

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POULTON WITH FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FEARNHEAD CROSS CENTRE, INSALL ROAD, PADGATE ON MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2024

Present: Cllr Emery (Chair)

Cllrs Cooksey, Friend, Green, Hannan, Klein, Mansley, Rydzkowski, Sheridan, Warnock-Smith

PART ONE – OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INCLUDING THE PRESS

C116 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Corry, Creaghan, Gosney, Kerr Brown, Laffey.

C117 – Padgate Campus

The Parish Council received a presentation from representatives of David Wilson Homes on their proposals for the building of approximately 400 houses on the site of the former Padgate Campus. They were still in the consultation stage and had already had a meeting with the Borough Ward Members. The consultation exercise would continue with the local community shortly. It was anticipated that by the end of March an application would be made to the Local Planning Authority with an expected mid 2026 occupation. Details of the sporting activities on the site and the proposals under the Section 106 Agreement were also reported. It was noted that, under the Section 106 Agreement, monies would be available which would be received by the Borough Council. The Parish Council expressed the earnest hope that the monies from the Section 106 Agreement could be used to develop facilities on Parish Council land, including Bennett Recreation Ground.

Resolved that:

The Representatives from David Wilson Homes be thanked for their presentation and answers to Members' questions.

C118 – Councillor Laffey

The Clerk reported that Cllr Laffey had resigned as a member of the Parish Council.

C119 – Police Reports

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

C120 – Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllrs Rydzkowski and Friend reported on the following:

1. Residents' issues relating to leaves and drainage
2. Manchester Road Toyota garage – parking problems
3. Padgate Lane – speeding
4. Bruche Avenue – speeding
5. Presentation to Ward Members by David Wilson Homes

C121 – Questions from Members of the Public

None

C122 – Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2023 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C123 – Matters Arising

- a. **C101 – PCSO's – Letter from Police and Crime Commissioner**
The Parish Council received a letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner indicating that there was no policy to phase out PCSO posts when they became vacant, other than a short period whilst a replacement was sourced.
- b. **C105(a) – Hawthorn Centre**
No further information was available.

C124 – Parish Precept 2024/2025

The Parish Council received details of the income and expenditure for the period up to 31 March 2024 and estimates for income and expenditure for 2024/2025. It was reported that the number of Band D properties in the Parish had increased because of the decision to transfer two Wards from Winwick Parish Council to Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council.

Resolved that:

The Parish Council Precept against the Borough Council in the sum of £ 154892 which equated to Band D properties being charges £28.52 per annum.

C125 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Pitch Fees

Resolved that:

The Pitch Fees for 2024/25 be maintained as £170 for Juniors and for the Masters at £340 pro rata on the number of games played.

C126 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Fallen Trees

The Clerk reported that prior to Christmas, three trees had fallen and were causing a danger to members of the public. The Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, had authorised Holly Oak Tree Services to carry out the work which was done on the Saturday prior to Christmas.

Resolved that:

The action of the Clerk be approved.

C127 – Bennett Recreation Ground – Pod

The Clerk reported that prior to Christmas, following the heavy winds, the pod on the Recreation Ground had been damaged beyond repair and it was proposed to dismantle it and dispose of the scrap.

C128 – Planning Applications

The Clerk reported that a further application had been received in respect of the land at the rear of Orford Road for housing. This would be opposed by the residents and the Ward Members.

C129 – Fun Day

A revised meeting of the Fun Day Committee would be notified.

C130 – Accounts

Resolved that:

The following accounts be agreed:

Fearnhead Cross MC	Portacabin	2758.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	18.75
ALDI	Foodbank Account	9.00
British Telecom	Alarm	220.93
Water Plus	Supply	31.41
Holly Oak Tree Services	Removal of trees	1620.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	40.11
ALDI	Foodbank Account	11.25
ALDI	Foodbank Account	76.57
Home Bargains	Foodbank Account	17.56
Warrington B C	Printing	32.00
Warrington B C	Printing	23.00
Warrington B C	Printing	25.00
ALDI	Foodbank Account	18.75
ALDI	Foodbank Account	13.50
UK Fuels	Fuel Account	2.40
O2	Broadband	38.40
Employee no 1	Salary	810.17
Employee no 1	Mileage	9.39
Employee no 1	Payment – holidays	880.00
Employee no 3	Salary	536.92
Employee no 3	Mileage, stamps, diary	45.29
Employee no 5	Secretarial	95.80
Employee no 6	Salary	1615.69
Employee no 7	Salary	1638.20
K Carter	Cleaning	47.92
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI	1353.23
Cheshire West & Chester	Superannuation	1421.46

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.

C131 – Claim

The Clerk reported that the Council's insurers had received a claim from a staff member, following an accident on the Recreation Ground. A meeting had taken place with the Claims Inspector and the further information requested was being provided. The Parish Council noted the need for certain notification procedures and notices.