

**nMINUTES OF MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY ON 1ST MARCH 2021**

PRESENT:	Cllr G Barlow	Chairman
	Cllr T Long	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr C Latham	Cllr J Thomas
	Cllr P Robinson	Cllr R Ford
	Cllr P Major	

APOLOGIES: None

ALSO PRESENT Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)
Cllr S Davies (Cheshire East)

176 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

It was announced by the Chair that Cllr J Pochin had resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Chair thanked Cllr Pochin for his work, especially the considerable amount of work done around road safety and the state of the roads.

177 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.

178 MINUTES – 4TH JANUARY 2021

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

179 MATTERS ARISING

The following items were raised from the above minutes: -

- Common – it was reported that nothing had been received from the horticulturist. The Chair said that he would chase this up.
- Bench – this has been raised with local residents and any feedback will be used in deciding where the bench is to be located
- Phone Box – the ownership of the box has transferred to the Parish Council. Need to contact BT to remove the power – the Chair will action this.
- Windsor Drive Sign – the sign is with a local resident and need to make arrangements to have the sign erected.
- A534 hedge – the Chair will chase this up.
- Hearn Lane – the road is in poor quality – Chair will report to Cheshire East Council.

180 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

181 CASUAL VACANCY

Following the resignation of Cllr Pochin, a vacancy exists on the Parish Council. In the event an election is not called, this will be dealt with at the next meeting in May 2021.

Members also mentioned the recommendations from the Cheshire East Council Governance Review. The number of Councillors is recommended to be reduced to seven from the current eight. This will be considered in full at the next meeting.

182 FINANCIAL MATTERS

182.1 Authorisation of Payments

£266.42	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Feb/March 2021)
£66.60	HMRC for months 11 and 12 of the tax year (Clerk's salary)
£12.60	Shires Pay Services (M9 and M10 – 2020/21)

RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by the Council

182.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2020-31st January 2021)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2020-31st January 2021 was presented to Members for note.

182.3 Budget Monitoring Report/Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 3 – Apr-Dec 2020)

The budget monitoring/receipts and payments summaries for quarter 3 (2020/21) (Apr-Dec 2020) were presented to Members for note.

183 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

- Flooding in the Parish – this was very bad especially on the junction off the A534 and Kidderton Lane. Grids in the area were blocked. Local residents are very worried about this situation. Local roads are also a problem and are being damaged by traffic. Cllr Long confirmed that local roads have not been gritted. Cllr Davies said that he would approach Cheshire East Council about this situation. A meeting is to take place at Church Minshull Parish Council on 2nd March 2021 to look at this situation and Cllr Long is to attend. Members agreed to send pictures to the Clerk of problems and these will be posted on social media in an effort to get Cheshire East to act.
- Bus Shelter – work is to start on the shelter and will report back on this to the Council.

184 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies was present at the meeting and commented that it was difficult to contact officers at Cheshire East Council to get things done.

185 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Parish Council considered matters relating to highways in the parish – these are covered under 'Matters Arising' – Minute 179 above.

Issues with gritting are still ongoing.

185.1 Road Safety and Speed Limits

This is an ongoing issue and one which Cllr Pochin had been working on. It was agreed to ask Cheshire East for information on the number of deaths on the A534 in the parish and also what the acceptable number of deaths would be before action will be taken.

186 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

186.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered the following planning application.

21/0620N	<u>The Gables, Springe Lane, Faddiley CW5 8JP</u> Proposed two storey side extension, rear and side single storey extension, roof alterations including internal reconfiguration, the conversion of an existing outbuilding and proposed new garage.
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The Council had no objections to this application.

187 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

The following matters were considered by the Council: -

- COVID-19 – it was reported that vaccinations were being administered at the Civic Hall in Nantwich. It was also reported that all vulnerable people known to the Parish Council were being supported.
- It was reported that High Ash Farm had made repairs to the road outside their property. The Clerk was asked to write to them to offer thanks for this work.

188 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30pm – details to be confirmed.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 8.30pm