

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2020**

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

APOLOGIES:	Cllr P Robinson	Cllr R Ford
	Cllr S Davies (Cheshire East)	

ALSO PRESENT	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)
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146 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Robinson, R Ford, and Cheshire East Councillor S Davies.

147 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.

148 MINUTES – 7th SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

149 MATTERS ARISING

The following items were raised from the above minutes: -

- Feedback from Police Meeting (Windsor Drive) – meeting was meant to consist of B&F PC; Cheshire East Council; the Guinness Trust and Cheshire Police. In the event, the Parish Council and Cheshire Police attended. It was confirmed that this has been a long-standing issue and is about a dispute over parking spaces. The matter is now closed, and the Police will keep the Council informed of any developments.
- Local business issues – no updates
- Brindley Lea Lane – it was reported that not all of the Lane has been repaired
- Common – contact has been made with a local horticulturist but no response yet. It was decided that a tree would not be planted at this time but would raise at the next meeting in January 2021.

150 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

151 FINANCIAL MATTERS

151.1 Authorisation of Payments

£266.42	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Oct/Nov 2020)
£66.60	HMRC for months 7 and 8 of the 2020/21 tax year (Clerk's salary)

RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by the Council

151.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2020-30th September 2020)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2020-30th September 2020 was presented to Members, who noted the document.

151.3 Budget Monitoring /Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 2 – 2020/21)

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary for the period up to the end of quarter 2 (2020/21) was presented to Members, who noted the documents.

151.4 Budget Report 2021-22

A report setting out the process of setting the Parish Council budget for 2021-22 was presented to Members.

The following points were noted: -

- The precept for 2020-21 was £3,000
- The taxbase has not yet been announced
- The Parish Council is estimated to have £5,411.13 left in the bank at the end of this financial year
- There is a minimal variance of £20.68 underspend on the 2020-21 budget

It was agreed to leave a final decision on the 2021-22 budget and precept until the next meeting on 4th January 2021. In the meantime, the Clerk will put together a draft budget for consideration at that meeting.

152 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman of the Parish Council had no further items to report (see Matters Arising).

153 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East) did not attend the meeting and gave his apologies.

154 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

154.1 Road Safety/Speed Limits

Cllr Pochin reported that he had received a reply from the MP with a response from Cheshire East Highways (attached to these minutes). CEC said that they do monitor accidents on the A534 and said that the road does not meet the criteria for further action. The options for the Parish Council now are to press the Police for greater enforcement and to take measures directly. It was agreed to order 50 stickers for bins and will look at including further measures around signs and road markings in the 2021-22 budget. It was agreed that Cllrs Long and Pochin would look at options in more detail.

154.2 Gritting

Cllr Thomas introduced this item. Proposals have come forward from Cheshire East Council to reduce the number of roads which will be gritted from winter 2021 onwards. The proposals have been made based on scores via a risk assessment. As a result, both Long Lane and Swanley Lane will not be gritted under the proposals as they stand. CEC has given parish councils the opportunity to submit counterproposals and/or further information as a part of a consultation process on the proposals. This is being worked on by Cllr Thomas in conjunction with neighbouring parishes and a response will be submitted by the deadline of 20th November 2020.

155 PLANNING MATTERS

The following items were considered: -

- Cheshire East Local Plan Supplementary Documents – a consultation process is ongoing on the re-drafting of supplementary documents relating to the Cheshire East Local Plan (including site allocations)
- National planning changes – it was agreed to keep tracking these proposals

156 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

There were updates provided on the following items: -

- COVID-19 – it was reported that some work is ongoing in the parish, including around the Goodwill Hall. Further signage is being installed in the Hall and further systems have been introduced including track and trace; one-way systems; and protection of the nursery. The Hall is currently closed. In addition, all vulnerable people in the parish known to the Council have been contacted and help has been offered.
- Telephone box – waiting for response from the Community Heartbeat Trust
- Defibrillator – new pads are required, based on advice from the NW Ambulance Trust
- The Council agreed to purchase a 'No Through Road' sign for Windsor Drive (cost £91.77)
- Location of bench on the Common – it was agreed, based on three quotes, to purchase the following bench - <https://marmaxproducts.co.uk/products/recycled-plastic-traditional-three/> (in green at a total cost of £329.00 exc VAT)
- Location of wildflowers on the Common – to chase up the horticulturist
- It was reported that a petition is ongoing Nag's Head pub in Haughton (<https://www.change.org/p/cheshire-east-council-save-the-beautiful-17th-century-nags-head-public-house-in-haughton-cheshire?redirect=false>)

157 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.00pm



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DATE: 1st October 2020

OUR REF: MP 8217581

Dear Mr Timpson

RE: A534 report

Thank you for your further correspondence dated 7th September 2020 which has been forwarded to us for a response by our Chief Executive, Lorraine O'Donnell.

As previously advised in our response dated 15th May 2020, the contents of the report submitted by Mr Pochin will be discussed with the police during our next liaison meeting which is yet to take place. We will provide a full response following the meeting.

Whenever new road safety measures are implemented this is done using an evidence-led approach. Cheshire East Highways use a software programme called MAST which uses data from the Department for Transport to prioritise routes for road safety measures. MAST calculates a Collision Density Index for each route based on the number of collisions per km of road. These values are then compared against all routes of the same class (A class road, B class road etc.) within the same highway authority to provide a 100-based Collision Density Index.

An index value of 50 indicates collision density is half the expected value, whilst an index value of 200 suggests it is twice the expected value. An index value of 100 indicates that the collision density is in line with segments of the same class within the same authority.

The value for the A534 between Nantwich Road and the junction with the A49 is 56.25, approximately half the expected value for this type of road. As a result, the road would be classed as a low priority for new safety measures when compared with other routes within Cheshire East.

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We hope the above information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

The Cheshire East Highways Team



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