

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE GOODWILL HALL, FADDILEY ON 3rd JULY 2023**

PRESENT:	Cllr J Scott Cllr S Scott	Vice-Chair (in the chair) Cllr R Johnson
APOLOGIES:	Cllr P Robinson Cllr G Barlow Cllr J Pearson	Chair (2022/23) (Cheshire East)
ALSO PRESENT	Dr. M Bailey Members of the public	(Clerk/RFO)

PART A

377 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies submitted.

378 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.

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381 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised from the above minutes.

- Litter Pickers – have been delivered and no issues.
- Dog Fouling Signs – delivered with no issues.
- The Thatch – it was reported that houses would be built on the site – no further information provided.
- Audit 2022/23 – the Clerk confirmed that all information had been submitted and published and that the Internal Audit report would be presented at the next meeting.

382 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were six residents present at the meeting. The following matters were raised.

- Resident One – wanted to talk about speed limits – it was noted that this matter was on the agenda.

383 CASUAL VACANCIES

It was reported that there were three vacancies on the Parish Council.

One person at the meeting indicated that they were interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Tina Long onto the Parish Council.

384 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

384.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.23-30.4.23)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation for period 1.4.23-30.4.23.

384.2 Risk Assessment 2023-24

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Risk Assessment for 2023-24. It was noted under 'Speed Watch' that volunteers are not covered by the Parish Council.

384.3 Authorisation of Payments

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

£288.42	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (June/July 2023)
£72.11	HMRC for months 3 and 4 of the 2023-24 tax year (Clerk's salary)
£76.00	Cllr J Scott (Reimbursement of the cost of newsletter)
£88.20	Shires Accountants (Payroll Costs April – October 2023)
£43.20	Cllr Graham Barlow (Travel Costs)

385 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair of the Parish Council was not present at the meeting, but provided a written report: -

- Provided thanks to Cllr Barlow for his work as the previous Chair.
- Asked that letters of thanks go out to the retiring Members.
- Delighted with the setting up of a Parish Council WhatsApp group.
- Pleased with the newsletter and thanked Cllr Janet Scott for her hard work in putting it together, as well as those volunteers who delivered the newsletter.
- Woodhey Lane now repaired thanks to group effort in raising the issue – now in good shape.
- Speed checks to be carried out – Cllr Long to lead.

386 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr James Pearson did not attend the meeting in person, but provided a report: -

- Shared a letter to residents on surface dressing on Wrexham Road – road will

close between 8am and 5pm on 20.7.23-10.8.23.

- Bus Services Consultation – deals with how commercially non-viable services should be funded by the Borough Council.
- Highways – speed limits and accident rates on A534 – Cheshire East Highways will be carrying out a study along the road on accidents. The statistics for the parish include three fatalities in 22 years. An appointment with the Police and Crime Commissioner will be made via Cllr Pearson.

387 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members considered highways issues affecting the parish.

388 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

388.1 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered by the Parish Council.

23/1466N Botterley Hill Farm, Springe Lane, Faddiley CW5 8JW
New detached single storey garage building

Cllr J Scott stated that objections to the application had been shared with Members. Noted that the owner had done huge amounts of renovation in terms of gentrifying it. The issue is that the owner has already fallen foul of Cheshire East Planning, and this is the third application for a single-storey garage. In the application, virtue is made of the concrete slab, but this was only part of the renovation process. It was reported that it was unknown why two garages had been built. There is a lot of external lighting which is having an impact on local wildlife. Planning Policy PG6 says that there should be no development in the open countryside, and this feels that it is happening in the open countryside. There are issues with planning powers as it states that the previous garage applications were not made under this ownership, but it appears that they were made. Cllr J Scott said that she had produced a document and will ask for comments before submitting. Response submitted by the Parish Council.

21/6250N Sevenoaks, Hearn's Lane, Faddiley, CW5 8JL
Change of use of land for the siting of four new holiday lodges, the conversion of an existing building to a holiday lodge and ancillary works.

This is an appeal against the original decision by Cheshire East Council to reject the application.

Members agreed to approve the same response as originally sent to Cheshire East Council for the original planning application.

389 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

The following issues were raised under this agenda item.

- Cllr J Scott – asked what the next event would be in the parish. Agreed to do something for the 80th anniversary of D Day.
- Cllr S Scott – asked if something could be put on Facebook about the farm open day.
- Cllr S Scott – asked when some litter picking could be done.

390 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th September 2023 (7.30 pm) – Goodwill Hall

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 8.30pm