	38.40
ALDI	Foodbank Account	172.47
Screwfix Ltd	Memorial – gravel	332.50
Agrovista UK Ltd	Cleaner, weedkiller	234.84
Water Plus	Supply	68.71
British Telecom	Sports Facility	69.47
TE Hughes & Son Ltd	Cleaning supplies	125.17
Townson Tractors	Tractor service	822.11
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.08
Viz-pro	Noticeboard	122.28
ALDI	Foodbank Account	11.25
Employee no 1	Salary	395.65
Employee no 3	Salary	511.93
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	49.05
Employee no 5	Secretarial	88.10
Employee no 6	Salary	1495.37
Employee no 7	Salary	1474.37
Employee no 7	Caretaking	25.00
K Carter	Cleaning	176.16
J Carter	Caretaking	100.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1012.90
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1425.97