

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE GOODWILL HALL, FADDILEY ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

PRESENT:	Cllr G Barlow	Chair
	Cllr J Scott	Vice-Chair
	Cllr P Robinson	Cllr S Latham
	Cllr S Scott	Cllr T Long
	Cllr R Ford	
APOLOGIES:	Cllr P Major	
ALSO PRESENT	Cllr S Davies	(Cheshire East)
	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)	
	Members of the public	

309 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr P Major.

310 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item. There were no declarations of interest made by Members present.

311 MINUTES – 6TH JULY 2022 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

312 MATTERS ARISING

The following items were raised from the above minutes: -

- Common – it was **AGREED** not to progress the work on identifying/signposting the orchids. It was stated that a plaque may be put in place but need to check on the length of service by Cllr David Latham. It was agreed that Cllrs Latham/Robinson would work on the plaque.
- Phone Box –it was noted that the electricity had been disconnected and work was going on to remove the box itself
- Road Safety – it was reported that not many speed checks had happened – will now start in a co-ordinated manner with Burland PC. It was **AGREED** to order Community Speed Watch signs and Cllr Long said that she would go around the parish with the bin stickers
- Broadband – it was reported that Airband was starting work in the area and had offered to visit the Parish Council meeting. It was **AGREED** to chase them up on them attending the next parish council meeting.
- Hearn's Lane – no updates although it was reported that barriers had been damaged
- Planning Issues – it was reported that the Sevenoaks application had been rejected by Cheshire East – further information under Planning Matters in these minutes.
- The Thatch – it was reported that it was still for sale and not in a good state – Cllr Long to investigate.
- Woodhey Lane – Cllr Robinson to supply pictures for report.
- Newsletter – will look into the logistics of preparing a council newsletter

313 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was one member of the public present at the meeting, but no issues were raised.

314 FINANCIAL MATTERS

301.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2022 – 31st July 2022)

Members noted the above document.

301.2 Budget Monitoring Report/Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter One – 2022/23 – April-June 2022)

The budget monitoring/receipts and payments summary for the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year were presented to Members for note.

301.3 Internal/External Audit 2021/22

The internal audit for the 2021/22 financial year has been completed by the Parish Council's internal auditor Mr Peter Kent. No significant issues were raised by the internal auditor.

The Parish Council was approved as exempt from external audit for the 2021/22 financial year.

Members **APPROVED** the above information.

301.4 Authorisation of Payments

£269.36 Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (August/Sept 2022)
£67.34 HMRC for months 3 and 4 of the tax year (Clerk's salary)
£50.00 Mr Peter Kent – Internal Audit for 2021/22

RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by the Council

302 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman of the Council made his report and referred to the following: -

- Past Minutes – the Chair said that he had found the past minutes and shared them with the meeting. Cllr Robinson agreed to store them.
- Battery for Defibrillator – advice received from the area's First Responder and Cllr Barlow will check on the position prior to ordering a new battery.

303 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies attended the meeting and updated Members on issues affecting Cheshire East Council.

304 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following issues were raised under this agenda item.

- Cllr Long – the 40 mph sign has been put back up
- Cllr Robinson – asked for an extension to the 40 mph area on the A534 to go from Hollywell Farm to Faddiley Bank
- Cllr Ford – asked what was happening with the work on the Windmill crossroads – Clerk said he would chase up

305 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

Cllr Janet Scott updated the meeting on the Sevenoaks application. Cllr Scott and the Clerk attended the Southern Area Planning Committee at Cheshire East. The Parish Council got their message across about issues with policy. In addition, Cllr Sarah Pochin spoke on behalf of local residents. Cllr Davies also spoke against the application. Cllr Clowes focused on the issues where the application clashed with Planning Policy and expressed other concerns regarding waste and septic tanks. The lack of economic benefit to the area was also cited, as were planning issues in the past. It was finally proposed that the application be refused and this was agreed by the Committee. A further planning application has been submitted (22/0890N) for this property. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Scott for her work.

306 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

The following items were raised under this agenda item

- Cllr Scott – asked for the topic of neighbourhood planning to be put on the next agenda.

307 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 7th November 2022 (7.30 pm) – Goodwill Hall.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 8.35pm