



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday April 8, 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: 3

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

- A representative from Brereton Community Interest Group spoke about working together with the Parish Council on new residents' packs for the parish. A new design is in process and it is felt that it would be a good opportunity to leaflet drop the whole parish to clarify and identify the parish boundaries for residents. Cllr Lindsay advised that wherever the front door sits indicates which parish. There is some confusion between Brereton and Somerford. Discussion took place as to whether the signage on the A54 needs to be clearer to distinguish between the parishes.
- The condition of parish signs in general was discussed with emphasis on their visibility when dirty. An idea of planters or shrubs being set below parish boundary signs was raised but responsibility and maintenance was questioned.
- The spending of any potential CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money was discussed with settlement connectivity being the strongest preference followed by a community hub.
- Concern over the business nature of a rural field on the A50/A5022 was raised by a resident.
- The need for two driveways at 1-3 Back Lane, one apparently for business use was questioned by a resident as no business is registered to the address or planning permission given for one.
- Fly tipping at the railway bridge on Back Lane was reported.
- Cat litter being dumped in the litter bins in the Community Play Space was reported. The Community Interest Group and Congleton Town Council are aware. The offender is unknown.
- Mention of a rumour about an emergency exit from the M6 southbound coming down Back Lane was heard.

4. Council Minutes

Having been approved by Council, it was resolved (0419/01) for the Chair to sign the minutes of January 28, 2019 and March 4, 2019 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

- Cllr Matusiak informed the meeting of her findings having walked Footpath 5 in the Parish. It was resolved (0419/02) for The Clerk to contact Jenny Butler at Cheshire East Rights of Way to assess the access and condition of the path, to discuss the possibility of installing kissing gates instead of styles and furthermore to contact The Rambler's Association for their viewpoint. **Action – The Clerk**
- The Clerk has met with the School Caretaker, Geoff Spillsbury, following his concerns over footpath routes to the rear of Back Lane. Mr Spillsbury now has the parish maps to investigate further.
- The Clerk has passed contact details for a possible graveyard maintenance company on the Vicar of St Oswald's.
- Cllr Deans has liaised with the Primary School over the siting of the Book of Condolence for the Parish should Operation London Bridge be activated. The Clerk has purchased all relevant items in readiness and just needs to source some official portrait photographs.

- The Clerk has requested costs from Ian Darlington for the installation of the solar light to be installed above the defibrillator on the A54.
- The Clerk is still in discussion with ANSA over bin provision and location in the Parish.

6. Highways

- The Clerk will enquire as to the delay on completing the works on Brereton Heath Lane and the pothole repairs on Little Mill Lane.
- It was noted that Back Lane is to be closed at the railway bridge to correct the subsidence which was recently reported.
- The Clerk was asked to log the broken verges on Bagmere Lane and School Lane.
- Cllr Wray reported that there had been no further progress on the A54 extended length of speed reduction through Davenport.
- The Clerk is speaking with Chris Hodgson at Highways again about Mill Lane gateways, Back Lane census and SIDs.

7. Brereton Community Interest Group

- It was resolved (0419/03) to proceed with the £500.00 sponsorship of the Brereton Bear Festival as agreed in the 2019/20 precept budget. Cllr Morphet will progress with Helen Edge of the Festival Committee. It was further resolved for Brereton Parish Council to again have two entries into the festival with Councillors and The Clerk providing a look-a-like bear of themselves. **Action – all Cllrs**
- Cllr Deans has offered to investigate maintenance free planters to be positioned under parish signs. **Action – Cllr Deans**
- The Clerk was asked to liaise with Somerford Parish Council over boundary markers and report back.
- Cllr Morphet has offered to work with the Brereton Community Interest Group and investigate the cost of producing welcome leaflets/packs with a view to leaflet dropping the whole parish. GDPR compliance needs to be considered if mailing lists are to be used. **Action Cllr Morphet**

8. Social Media

It was proposed by Cllr Sample, seconded by Cllr Fern and therefore resolved (0419/04) for The Clerk to create a Parish Council Facebook page for the sharing of general public information. **Action – The Clerk**

9. Town/Parish and Borough Elections

The Clerk informed the meeting that all 8 elections nomination papers had been submitted to Cheshire East.

10. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

- 10.1 19/1059C** Oak House, Holmes Chapel Road, Davenport CW12 4SS - it was proposed by Cllr Sample, seconded by Cllr Fern and therefore resolved (0419/05) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application.
- 10.2 19/1377N** Allum Brook Farm, London Road CW4 8AX - it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Elves and therefore resolved (0419/06) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application
- 10.3 19/1377N** Allum Brook Farm, London Road CW4 8AX - it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Elves and therefore resolved (0419/06) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application
- 10.4 18/3190C** The Hay Barn, The Hayloft, Mill Lane CW4 8AU - it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Deans and therefore resolved (0419/07) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application
- 10.5 18/3189C** The Hay Barn, The Hayloft, Mill Lane CW4 8AU - it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Deans and therefore resolved (0419/08) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application

11. Finance

- 11.1 Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved (0419/09) to receive and approve the month's bank reconciliation.
- 11.2 Signing of cheques** – it was resolved (0419/10) for the Chair and Councillor Lindsay to sign the following cheques; - Mrs R Middleweek, Expenses, Mrs R Middleweek (March), Mrs R Middleweek, Office Space, Chalc, ICO,
- 11.3 Mobile Phone Contract** – it was resolved (0419/11) to agree and support the 3-year mobile contract with O2 secured by The Clerk for her mobile phone usage.

11.4 Internal Auditor – having received his quote of £187.00 + VAT it was resolved (0419/12) to enlist the services of John Henry to undertake an internal audit on the parish 2018/19 accounts. The Clerk will prepare and submit. **Action – The Clerk**

12. Reports

12.1 Councillor Wray informed the meeting of the resignation of Peter Bates at Cheshire East Council.

12.2 Chair's Report - Councillor Deans reported on her and Councillor Matusiak's attendance at the Bloor Home show home opening.

12.3 Cheshire East Planning – it was resolved (0419/12) to receive Cllr Lindsay and Elves report following a meeting with Cllr Arnold at Cheshire East

13. Date of Next Meeting – Monday May 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm. The meeting closed at 9:40 pm

Signed:

**Cllr Jane Deans
Chair
Brereton Parish Council**

Date: