

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE ON TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2023**

**Present**                      **Cllr Emery (Chair)**

Cllrs Creaghan, Friend, Hannan, Klein, Laffey, Mansley, Rydzkowski, Warnock-Smith

**PART 1 – Open to the public and press**

**C19 – Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Corry, Gosney, KerrBrown

**C20 – Deaths of Cllr Diana Friend and Vincent Riley**

Members stood in silent tribute following the deaths of Cllr Diana Friend and Vincent Riley, former groundsman.

**C21 – Longbarn, Fearnhead and Cinnamon Brow Ward – Vacancy**

The Parish Council noted that notice of the vacancy had been given and nomination papers needed to be with the Returning Officer by 4pm on Friday, 30 June 2023. If no nomination papers were delivered it would be up to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy by way of co-option.

**C22 – Police Reports**

The Parish Council noted the Police Reports for Poulton North and Poulton South.

**C23 – Borough Councillors' Reports**

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

1. Larkfields Park – condition – Borough Council to carry out site investigation-

2. Sandfield Estate – leasehold/freehold situation
3. Local traffic networks - noted that Grange Avenue order had been rescinded.
4. Bruche Park – incident with dogs
5. Community Garden at Bruche Park – it was noted that Angus Lord from the Borough Council had spoken to Mrs J Rustage about the proposal and the possibility of setting up a Friends of Bruche Park/Residents Group. Cllr Emery offered to assist in that set up.
6. Litter, fly-tipping – overgrown trees
7. Peel Hall Consultation – It was agreed that a copy of the email would be sent to all members of the Parish Council.

#### **C24 – Minutes**

Resolved that

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2023 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

#### **C25 – Matters Arising**

##### **C12 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Garages**

The Clerk reported that the monitoring group had met with a representative from the Planning Department and it was noted that planning permission would be required and other conditions were also reported.

Resolved that:

A programme of events be reported to the next meeting.

#### **C26 – Audit of Accounts**

Resolved that:

The Executive Committee be held on Thursday, 22 June 2023 to agree the Return to the External Auditor.

### **C27 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Proposed additional container**

Resolved that:

The Clerk be authorised to arrange for an additional container to be placed on the Recreation Ground and the container in a poor condition be removed.

### **C28 – Highway Matters**

Resolved that:

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

1. Padgate Lane Footpath to railway footbridge – overgrown
2. Station Road South public footpath to Blackbrook Avenue towards Padgate Rose – overgrown.
3. Hedge needs cutting back from Padgate Community Centre to Surgery on Station Road South.

### **C29 – Planning Applications**

None were reported.

### **C30 – Bennett Recreation Ground**

The Chair reported that the Parish Council had been offered 4 benches which could be located on Bennett Recreation Ground, subject to specifications and cost. It was reported that the matter would be referred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### **C31 – Food Bank**

The Parish Council noted a donation from the Thelwall Group in the sum of £385 towards the Food Bank.

### **C32 – Accounts**

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

ALDI	Foodbank Account	181.82
Friends of Longbarn Park	Donation	300.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	123.50
ALDI	Foodbank Account	36.30
Fearnhead Cross Man Cttee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tranche	6200.00
Warrington B C	Printing	39.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	182.20
ALDI	Foodbank Account	41.55
M G Judd	Strimmer head, bolt	16.20
ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
ALDI	Foodbank Account	198.98
ALDI	Foodbank Account	41.55
ASDA	Foodbank Account	15.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	225.12
U K Fuels	Fuel Account	316.41
Water Plus	Supply	68.25
ALDI	Foodbank Account	41.55
O2	Broadband	47.58
ALDI	Foodbank Account	37.80
James Mercer Group	Boiler repairs	13189.20
ALDI	Foodbank Account	41.55
ALDI	Foodbank Account	13.50
B T Skip Hire	Skip hire	230.00
British Telecom	Office	67.44
Employee no 1	Salary	786.32
Employee no 3	Salary	511.93
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	51.68
Employee no 5	Secretarial	88.10
Employee no 6	Salary	1495.37
Employee no 7	Salary	1474.37
K Carter	Cleaning	220.20
J Carter	Caretaking	125.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1147.48
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1307.77

## **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.

### **C33 – Head Groundsman**

The Clerk reported the current situation with the Head Groundsman, following his accident on the Recreation Ground.

Resolved that:

The Clerk be authorised to arrange for the Head Groundsman to be referred to Occupational Health.