

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

Present: Cllr Emery (Chair)

Cllrs Cooksey, D Friend, G Friend, Klein, Mansley, Rydzkowski, Warnock-Smith

PART 1 – Open to the public and the press

C118 – Apologies

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

C119 – Police Reports

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

C120 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllrs G Friend, D Friend, Rydzkowski, Cooksey and Emery reported on the following:

1. Fly tipping on Vulcan/Valiant Closes – reported to Warrington Borough Council.
2. Welsby Close – state of road – reported to Warrington Borough Council
3. Problems with cold calling on the estates
4. Meeting with Torus/WBC relating to the Grasmere Estate and looking at redesign.
5. Cold calling on behalf of Battersea Dogs Home noted as OK.

C121 – Questions from Members of the public

Mr David Jones and Brian Evans thanked the Parish Council for the information relating to the Enforcement Officer appointed to look at the buildings on the Estate and a meeting was to be arranged with the Enforcement Officer and the Borough Council's Heritage Officer on site. It was also noted that the Company had reinforced the security fencing.

C122 – Minutes

Resolved that:

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

C123 – Matters Arising

a. C111 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Garages – update

The Clerk gave an update following the Working Party's meeting on site and it was agreed that a Sub-Committee be set up consisting of the Chair, Cllrs Klein and Mansley to look into details of proposals to be presented to the Parish Council.

b. C115(2) – Bus shelters

The Parish Council noted that the bus shelters reported to the Borough Council had been erected.

C124 – Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Monday, 17 April at 8pm with the Parish Council meeting starting at 7pm.

C125 – National Crime Agency – parking

The Parish Council noted that a letter had been sent to the Home Secretary relating to the parking problems on Longbarn Estate. It was noted that a response had been received from the Security Minister indicating that there might be a solution in the future. Cllr Klein reported that this response was considered to be unacceptable.

C126 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Fair

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to the request from Silcock's Fair to hold the Annual Walking Day Fair on 22/25 June at a cost of £700.

C127 – Highways

a. General Matters

None were reported

b. Padgate Community Centre car park

The Parish Council noted a response from the Borough Council in relation to the gritting problems on the car park.

c. Warrington Local Plan – Main Modifications Consultation

The Parish Council noted details of the consultation exercise taking place relating to the proposed Main Modifications to the updated proposed submission version of the Local Plan 2021-2038.

C128 – Food Bank

Cllr Emery reported that both the Food Bank and the Pantry were flourishing and that it was intended to hold a Team Day for all the volunteers.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree to fund refreshments

C129 – Food Bank

Resolved that:

Details of Food Bank income and expenditure be reported to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

C130 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Deeds

The Clerk reported information contained in the Deeds to the Recreation Ground which did not refer to the Kennedy Hall, neither did it refer to the indication that the area was to be used only by the Youth for recreational facilities.

C131 – Deeds – Cinnamon Brow Farm

The Clerk reported details of the Freehold Reversion which was held by the Parish Council which contained no information relating to Parish Council's representative on the Management Committee. It was also reported that the Parish Council had, in 2017, relinquished membership of the Group because of the problems with meetings.

C132 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Containers

It was reported that Rylands Sharks had requested a further container on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that they would be allowed to site a container adjacent to the Memorial and that one of the materials in the container adjacent to the Sports Facility would be swapped with the Rylands Sharks container to enable them to access it adjacent to the playing areas. The obsolete container on the Recreation Ground would be removed and replaced by one which was currently sited at the rear of the Fearnhead Cross Centre.

C133 – Hawthorn Centre

The Parish Council noted the problems relating to the current occupancy of the Hawthorn Centre and that support was needed to maintain it in an acceptable condition.

C134 – Community Governance Review

Councillor G Friend reported that Warrington Borough council were in the process of producing terms of reference for the review of the parishes of Poulton with Fearnhead and Winwick for consultation.

C135 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.18
ALDI	Foodbank Account	173.43
ALDI	Foodbank Account	17.38

Longbarn Res Assocn	Donation	380.00
Warrington B C	Office Rental	2000.00
Fareshare	Foodbank Account	250.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	18.17
ALDI	Foodbank Account	170.91
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.18
Water Plus	Supply	60.95
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Cleaning supplies	61.20
ADT Fire & Security	Fire alarm maintenance	480.05
ALDI	Foodbank Account	38.63
U K Fuels	Fuel Account	65.82
ALDI	Foodbank Account	38.60
ALDI	Foodbank Account	41.64
British Telecom	Office	67.07
O2	Broadband	41.96
Warrington B C	Christmas lights	336.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	144.33
ALDI	Foodbank Account	39.39
British Telecom	Alarm	7.07
Employee no 1	Salary	644.68
Employee no 3	Salary	511.93
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	43.91
Employee no 5	Secretarial	88.10
Employee no 6	Salary, plug	1497.04
Employee no 7	Salary	1474.37
K Carter	Cleaning	132.12
J Carter	Caretaking	25.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1284.08
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1331.21

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 1972 (Rule 10 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules) the press and the public be excluded from the meeting.

C136 – Grievance

Resolved that:

A meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Tuesday, 4 April at 6.30pm to receive a report on the outcome of the investigation into the Formal Grievance, which had been submitted.