

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE ON MONDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2023.**

**Present:** Cllr Emery (Chair)

Cllrs Cooksey, Friend, Kerr Brown, Klein, Rydzkowski, Sheridan, Warnock-Smith

**PART ONE – Open to Members of the Public including the Press**

**C100 – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Creaghan, Corry and Gosney and Borough Councillor Ilham.

**C101 – Police Reports**

The Parish Council understands that the Police and Crime Commissioner has indicated that once a PCSO has left the post they will not be replaced and would be phased out. This would have a detrimental effect on the Parish.

Resolved that:

The Clerk write to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire and ask for clarification.

**C102 – Borough Councillors' Reports**

Cllrs Rydzkowski and Kerr Brown reported upon the following:

1. Padgate Lane – speeding
2. Old Billy Scheme – it was noted that Woolston Parish Council had given approval to consult proposed partners to the Scheme. It was intended that Information Boards be sited at Weir Lane viewing area and Paddington Bank. This Parish Council would be asked to support the Scheme and to contribute to the cost of signage for the section from New Cut Lane to Paddington Bank. The New Cut Heritage and Ecology Group were to be asked to carry out installation of the signage by their

volunteer members. It was noted that a formal application for funding would be received in due course.

3. Paddington Meadows – Two tents had been erected on the site with people sleeping rough. These had been reported to the Borough Council and the Police.

### **C103 – Questions from Members of the Public**

1. Mr D Jones reported upon the website and upon the notification of meetings.
2. Mr Elliott Wales reported upon footpath No 37 which was heavily blocked, house on Cinnamon Lane, the Hawthorn Centre and St Bridget's Church.

### **C104 – Minutes**

Resolved that:

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

### **C105 – Matters Arising**

- a. **C90(b) – Hawthorn Centre** – it was noted that work had been done to tidy up the outside of the area, including the trees and bushes, but no further information had been received relating to the information requested.
- b. **C96 – Website** – It was noted that the website was currently being updated.

### **C106 – Application for Funding**

The Parish Council considered a request from the Fearnhead Cross Management Committee, who had received a lottery grant for a new Food Bank portacabin. The grant did not cover conversion, painting, canopy and VAT.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council agree a grant of £2,758 to the Fearnhead Cross Management Committee to consider the outstanding costs.

### **C107 – Highway Matters**

Resolved that:

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

- a. Footpath No 37 between Poulton Golf Course and M62 – access from Mill Lane overgrown bushes making passage very difficult.
- b. Junction of Saffron Close/Freshfields Drive – the bushes on both sides of Saffron Close on the Borough Council's land are overgrown and entering and leaving saffron Close is dangerous.
- c. Bus stop on Station Road South opposite Padgate Station is extremely dark. It should be better lit for the safety of people waiting at the bus stop.

### **C108 – Planning Applications**

None were reported.

### **C109 – Warrington Local Plan**

It was now reported that the Borough Council have formally adopted the Warrington Local Plan 2021/2022 – 2038/2039.

### **C110 – Food Bank – Christ Church**

It was noted that Christ Church had donated £602.15 towards the Food Bank.

### **C111 – Food Bank – Co-Op**

The Fearnhead Cross Management Committee had applied to the Co-Op to be the Charity of the Year.

## **C112 – Food Bank – Update**

The Chair reported that they were in a good position with an excess of food but were running out of space. Christmas Hampers were being prepared and would be distributed over the Christmas period with the help of Rylands Sharks. The money raised on Friday nights from the sale of food would be used to give an amount of money to recipients.

## **C113 – Accounts**

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

ALDI	Foodbank Account	157.49
Christ Church	Donation	500.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	44.58
ALDI	Foodbank Account	17.79
Neutronic	Fan repairs	1104.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	160.64
ALDI	Foodbank Account	33.54
Norton	Internet security	49.99
ALDI	Foodbank Account	146.27
ALDI	Foodbank Account	43.86
UK Fuels	Fuel Account	32.79
ALDI	Foodbank Account	7.50
Water Plus	Supply	68.71
O2	Broadband	38.40
T E Hughes & Son Ltd	Silicone spray	16.01
Agrovista UK Ltd	Weedkiller	78.00
ASDA	Foodbank Account	45.34
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.11
ALDI	Foodbank Account	9.00
S Emery	Chair's Allowance	140.00
Employee no 1	Salary	755.07
Employee no 3	Salary	736.44
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps	48.01
Employee no 5	Secretarial	157.80
Employee no 6	Salary	2439.37
Employee no 7	Salary	2409.91
K Carter	Cleaning	308.08
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	2555.58
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	2281.96

## **PART TWO – 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.

### **C114 – Minutes of the Executive Committee**

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 5 December 2023 be taken as a correct record with the amendment of 16 December to 18 December.

### **C115 – Matters Arising**

- a. **CEC(a) – Staffing Issues** – The Clerk reported upon a meeting with the staff involved together with regular monitoring.
- b. **CEC10 – Parish Precept** – The Clerk reported that, as yet, no details had been received of the amended tax base. It was agreed that the consideration of the Parish Precept be at the meeting of the Parish Council on 15 January 2024.