

POULTON with FEARNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Finance Committee minutes of 15th July 2025

Present: A Warnock-Smith (chair), J. Butler, S. Emery, G. Friend, M. Mansley, U.Gillham (acting clerk).

Apologies: None

Fin 60/25-26: Minutes of last meeting: Agreed proposed GF & seconded MM.

Fin 61/25-26: Annual return update: JB noted that he still needed some receipts in order to sign off. Information will be given to UG to chase up.

Fin 62/25-26: Balance update: Report given and approved by committee, particular note was taken of the reduction in utility bills.

Fin 63/25-26: Asset transfer: It was noted that AWS & SE have a meeting with Director of Place, Eleanor Blackburn on 16th July 2025 in order to get further information to bring to the next meeting. Meeting agreed that the issues PwFPC need to focus on are as follows:

- a. Running costs
- b. Staffing
- c. Maintenance work needed to centre.

Fin 64/25-26: Expenditure requests

- d. Tractor maintenance is required every 900 miles and a quotation has been received from GGM for £1543.55 (whom PwFPC purchased the mower from). Meeting agreed.
- e. Meeting noted the expenditure of £4000.00 with regards to the removal of diseased trees, which AWS gave authority to due to the urgency of the issue. It is likely that more expenditure will be required and UG to see if the insurance policy covers PwFPC for this.
- f. Meeting agreed for the purchase of PPE for Bennett's Rec. maintenance team.
- g. CCTV requires a new monitor.

Fin 65/25-26: AOB

GF suggested a work list be drawn up.

JB suggested that PwFPC needs to consider increasing the precept on a yearly basis.

Fin 66/25-26: Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 6.30 at Fearnhead