

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

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

333 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

334 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.

335 MINUTES – 7th NOVEMBER 2022 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th November 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

336 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters raised from the above minutes.

337 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

338 FINANCIAL MATTERS

338.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2022 – 30th November 2022)

Members noted the above document.

338.2 Budget Report 2023-24

Members considered the report, which set out options for the budget in 2023-24.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** the following: –

- (a) That a budget of **£4,600.00** be approved for the 2023-24 year; and
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£3,500.00** from Cheshire East Council

338.3 Authorisation of Payments

£288.42	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (December 2022/January 2023)
£91.19	HMRC for months 9 and 10 of the tax year, plus back pay (Clerk's salary)
£76.24	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (back pay to 1 st April 2022, based on 2022-23 National Salary Award)
£90.00	Goodwill Hall (room hire for meetings – 2022)

RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by the Council

327 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

- Telephone Box – this has now been removed and payment was received from the purchase
- Highways – review of speed limit issue in the parish from Faddiley Bank to Hollywell Farm was undertaken by Cheshire East Council. The outcome is no change in the speed limit but this will continue to be monitored by Cheshire East Council. Members saw this as a generally positive

step and asked that the matter is pursued. CEC also said that they plan on undertaking an injury collision survey in the area on the A534 west of the Kidderton Lane junction from Easter 2023.

- Kidderton Lane – the drainage issue has been examined and it was found that all drains were full but not overflowing. It was noted that there had been issues on New Year's Day with one drain blocked past the Thatch. All others appear to have been cleared out. CEC visited the site in November 2022 and will come back in March 2023.
- Bluestone Lights/Cuckoo Lane junction – questions about progress had been asked for, but it had been reported that no progress had been made.

328 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies attended the meeting and updated Members on issues affecting Cheshire East Council. It had been reported that the A534 had been gritted.

329 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following issues were raised under this agenda item.

- Hearn Lane – it was reported that the issues on the road including hedge cutting had damaged the edge of the highway. CEC had come out to examine the area and had done some patching.

330 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

330.1 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Janet Scott introduced the item and stated that it had been discussed at the last meeting about potentially developing a neighbourhood plan for the area. Cllr Scott had sent out information on the process to other Members of the Parish Council. It was noted that this had been looked at previously, but this time some volunteers have been identified to help with the process. It was suggested that a meeting is called to announce the intentions of neighbourhood planning and to lead on the process. It was further noted that no neighbouring parishes had a neighbourhood plan in place, but there are plans in place in the wider area, e.g. Darnhall and Calverley. It was stated that a number of issues needed to be decided upon by the Parish Council, including what the NP should say; does the Council want to limit development to certain areas; does the Council want to limit the use of certain materials; does there need to be a focus on drainage; does the Council want to limit excess lighting. In essence, it was noted that the question of the character of the parish should be preserved and questions on how it should grow should be considered. Members noted that there had not been much interest in the NP in the past and that the parish was small to be having a NP. It was also asked whether there is the will to do this. In addition, it was asked whether assistance was available from Cheshire East Council and could the Parish Council get technical help and support from consultants. It was noted that a group of people were needed to drive the process forward, including residents in the parish and possibly others from organisations like the Goodwill Hall. It was agreed to work on drumming up interest before the next Parish Council meeting with ideally people brought in with skills in marketing; finance; development; project management. Looking for around 6-12 people and would look to organise a meeting at that point.

331 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

The following issues were raised under this agenda item.

- Cllr Robinson – reported that Trustees had been appointed at Woodhey Chapel
- Cllr Robinson – asked whether anything should be done for the Coronation – it was agreed that Cllr Sally Scott would bring proposals to the next meeting
- Cllr Janet Scott – will provide updates on the Airband work in the parish
- Cllr Latham – shared the wording for a plaque for the bus shelter – this was agreed, together with the addition of the date for the building of the shelter (2021). The Chair also suggested building a bench in the shelter. This was agreed by the meeting.

332 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th March 2023 (7.30 pm) – Goodwill Hall.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 8.32pm