MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GOODWILL HALL, FADDILEY ON 6TH JANUARY 2026

PRESENT:	Cllr S Scott	Chair
	Cllr P Robinson	Vice-Chair
	Cllr G Barlow	Cllr M Shore
	Cllr R Johnson	Cllr N Hilton
	Cllr P Cuerden	Cllr B Latham
APOLOGIES:	None	
ALSO PRESENT	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)	Cllr J Pearson (CEC)
	Members of the public	

PART A

584 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
No apologies were received.

585 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary/non-pecuniary interest in any item of business on the agenda, nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to discussion of that item. There were no declarations made by the Members present at the meeting.

586 MINUTES – 3rd NOVEMBER 2025 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)
Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2025.

RESOLVED: -
Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd November 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

587 MATTERS ARISING
The following matters were raised from the above minutes.

- A534 – it was reported that the white lines are missing from the area by Woodside Cottage. This had been reported to Cheshire East Council who stated that there were no funds available for the work. Cllr Pearson reported that this had been raised at Cheshire East Council.
- Speed Camera – Cllr Pearson reported that this had been raised at the Police Cluster meeting.
- Bluestone Traffic Lights – Cllr Pearson reported that an update on flooding in the area had been requested.
- MacMillan Coffee Mornings – thanks were given to Janet Scott.
- Grit Bins – it was noted that permission to move would have to come from Cheshire East Council. It was reported that some had been used during the current bad weather. Thanks were given to those who had used them and to Cheshire East for installing them – the issue of refilling them will be raised with Cheshire East, and a link will be provided by Cllr Pearson.
- Police Cluster Meeting – it was noted that the number of PCSOs was to be reduced. It was noted that the next meeting was to take place on 18th March 2026, and it was **AGREED** that Cllrs Hilton and Scott would attend.

- Ikey Lane – it was noted that this had been raised with Cllr Pearson and it was clarified that residents had put stones on the verges in the area. Cllr Pearson reported that he had raised this with Cheshire East Highways. Cllr Pearson reported that there is a link to report this matter.
- Planning – the matter of Willbank Lane was raised and it was reported that this was closed.
- The Thatch – it was reported that this had been raised with Cheshire East Council planning enforcement.
- WhatsApp – it was reported that Cllr Curden had been added to the group.

588 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Several members of the public attended the meeting – the following matters were raised.

- Resident One – reported that a grid was blocked opposite Hunter's Lodge in the parish. It was advised that this should be reported to Cheshire East Council.

589 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following items.

577.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.25-30.11.25)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2025-30th November 2025 was noted by Members.

589.2 Internal Audit Report 2024-25

This will be presented at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

589.3 Budget Report 2026-27

Members considered a report on setting a budget for 2026-27 and were asked to put forward proposals for the budget.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED:** –

- That a budget of **£5,050.00** be approved for the 2026-27 year
- That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£3,600.00** from Cheshire East Council

589.4 Bank Mandate

The Parish Council was asked to consider the following changes to the authorised signatories in the current bank mandate.

It was **AGREED** to remove the following from the list of authorised signatories: -

- Robert Ford
- David Latham
- Leslie (Alan) Williams

The **RESOLVED** to replace the above with the following signatories: -.

- Sally Scott

The Parish Council is asked to note that the following are signatories at present and will remain on the mandate: -

- Paul Robinson
- John (Graham) Barlow
- Mark Bailey

Members **APPROVED** setting up online banking for the Parish Council.

589.5 Authorisation of Payments

£326.74	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Dec 2025/Jan 2026)
£81.68	HMRC – months 9 and 10 (tax on Clerk's salary)

The payment below covers the cost of payroll services from Shires Accountants – the company no longer takes cheques, and the bank will not set up a direct debit.

£217.80	Dr MJ Bailey (reimbursement – payment to Shires Accountants)

The below payment is a replacement for cheque number 814, which was made out incorrectly.

£126.00	Cllr Mandy Shore (Reimbursement – Newsletter)
£100.00	Goodwill Hall – room hire

Members **RESOLVED** to approve these payments.

590 CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Goodwill Pub – the Chair thanked everyone for their help and reported that there was a surplus made on the night of £414.86. The issue of how to use these monies was raised and it was agreed to use it for the benefit of the community.
- Carol Service – it was reported that this had gone well.

591 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr James Pearson attended the meeting and provided updates.

- Farming Review – Cheshire East Council own a number of farms and is reviewing the position. It was mentioned that there will be a consultation on this matter.

592 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members considered highways issues affecting the parish.

593 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

594 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

Members raised the following issues under this agenda item.

- Planning – a hoarding had been erected on the main road about an urban development, and it was asked whether there was any further information. It appears to be related to work on the properties in the area.
- Defibrillator – it was stated that this needs to be dealt with and batteries/pads purchased. It was requested that further information is sought on this.

595 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2nd March 2026 – 7.30pm – Goodwill Hall

………………………………Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and concluded at pm