

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE ON TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

Present: Cllr Warnock-Smith (Vice-Chair)

Cllrs Friend, Kerr Brown, Klein, Mansley, Rydzkowski, Sheridan

Also in attendance Borough Councillor Gillham

PART 1 – Open to Members of the Public, including the Press

C52 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Corry, Creaghan, Emery, Gosney, Green, Hannan

C53 – Borough Councillor Gillham

The Vice-Chair congratulated Cllr Gillham on her recent election to the Poulton North Ward of the Borough Council and welcomed her to the meeting.

C54 – Police Reports

The Parish Council received the Police Report for Poulton North from PCSO Potter.

Resolved that:

1. The Clerk contact PCSO Potter and ask about problem of speeding on Croppers Road/Cinnamon Lane.
2. The Clerk be asked to contact the newly-appointed PCSO for Poulton South and ask for a monthly Police Report.

C55 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllrs Friend, Kerr Brown and Rydzkowski reported upon the following:

1. Bushes – footpath problems

2. Avery/Orange Grove – overgrown trees/shrubs
3. Padgate Lane – traffic speeds
4. Bruche Park – Reinstatement of ‘Dogs on Leads’ signs
5. Brownhill Drive – potholes
6. Manchester Road – speeding
7. Rear of Orford Road – Planning Application opposed

C56 – Questions from Members of the Public

Mr D Jones reported upon the following:

1. Cinnamon Lane Farm – development enforcement notice in place relating to refurbishment of the white house.
2. Footpath overgrown which needed cutting back
3. Problems of bikes/motorcycles on footpaths

C57 – Minutes

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2023 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C58 – Matters Arising

a. C41(b) – Garages

The Clerk reported that the Chair, together with Cllr Klein, had met with various applicants for the role of Project Co-Ordinator and that quotations were expected.

b. C43 - Pitches

Following discussions with Rylands Sharks and Rylands Masters, it has been agreed that they could use the pitches

c. C50 – Risk Assessments

It was noted that 30 Risk Assessments had been received from the Borough Council and these had now been re-drafted to reflect the Parish Council's working arrangements.

C59 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Benches

The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received to blast, galvanise and powder-coat the 4 benches in the total sum of £1,460. In addition to this would be the cost of having the benches installed on the Recreation Ground.

Resolved that:

Consideration of the item be deferred to enable the Clerk to obtain quotations from the Borough Council for the installation of the benches on the Recreation Ground.

C60 – Request for financial assistance

Resolved that:

1. The action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, in approving the following requests be approved:
 - a. Friends of Longbarn Park – path enhancement - £500 – subject to obtaining full funding for the Scheme.
 - b. Longbarn Residents Association – Padgate Station 150 Year Anniversary – refreshments - £200
2. The Parish Council approved an application from the New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group for updated PPE and hand tools in the sum of £500.

C61 – Christmas Tree

The Clerk reported a quotation from the Borough Council for a Christmas Tree to be located at the junction of Manchester Road and Old Manchester Road.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council to agree to a 29 ft tree to be installed at the location at a cost of £1,943.12.

C62 – Church Field – Station Road

The Parish Council noted that the Borough Council was carrying out an assessment of the site for the possible location of an SEN School.

C63 – Highway Matters

None were reported.

C64 – Planning Applications

None were reported

C65 – Audited Accounts

The Parish Council noted that the audit of accounts had been completed by the External Auditor and had been found to be correct.

C66 – Fun Day

It was noted that a report would be made to the next meeting evaluating the event and the Parish Council asked for congratulations to be conveyed to Mr Ashcroft and Mr Horne, Grounds Staff, for all their work both before and on the day of the Fun Day.

C67 – Bennett Recreation Ground

Resolved that:

The Clerk be asked to include an item on the agenda for the next meeting and look at the possible cost of providing a Notice Board.

C68 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

AUGUST

S Emery	Transcription equipment	599.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	239.51
ALDI	Foodbank Account	18.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
Office Bridge Supplies	Stationery	57.28
Warrington BC	Printing	21.00
Warrington BC	Printing	26.00
Warrington BC	Posters	12.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	220.65
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	17.03
ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	150.20
Water Plus	Supply	68.25
Warrington BC	Election costs	204.74
ALDI	Foodbank Account	18.75
ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
O2	Broadband	38.40
UK Fuels	Fuel account	246.87
ALDI	Foodbank Account	181.64
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	15.00
TE Hughes & Son Ltd	Padlock, brushes	30.89
ALDI	Foodbank Account	200.64
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
Blackdog Solutions	PC and support	341.98
ALDI	Foodbank Account	166.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
Employee no 1	Salary	395.85
Employee no 3	Salary	511.93
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	35.49
Employee no 5	Secretarial	88.10
Employee no 6	Salary	1495.37
Employee no 7	Salary	1474.37
Employee no 7	Mileage, caretaking	29.18
K Carter	Cleaning	176.16
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1012.90
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1164.64

SEPTEMBER

ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
Longbarn Res Assocn	Donation	200.00
One Stop Shop	Float – Fun day	250.00
Post Office	Float – Fun day	250.00
Home Bargains	Foodbank Account	13.47
ALDI	Foodbank Account	154.72
ASDA	Float – Fun day	250.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
One Stop Shop	Float – Fun day	250.00
One Stop Shop	Float – Fun day	220.00
ALDI	Foodbank account	15.00
Water Plus	Supply	68.71
UK Ind Medical	Occupational Health report	166.80
UK Fuels	Fuel Account	227.12
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	7.50
O2	Broadband	38.40
James Mercer Group	Boiler investigations	152.40
Screwfix Ltd	Battens, screws, ties	65.21
TE Hughes & Son Ltd	Paint, signs, PPE	189.27
ALDI	Foodbank Account	159.26
ALDI	Foodbank Account	18.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
Employee no 1	Salary	395.85
Employee no 3	Salary	511.93
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	43.08
Employee no 5	Secretarial	88.10
Employee no 6	Salary	1623.39
Employee no 7	Salary	1610.24
Employee no 7	Caretaking	25.00
K Carter	Cleaning	220.21
J Carter	Caretaking	100.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1190.67
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1520.14
British Telecom	Office	70.81

PART 2 – Closed to Members of the Public

Resolved that:

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

C69 – Occupational Health Report

The Parish Council noted the report from the Occupational Health Service relating to the Head Groundsman.