



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday March 4, 2019 at Brereton Primary School**

- 1. Members Present:** Cllrs Deans (Chair), Elves, Fern, Lindsay, Matusiak, Morphet, Sample
Cheshire East Ward Councillor, John Wray

Apologies: None

Members of Public: 4

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

- Ideas were discussed for traffic calming measures on Mill Lane; these included the possibility of buying gateway signs and boxes for the entrance to the populated area approach from the North. The condition of Little Mill Lane was raised and a Highways site visit requested.
- A resident asked the Clerk to find out from the local PCSO how long motorists were allowed to park on the zig-zags outside the Primary School.
- The lack of marked footpaths on a recently released Parish map was highlighted and a request that this be looked into.
- A request for a traffic and speed census on Back Lane was received.
- The condition of the road and in particular the pot holes at the Country Park end of Brereton Heath Lane was brought to the attention of the Council.
- Lighting at the junction of Brereton Heath Lane and the A54 was again raised and discussed.

9. St Oswald's Graveyard

The new Vicar, Sandi Fisher, introduced herself and addressed the meeting. Interserve, the Agency used to maintain the graveyard have gone into administration and whilst the church would like to retain the services of the probation service the new provider has increased the costs from approx. £1,000 to £3,000 per annum so St Oswald's is looking to alternative providers and potentially financial assistance from the Parish Council. The church costs approx. £980 per month to upkeep and the churchyard to an important part of that. The graveyard has approx. 10–15 years left of space. The Rev. Fisher asked if the Parish would be interested in her conducting a Civic Service and informed the meeting that there would be only one Remembrance Service at 2:00 pm going forward for this year.

Further discussion took place over the briefing The Clerk had attended on Operation London Bridge, being death of a Monarch or senior Royal member and the procedures and protocol that need to be followed within the Parish. It was resolved (0319/01) that the Parish Council would establish a central point in the Primary School when the time comes and The Clerk will purchase all required items, e.g. Condolence book etc. and create a page for the Parish Council web site. St Oswald's will wait for direction from the Chester Diocese. Cllr Deans to liaise with the Primary School. The Clerk will inform the Community Interest Group of the discussion. **Action Cllr Deans and The Clerk**

4. Council Minutes

Cllr Lindsay requested amendments to the draft Minutes of January 28, 2019 so these will be re-drafted for signature at the meeting to be held on April 8, 2019.

5. Matters Arising

- Cllr Lindsay updated the meeting following on from discussions about the Neighbourhood Plan. CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) works out at approx. £71 per sq^m and an average house works out at about 100 sq^m. Brereton Parish Council should be given 25% of this amount twice a year from current housing developments in the Parish. The new guidelines which came into effect from March 1, 2018 state that the money must be used for community infrastructure. All Parishes should prepare an infrastructure plan which contains a list of projects and consult with the community as Brereton have already done which resulted in Policy TRA03 on page 26 of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Lindsay proposed and Cllr Fern seconded, it was therefore resolved (0319/02) that the Neighbourhood Plan working party, as established from the last meeting, will work to create an infrastructure development plan which includes connectivity of the parish via pathways and cycle routes. The Council will also make a bid during the next round of Homes Bonus money allocation. **Action – Cllr Lindsay**
- The Neighbourhood Plan working group met in March to review the plan, since it is 3 years since adoption. A report of this meeting was presented to the meeting and received. The outcome was that potentially change the plan in a year when Cheshire East launch Part II of the SADPD and also there is a possibility of boundary alterations. For Brereton to cross reference their Neighbourhood Plan with Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy is a positive way forward particularly when commenting on planning applications.
- The Clerk has requested that the solar light be installed above the defibrillator on the A54 but is looking to ascertain who pays for the installation.
- The footpath between Brereton Park and Brereton Country Park was discussed and it was resolved (0319/03) for Cllr Matusiak to speak with George Marrow about maintenance and The Clerk to liaise with Rights of Way about changing the styles for 'kissing' gates. **Action – Cllr Matusiak and The Clerk**
- Two individuals were acknowledged for their important contribution to the community. Parishioner Jane Unwin and her children had made, supplied and located dog poop bag dispensers in Brereton Green whilst the park ranger Mark Arnold was congratulated for his important work in attracting and retaining wildlife at the Brereton Heath Nature Reserve.
- The Clerk reported on who is responsible for bin provision and collection within the Parish, being that Congleton Town Council empty the bins within the Play Area / open space. These are emptied once a week. ANSA - empty the litter bins on the Holmes Chapel Road Layby at Sandlow Green every Tuesday and Thursday.

6. Highways

- Cllr Deans offered to speak with the residents at the archway to Brereton Park regarding the amount of leaves gathering. **Action – Cllr Deans**
- The Clerk will report branches that are littering Smethwick Lane following the recent high winds to Highways. **Action The Clerk**
- Cllr Sample offered to have the pile of asphalt removed from the A54 lay-by. **Action – Cllr Sample**

7. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

- 7.1.** 19/0435c Smethwick Villa CW11 2ST - it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Sample and therefore resolved (0319/04) to support the application.
- 7.2.** 18/2747c 4 Jay Close, Somerford CW12 4AR – Appeal APP/R0660/W/19/3221097 - it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Morphet and therefore resolved (0319/05) to write to the Planning Inspector re-iterating the Councils comments on the application.
- 7.3.** 19/0748c Montcalm, Moss Lane CW12 4SX - it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Elves and therefore resolved (0319/06) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application.
- 7.4.** 19/0597c Croft House, Smethwick Lane CW11 2ST - it was proposed by Cllr Sample, seconded by Cllr Fern and therefore resolved (0319/07) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application.

It was noted that the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Committee has the Bloor Homes application on the Agenda for March 27, 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Deans and seconded by Cllr Morphet and therefore resolved (0319/08) to engage the services of John Knight in preparing for representation at the Committee meeting.

19/0021c Moss Lane – it was reported that the Council and residents have requested Enforcement Office, James Bratherton to review certain aspects of the application, being ownership of the verge and screening of the site.

8. Finance

8.1. Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved (0319/09) to receive and approve the month's bank reconciliation.

8.2. Signing of cheques – it was resolved (0319/10) for the Chair and Councillor Matusiak to sign the following cheques;- Adam Keppel-Green £125.00, Shires Pay Services £25.50, Sam Dale £120.00, Mrs R Middleweek salary (February) £504.40.

10. Wilmslow Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

The consultation document was received.

11. Campaign for Fairer Funding

The campaign was discussed and as public body the Council felt it was not appropriate to engage with.

12. Reports

12.1 Councillor Wray informed the meeting of a special general public council meeting of Cheshire East was being held whereby the change of Governance at Cheshire East was moving from being Cabinet led to a Committee system.

12.2 Chair's Report - Councillor Deans advertised the Bent Farm Quarry planning exhibition that is taking place from March 12, 2019.

12.3 Brereton Country Park – it was resolved (0319/11) to receive Cllr Sample's written report on a meeting with Ranger Mark Arnold.

12.4 HS2 – Cllr Deans reported on the consultation taking place at Sandbach Library.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Monday April 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm. The meeting closed at 9:19 pm

Signed:

**Cllr Jane Deans
Chair
Brereton Parish Council**

Date: