

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARHEAD PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARHEAD CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE
ON MONDAY, 17 JULY 2023**

Present: Cllr Emery (Chair)

Cllrs Gosney, Green, Friend, Laffey, Rydzkowski, Sheridan

PART 1 - Open to Members of the Public (including the Press)

C34 – Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cooksey, Corry, Creaghan, Hannan, Klein, Mansley, Warnock-Smith

C35 – Election of Parish Councillor

The Parish Council noted that Cllr Lawrence Sheridan had been elected to serve as a Member for Longbarn, Fearnhead and Cinnamon Brow Ward. The Chair welcomed Cllr Sheridan to the meeting.

It was noted that the cost to the Parish Council for the uncontested election would be £204.74

C36 – Police Report

The Parish Council noted the Police Report for Poulton North.

C37 – Borough Councillors’ Reports

Cllrs Rydzkowski and Emery reported upon the following:

1. Larkfields Park – goalposts now back in place and signs refreshed.
2. Problems with trees and bushes
3. Longbarn Fun Day – Successful
4. Cinnamon Brow tree problems – meeting with Residents Association

C38 – Minutes

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2023 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C39 – Matters Arising

- a. **C23(7) – Peel Hall Consultation** - The Parish Council noted that the Consultation on the Master Plan and Design Code had now been concluded and that a formal Planning Consultation will take place in September 2023.
- b. **C27** – It was noted that the container was now in place on Bennett Recreation Ground.
- c. **C30 – Benches** – It was noted that the benches would be collected and refurbished in preparation to being installed on the Recreation Ground.

C40 – Executive Committee

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 22 June 2023 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C41 – Matters Arising

- a. **EC5 – Cllr Diana Friend** – The Parish Council noted details of the proposal to erect a commemorative bench on Bennett Recreation Ground in memory of Cllr Diana Friend. Details had been received from the Borough Council relating to the supply and installation.

Resolved that:

The Clerk be authorised to arrange for the bench to be located in a suitable position and that a formal plaque be erected on the bench.

- b. **EC6 – Garages** – The Parish Council noted an update and that the Borough Council were unable to provide a Project Manager for the

Scheme and a list was now awaited of private contractors to be considered.

C42 – Cllr Rose Corry

The Parish Council received a request from Cllr Rose Corry for a dispensation for absence owing to ongoing ill health.

Resolved that

The Parish Council agree a dispensation of 4 months to Cllr Corry.

C43 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Proposal from Rylands Sharks

The Parish Council considered a request from Rylands Sharks relating to their affiliation with Rylands Masters and their proposed use of the pitches on the Recreation Ground for overage teams.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree in principle to the proposal subject to discussions and a further meeting with Rylands Sharks and Masters.

C44 – Highway Matters

None were reported.

C45 – Planning Applications

None were reported.

C46 – Computers

The Clerk reported upon the current situation with regard to the computer system and the WiFi and it was agreed that an updated system was required. The Parish Council received a quotation for the work.

Resolved that

The Parish Council agree to the provision of a computer and ancillaries in the sum of £290.

C47 – Transcription Equipment

Resolved that:

The Clerk be authorised to purchase a new transcription machine in the sum of £599.

C48 – Fearnhead Lane – Property

The Chair reported upon a problem of trees off a property on Fearnhead Lane. It appeared that the developer was not co-operating and the cost of the work was too expensive for the occupiers.

Resolved that:

The matter be referred to the Member of Parliament to look into the matter.

C49 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

ALDI	Foodbank Account	41.55
D Cain & Son Ltd	Container	2640.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	233.89
ALDI	Foodbank Account	41.55
ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
U K Fuels	Fuel Account	132.22
ALDI	Foodbank Account	230.44
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	30.30
O2	Broadband	32.96
ALDI	Foodbank Account	240.54
British Telecom	Sports Facility	69.61
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Cleaning equipment	98.69
Water Plus	Supply	113.38
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
British Telecom	Alarm	67.07
Employee no 1	Salary	395.85
Employee no 3	Salary	511.93

Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps, phone	56.06
Employee no 5	Secretarial	88.10
Employee no 6	Salary	1664.15
Employee no 7	Salary, caretaking	1545.87
K Carter	Cleaning	132.12
J Carter	Caretaking	75.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1158.06
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1164.64

PART 2 – Closed to the Public (including the Press)

Resolved that:

Because of the confidential nature of the following item of business being within Category 1 of Section 12 (a) of the Local Government Act (Rule 10 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules) the Press and public be excluded from the meeting.

C50 – Risk Assessments

Resolved that:

The Clerk be authorised to contact the Borough Council and ask for copies of risk assessments for similar work on the Recreation Ground.

C51 – Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting clashed with the Borough Council meeting and was rescheduled for Tuesday, 19 September 2023 at 7.30pm.