

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE GOODWILL HALL, FADDILEY ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2023**

PRESENT:	Cllr P Robinson	Chair (in the chair)
	Cllr J Scott	Vice-Chair
	Cllr S Scott	Cllr G Barlow
	Cllr R Johnson	Cllr T Long
	Cllr B Latham	

APOLOGIES: None

ALSO PRESENT Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)
Members of the public

PART A

404 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies submitted to the meeting.

405 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.

406 THE BADDILEY TRUST

Members received an update from Mr. Gilbert Hitchin from the Baddiley Trust. Mr. Hitchin requested that someone from the Parish Council takes on the role currently occupied by him (Trustee). The Trust exists to help the poor of the parish. Each Trustee is elected once every three years. It was agreed that anyone interested should attend the next meeting of the Trust in March 2024.

407 MINUTES – 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

Members considered the minutes from the previous meeting held on 7th September 2023.

RESOLVED: -

Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

408 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised from the above minutes.

- Litter Pickers – Cllrs Barlow and S Scott have the equipment.
- Dog Fouling Signs – four are now in place (out of five).
- The Thatch – no updates.
- WhatsApp Group – it was agreed that Cllr Brian Latham will set this up for the parishes.
- Speed Chacks – have been suspended for the time being – will update when more information is available.
- A534 – awaiting further information on issues relating to the main road.

409 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were two residents present at the meeting.

410 CASUAL VACANCY

It was reported that there was still one vacancy on the Parish Council.

411 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial matters relating to the Parish Council.

411.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.23-30.9.23)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation for period 1.4.23-30.9.23.

411.2 Budget Monitoring Report/Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter Two – 2023/24 – April-Sept 2023)

Members noted the budget monitoring/receipts and payments summary for quarter two of the 2023/24 financial year.

411.3 Budget Report 2024-25

The Parish Council considered the budget for 2024-25.

411.4 Authorisation of Payments

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments: -

£288.42	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Oct/Nov 2023)
£72.11	HMRC for months 7 and 8 of the 2023-24 tax year (Clerk's salary)
£106.20	Shires Accountants (Payroll M7-M12 2023/24)

411.5 Bank Mandate

The Parish Council is considered the following changes to the authorised signatories in the current bank mandate.

To remove the following from the list of authorised signatories: -

- Robert Ford
- David Latham
- Alan Williams

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

- Janet Scott
- Tina Long

The Parish Council noted that the following are signatories at present: -

- Paul Robinson
- Graham Barlow
- Mark Bailey

The Council also **APPROVED** setting up online banking for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: -

Members noted and approved the changes set out above.

412 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

- Flooding – local property was flooded recently.
- Planning – a meeting took place recently of Members of the Parish Council to move issues forward. Will try and continue with this approach and have a meeting in December 2023. It was also agreed to hold a social meeting for Christmas. Will look at holding this on or around 13th December 2023.
- Members – welcomed Cllr Tina Long back to the Parish Council.

413 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr James Pearson did not attend the meeting.

414 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members considered highways issues affecting the parish.

415 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

416 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

The following issues were raised under this agenda item.

- Newsletter – latest edition has been drafted. Members agreed that the information in the newsletter was appropriate. It was requested that information about litter picking and Faddiley FC was included in the newsletter.
- Christmas Event – there will be a carol service at Woodhey Chapel – 7th December 2023 at 7.30pm.
- D-Day 80th Anniversary Event – several areas were discussed – it was agreed to look at organising a summer event.
- Cllr Barlow – raised the issue of grass cutting on the verges along the main road – it was argued that these areas needed to be cut relatively urgently. It was agreed to ask Cheshire Easr Highways to cut these areas initially.
- Cllr Barlow – asked that checks on the defibrillator are carried out. Cllr Johnson agreed to carry out checks.
- Cllr Barlow – mentioned putting a bench in the bus shelter – will action this with the Chair.
- Cllr Latham – raised the issue of road signs – the Clerk will follow this up.

417 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - 7.30pm – Goodwill Hall

418 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members agreed to exclude press and public due to confidential nature of items in accordance with section 1(2) of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. This is pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

419 WEBSITE

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the bronze package from Hugo Fox at a cost of £9.99 per month to the Parish Council.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 8.53pm