

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT THE GOODWILL HALL, FADDILEY ON 5TH MAY 2026**

PRESENT:	Cllr S Scott	Chair
	Cllr P Robinson	Vice-Chair
	Cllr P Cuerden	Cllr B Latham
	Cllr G Barlow	Cllr M Shore
	Cllr N Hilton	
APOLOGIES:	Cllr R Johnson	Cllr J Pearson (CEC)
ALSO PRESENT	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO) Members of the public	

PART A

608 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Scott took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chair of the Parish Council until the 2027 Annual Parish Council meeting. Members **AGREED** to nominate and elect Cllr Sally Scott as Chair of the Parish Council for the 2026/7 year.

609 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Parish Council. Members **AGREED** to nominate and elect Cllr Paul Robinson as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council until the 2027 Annual Parish Council meeting.

610 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Johnson. Apologies were also received from Cheshire East Cllr James Pearson.

611 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.

612 MINUTES – 4TH MARCH 2026 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2026.

RESOLVED: -

Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

613 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised from the above minutes.

- Bank Mandate – it was **RESOLVED** to apply for online banking.

614 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 – all councillors
- 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 for the following outside bodies:

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

615 STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Parish Council **APPROVED** the Council's Standing Orders/Financial Regulations for 2026/27.

616 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following items.

616.1 End of Year Accounts (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026)

Members noted and **APPROVED** the following documents comprising the draft accounts for the financial year 1st April 2025–31st March 2026.

- Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-26
- Ledger 2025-26 (1st April 2025-31st March 2026)
- Budget Monitoring Report (Quarter Four 2025/26)
- Receipts and Payments 2025/26

616.2 Responsible Financial Officer

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint the Parish Clerk as the RFO for the 2026-27 financial year.

616.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint Ms. Pat Le Grice for the year 2026-2027.

616.4 External Audit 2026-27

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Certificate of Exemption from external audit for 2026-27.

616.5 Asset Register 2025-26

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the asset register for 2025-26.

616.6 Risk Assessment 2026-27

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the risk assessment for 2026-27.

616.7 Authorisation of Payments

£326.74 Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (April/May 2026)

£89.68	HMRC – months 1 and 2 (tax on Clerk's salary)
£517.67	Clear Councils (Insurance 2026/27)
£97.20	Shires Accountants (M1-M6 2026/27)

Members **AGREED** to review the insurance arrangements.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve these payments.

617 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS – 2026-2027

The Parish Council **APPROVED** the calendar of meetings for 2026-2027 (first Monday in every other month, unless otherwise stated).

6th July 2026

7th September

2nd November

4th January 2027

1st March

Annual Meetings – to be confirmed

It was requested that these dates are shared with the Goodwill Hall Booking Secretary

PART 2 – ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

618 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public attended the meeting and raised the following items.

- Highways – it was reported that there was a pothole on the 'triangle' in the parish, but CEC has said that it is not their responsibility. It was **AGREED** to raise with Cllr Pearson.

619 CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Members – the Chair thanked Members for their support during the year.
- Condolences – condolences were offered to the family of David Needham for their loss.
- Speed Watch – it was reported that sessions had been held.
- Events – it was mentioned that a daytime event was being considered
- Litter Picking – it was suggested to have a litter picking session during World Environmental Week in June 2026. It was **AGREED** to hold a session on 25th July 2026. It was also agreed to hold a planning meeting for this session.
- Planting – it was **AGREED** to look at planting in the parish.
- Noticeboard – to examine replacement cover for the noticeboard
- Bus Stop – it was suggested that a plaque is attached to the bus stop – Cllr Latham **AGREED** to follow this up.

620 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr James Pearson provided apologies and raised the following issue.

- Speed Indication Device – Cllr Pearson is to procure a SID and the Parish Council **AGREED** to take this on, including future costs and maintenance.

621 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members considered highways issues affecting the parish.

- Highways – pothole issues had been raised with CEC. It was suggested that signage should discourage HGVs and close roads except for resident access.
- A534 – it was **AGREED** to raise with Cllr Pearson about re-surfacing and white lines – ask that it is included in the plan.

622 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

623 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

Members raised the following issues under this agenda item.

- Police Cluster – it was reported that there was not much shared in terms of information. The PCSO now covers a wider area.
- Goodwill Hall – it was reported that there had been a shortage of volunteers. It was **AGREED** to arrange a date to assist with issues at the Hall.
- The Thatch – it was reported that rats were going from the site – it was **AGREED** to report to CEC, alongside planning enforcement issues.

624 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th July 2026 – 7.30pm – Goodwill Hall (Parish Council Meetings)

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm and concluded at 8.36pm