

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRINDLEY AND FADDILEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE GOODWILL HALL, FADDILEY ON 6TH JULY 2022**

PRESENT:	Cllr G Barlow Cllr P Robinson Cllr S Latham	Chairman Cllr J Scott Cllr S Scott
APOLOGIES:	Cllr T Long Cllr R Ford	Vice-Chairman Cllr P Major
ALSO PRESENT	Cllr S Davies Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO) Member of the public	(Cheshire East)

296 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Major, T Long and R Ford.

297 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.

298 MINUTES – 3rd MAY 2022 (ANNUAL MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the annual Parish Council meeting held on 3rd May 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

299 MATTERS ARISING

The following items were raised from the above minutes: -

- Common – it was **AGREED** not to progress the work on identifying/signposting the orchids. It was stated that a plaque may be put in place but need to check on the length of service by Cllr David Latham. It was agreed that Cllrs Latham/Robinson would work on the plaque.
- Phone Box – it was noted that the electricity had been disconnected and work was going on to remove the box itself
- Road Safety – it was reported that a police van had been in the area recently and volunteers had been out checking speed of vehicles
- Broadband – it was reported that Airband was starting work in the area
- Hearn Lane – no updates although it was reported that barriers had been damaged
- Planning Issues – it was reported that the Sevenoaks application had been scheduled for 25th May 2022 Planning Committee, but this had been pushed back to 3rd August 2022
- The Thatch – it was reported that it was still for sale

300 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was one member of the public present at the meeting, but no issues were raised.

301 FINANCIAL MATTERS

301.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2022 – 30th June 2022)

Members noted the above document.

301.2 Authorisation of Payments

£269.36	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (June/July 2022)
£67.34	HMRC for months 3 and 4 of the tax year (Clerk's salary)
£28.80	Shires Accountants (Payroll M1-M3 2022/23)

RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by the Council

302 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

- Footpaths – it was reported that a resident had been keeping footpaths clear. Members **AGREED** to send a letter of thanks for the work
- Football Club – now reported to be up and running with a lot of interest

303 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies attended the meeting and mentioned that he had raised the issue of potholes and other highway repairs with CEC's contractors at an event in Crewe. He also raised the issues of road works and traffic control.

Cllr Davies also mentioned that the request bus was still in service and seemed popular.

304 HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no issues raised under this agenda item.

305 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

Members raised the issue of fencing creating a potential obstruction at Botterley Hill Farm. This will be reported to Cheshire East Council.

305.1 Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications.

22/2672N	<u>Faddiley Hall, Springe Lane, Faddiley CW5 8JW</u> Removal of existing Courtyard single storey lean-to access link and construction of new Courtyard extension including internal changes to Main Hall and Coach House.
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Members raised no objections to this application.

306 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

The following items were raised under this agenda item

- Cllr Barlow – thanked Cllr Robinson for siting the sign at Winsford Drive
- Cllr Robinson – mentioned that the junction by the windmill is to be widened/re-modelled, together with other road changes in the area. Will be done when houses are built.
- Cllr Robinson – reported that the sides of the road in Woodhey Lane are breaking away and the same is happening in Hearn's Lane – it was **AGREED** that this is reported
- Cllr Scott – asked if the Parish Council could raise its profile, including putting dates of meetings online. It was also **AGREED** to look into producing a basic newsletter, even on an annual basis. It was **AGREED** to put the dates of meetings on the noticeboard and Cllr Scott would produce information on the Council and its work

307 WAIVER OF SIX-MONTH COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE RULE (SECTION 85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972)

The Clerk report that, under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, it is required that a member of a local authority attend at least one meeting of that authority within a six-month consecutive period, in order to avoid being disqualified as a councillor. This requirement can be waived, and the time limit extended if any failure to attend was due to a reason approved by the Authority, in advance of the six-month period expiring.

It was further reported that Cllrs Long and Major had been unable to attend a meeting since 19th January 2022 due to personal/family matters. A formal request was therefore made for an extension to the six-month rule.

Members **RESOLVED** to waive the six-month rule in the cases outlined above.

308 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th September 2022 (7.30 pm) – Goodwill Hall.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 8.35pm