

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE GOODWILL HALL, FADDILEY ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2024**

PRESENT:	Cllr P Robinson	Chair (in the chair)
	Cllr J Scott	Vice-Chair
	Cllr S Scott	Cllr R Johnson
	Cllr G Barlow	
APOLOGIES:	Cllr B Latham	
	Cllr James Pearson	Cheshire East Council
ALSO PRESENT	Dr. M Bailey	(Clerk/RFO)
	Members of the public	

PART A

492 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Cllr Brian Latham and Cheshire East Cllr James Pearson. Mandy Shore and Nick Hilton also provided apologies (see vacancies).

493 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 made by the Members present at the meeting.

494 MINUTES – 2nd SEPTEMBER 2024 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2024.

RESOLVED: -

Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd September 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

495 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised from the above minutes.

- Kidderton Lane – issue of the pond has been raised regarding who has responsibility – it was reported that the pond is now clean, and a resident is to clear the leaves from the area. In terms of drains, it was suggested to ask Cllr Pearson if he could fund repairs to the drains.
- A534 – it was reported that the Head of Road Safety at Cheshire East Council is to complete a report
- Bank Mandate – will chase up with Nat West.
- Planning Enforcement – it was reported that the original report relating to Botterley Hill Farm had been reported to Planning Enforcement at Cheshire East Council with seemingly no action taken. Will continue to press Cheshire East Council on the matter.
- Casual Vacancies – this was included on the agenda.
- Event – was considered later on the agenda.
- Speed Gun – two people have been trained on use of the speed gun.
- Defibrillator – has been registered on the Circuit website.

- Dog Fouling – still an issue.

496 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Several members of the public attended the meeting – no issues were raised.

- Resident One – Willbank Lane – potholes are getting worse, and Whitehaven Lane is also an issue. Needs to be reported to Burland and Acton PC.

497 CASUAL VACANCY

It was reported that two vacancies exist on the Parish Council following the elections on 4th May 2023 and the resignation of Cllr Long. As per the Parish Council's Standing Orders, the vacancies had been advertised. The Council was invited to co-opt an individual to fill the vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Council agreed to co-opt Nick Hilton and Mandy Shore.

498 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following items.

498.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April–30th September 2024)

Members noted that ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April-30th September 2024.

498.2 Budget Monitoring Report/Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter Two – 2024/25 – July-Sept 2024)

The budget monitoring/receipts and payments summary for the second quarter of the 2024/25 financial year were presented to Members.

498.3 Internal Audit 2023/24

The Clerk reported that the report from the Internal Audit for 2023/24 had been received and Members **APPROVED** the report.

498.4 Budget Report 2025/26

Members noted the report.

498.5 Authorisation of Payments

£288.42	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Oct/Nov 2024)
£72.11	HMRC – months 7 and 8 (tax on Clerk's salary)
£139.00	Cllr Paul Robinson (Reimbursement – payment for newsletter)
£115.80	Shires Accountants (Payroll Oct 2024-March 2025)
£120.00	Goodwill Hall (Room Hire 2024)
£495.00	Re-Coded Solutions (Website Development)
£60.00	Peter Kent (Internal Audit 2023-24)
£40.00	Cllr Paul Robinson (cost of hire for event)
£21.00	Cllr Paul Robinson (cost of Temporary Event Notice)
£45.98	Cllr Sally Scott (payment for card readers)

Members **RESOLVED** to approve these payments.

499 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman of the Parish Council reported on the following items: -

- Newsletter – thanked Cllr Janet Scott for her work on developing the newsletter – feedback has been very positive.
- Speedwatch – thanked Cllr Sally Scott for her work with the speed gun.
- Event – thanked Cllr Nick Hilton for his work on organising the wine and cheese evening. Also, thanked Cllr Rebecca Johnson for her work on the event.

500 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr James Pearson provided his apologies and did not attend the meeting.

501 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members considered highways issues affecting the parish.

- Hearn’s Lane – flooding issue – it was reported that Cheshire East Highways had come out to look at the issue. It was requested that Cllr Pearson is contacted about the matter.

502 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

503 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

The following issues were raised under this agenda item.

- Road Surfacing – need to keep an eye on the issues in the parish.
- Signs – concerned about some of the signs which are covered by branches and the issue of keeping them clean.
- The Thatch – it was reported that residents are asking about the future of the site.
- Event – it was proposed that a ‘Meet Your Councillor’ table might be included and asked where the cash taken on the night could be secured. It was agreed that Cllr Robinson would keep the cash. Ticket sales were reported as going well – around 50 in total. Agreed that there would be some funds available to give to charity and agreed on £3 for a sausage sandwich (will purchase 100 sausages). Also agreed on around £3 for a glass of wine.

504 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th January 2025 - 7.30pm – Goodwill Hal (Parish Council Meeting)

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and concluded at 8.13pm