

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT THE GOODWILL HALL, FADDILEY ON 6TH MAY 2025**

PRESENT:	Cllr P Robinson	Chair (in the chair)
	Cllr G Barlow	Vice Chair
	Cllr S Scott	Cllr R Johnson
	Cllr M Shore	Cllr N Hilton
	Cllr B Latham	

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Curden

ALSO PRESENT Cllr James Pearson (Cheshire East Council)
Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)
Members of the public

PART 1 – ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

530 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr P Robinson took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chair of the Parish Council until the 2026 Annual Parish Council meeting. Members **AGREED** to nominate and elect Cllr S Scott as Chair of the Parish Council for the 2025-6 year.

531 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Parish Council until the Annual Parish Council meeting in 2026. Members **AGREED** to nominate and elect Cllr P Robinson as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council until the 2026 Annual Parish Council meeting.

532 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Cllr P Cuerden.

533 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.

534 MINUTES – 3RD MARCH 2025 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2025.

RESOLVED: -

Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th January 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

535 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised from the above minutes.

- Kidderton Lane – it was reported that the drains had been jetted out but that more work needed to be done. It was **AGREED** that this would be followed up with Cheshire East Council. Cllr Pearson agreed to provide an update.
- A534 – the report had been shared and awaiting further actions.
- Speed Gun – a request for volunteers was made to use the gun.

- A534 – state of the carriageway reported as deteriorating around the Faddiley bends. Cllr Pearson reported that this had been included in a route review. It was reported that the MP is involved in this work to seek to drive actions forward. Members also raised the issue of diversions and notice being given to allow measures to be taken to mitigate the impact on the parishes. The issue of the Police Forum was raised and Cllr Pearson asked that any evidence of issues with road safety are shared for data to be collated.
- Speed Camera – the issue of installing one in the parishes was raised with Cllr Pearson. It was agreed that a case would be made for a camera.

536 APPOINTMENTS TO PARISH COUNCIL ROLES/OUTSIDE BODIES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors to lead on the following roles:

- Planning – Cllr Shore
- Footpaths/Highways – Cllr Robinson
- Speed Gun – Cllr Scott
- Litter Picking – it was **AGREED** that all councillors would be involved in litter picking sessions
- Newsletter – Cllr Shore
- Events – all councillors to work on the events and co-ordinate
- Goodwill Hall Liaison – Cllr Johnson
- Website/Digital Communications - Clerk
- Flooding – Cllr Latham

The Parish Council is also invited to appoint a representative to the following outside bodies:

- Goodwill Hall Committee – Cllrs Johnson/Barlow
- Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Cllr Scott
- Police Cluster meetings – Cllr Johnson
- Nantwich Local Highways Group – Cllr Hilton

537 STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Parish Council **APPROVED** the Council's Standing Orders/Financial Regulations for 2025/26.

538 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following items.

538.1 End of Year Accounts (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025)

Members noted and **APPROVED** the following documents comprising the draft accounts for the financial year 1st April 2024–31st March 2025.

- Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024-25
- Ledger 2024-25 (1st April 2024-31st March 2025)
- Budget Monitoring Report (Quarter Four 2024/25)
- Receipts and Payments 2024/25

538.2 Responsible Financial Officer

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint the Parish Clerk as the RFO for the 2025-26 financial year.

538.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint Ms. Pat Le Grice for the year 2025-2026.

538.4 External Audit 2024-25

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Certificate of Exemption from external audit for 2024-25.

538.5 Asset Register 2024-25

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the asset register for 2024-25. Members noted that two card readers need to be added to the register to the value of £45.98.

538.6 Risk Assessment 2025-26

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the risk assessment for 2025-26.

538.7 Authorisation of Payments

£288.42	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (April/May 2025)
£72.11	HMRC – months 1 and 2 (tax on Clerk's salary)
£86.40	Shires Accountants (Payroll – April-Oct 2025)
£493.72	Clear Councils (Insurance 2025/26)
£104.52	ChALC (Membership 2025/26)

Members **RESOLVED** to approve these payments.

539. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS – 2025-2026

The Parish Council is to approve the attached calendar of meetings for 2025-2026 (first Monday in every other month, unless otherwise stated).

7th July 2025

1st September

3rd November

5th January 2026

2nd March

5th May 2026 (Annual Meeting – Tuesday)

Members **APPROVED** these dates for the 2025-26 council year. It was requested that these dates are shared with the Goodwill Hall Booking Secretary

PART 2 – ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

540. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

541. CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Vote of Thanks – the Chair thanked Cllrs Robinson and Barlow for their work as Chair and Vice-Chair
- Newsletter – hoped that this would be carried forward
- Planning – have reviewed the planning
- Common and Drainage – have helped to get these cleared.

- WhatsApp Group – this had developed in a positive way.
- Events – had gone well and looking forward to events to come.

542. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr James Pearson attended the meeting.

- A534 – working on a variety of issues in the parishes and along the road.
- MP – met with the MP and agreed that connectivity issues need to be improved in the area. Members were asked that planning comments include requests for community benefits as part of the application process, including connectivity.

543. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members considered highways issues affecting the parish.

- Road Signs – it was reported that signs needed to be repaired and cleaned. It was **AGREED** to report on FixMyStreet.
- Grit Bins – it was noted that steps had been taken to apply for a grit bin, but the website was not clear. Cllr Pearson will advise on this matter.

544. PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

545. COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

546. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7th July 2025 – 7.30pm – Goodwill Hall

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 8.10pm and concluded at 8.19pm