



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday October 11, 2021, at Brereton Primary School**

- 1. Members Present:** Councillors Bourne, Charlesworth, Fern, Lindsay (Chair), Matusiak, Morphet, Wray (Cheshire East)

Apologies: Councillor Clews

Members of Public: 10

- 2. Declarations of Interest**

None

- 3. Public Forum**

Members of the public came to express their concerns over planning application 21/5003c, 44 School Lane, the main concern being safety of access to the proposed new property, particularly during the potential construction, the privacy of existing dwellings and the protection of natural wildlife, particularly bats. Whilst the application fits within the settlement boundary of the neighbourhood plan, residents are unsure who is to occupy the property on completion, and this may go against policy HOU04. Historical excess water running off the field and surrounding area was also raised as a concern

Councillor Wray joined the meeting

The subsidence of the bridge on the approach to the railway bridge on Back Lane was reported by a resident as was the removal of 15-20 metres of hedge at Leisure Sales which has cause for concern.

- 4. Re-cycling Facility**

Councillor Robert Douglas from Congleton Town Council reported on the proposed introduction of car parking charges to all towns across Cheshire East, which potentially would have a devastating effect on small local businesses, the motion was defeated. He advised that the proposals were being revised for resubmission and to look out for the public consultation if it proceeds to that stage. He also expressed his disappointment at the new committee system, that has recently been introduced, as it limits members of the public attending and discussing local issues, unless a committee member has requested it be on the agenda. Councillor Douglas went on to ask for Brereton Parish Council's support if he manages to re-raise the possibility of a new recycling facility for the Congleton area, he currently has a Freedom of Information request into Cheshire East to identify potential sites of interest.

- 5. Council Minutes**

It was resolved **(1021/01)** for the Chair, Councillor Lindsay to sign the minutes of September 6, 2021, presented by the Clerk, as a true and correct record of the meeting.

- 6. Matters Arising**

- Councillor Matusiak has sourced general footpath advice signs through the National Farmers Union to replace the Covid 19 signs currently on all public rights of way footpath signposts in the parish. They were distributed amongst Councillors to install.
- Councillor Matusiak has spoken with the owners of the Cow Shed at Brereton Heath who are aware that the expansion of the site is having an impact with extra vehicles and the safety of the entrance directly opposite the nature reserve. It was resolved **(1021/02)** for the Clerk to raise the question of planning permission with Cheshire East Enforcement.
- Councillor Charlesworth's biography and photo have been forwarded for uploading to the parish council website.
- The letter to Fiona Bruce regarding RB8 has been followed up and an acknowledgement received.

- Correspondence has been received and replied to from residents regarding speeding on the A54, rerouting of traffic following an accident on the A54 at Mill Lane and dog fouling on FP2.
- The Clerk has informed PCSO Sue Holt of the traffic chaos following the incident on the A54.
- The Royal British Legion planters have been purchased and delivered, they now need varnishing and planting.
- Councillor Charlesworth and the Clerk met with Bloor Homes on September 23 to discuss the application for 25 more houses on the site, another meeting has been scheduled for November 11.
- The Clerk attended the regional SLCC conference on September 29.
- Cheshire East held Code of Conduct sessions on Teams which the Clerk attended.
- Correspondence from Cheshire East was received regarding, Committee to consider consultation on parking proposals, Cheshire East Local Plan - Draft Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document Consultation and SMASH Care Community and Connected Community Partnerships.
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme information was received from PCSO Holt, it was resolved **(1021/03)** for the Clerk to add to social media.
- Police and Crime Commissioner (via Chalc) are inviting parishes to take part in a speed survey which Brereton will engage with.

7. Cheshire East Community Governance Consultation

The parish council are unhappy about the format of the consultation in that it is unclear and does not have a direct link to comment on Brereton. Councillor Lindsay has written to Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services to express this and in response, Brian Reed asked whether the parish council would like this posted as a consultation item. It was resolved **(1021/04)** to confirm this and in addition the parish council need to submit a formal representation to the consultation. It was resolved **(1021/05)** for Councillor Lindsay to draft, taking issue with the movement of part of the parish into Holmes Chapel and the inefficiency of the parish boundary between Somerford and Brereton. The Clerk has been requested to ask Chalc to recommend a legal expert to advise, with costs, whether a legal challenge on the consultation would be viable. Councillor Morphet has drafted a communication to be delivered to all residents of the parish to ask them to engage in the Community Governance Consultation. It was resolved **(1021/06)** for the publication to go ahead and Councillors and some residents have offered to deliver them.

8. Finance

8.1 Bank Reconciliation - it was resolved **(1021/07)** to receive the months bank reconciliation together with the expenditure against budget, as presented by The Clerk. It was noted that the Nationwide Bank account has now been closed and the funds transferred into the Natwest account as Nationwide no longer offer this type of account.

8.2 Schedule of Payments – Councillors, having already received the schedule of payments, resolved **(1021/08)** for the Clerk to make the payments, as detailed below, on behalf of the Parish Council:

Mrs R Middleweek (September salary)	521.26
Cheshire Pension Fund (September)	155.01
Apex Storage	37.44
The Wild Partridge	105
Mrs R Middleweek - Royal British Legion Planters	208.25
Mrs R Middleweek - Microsoft 365 Subscription	79.99
Shires Payroll	<u>39.6</u>
Total	£1,146.55

9. Highways

- The Clerk will again report the subsidence on the railway bridge at Back Lane.
- It was resolved **(1021/09)** to request that ANSA install on a bin for rubbish and dog waste at the top of FP3 before it joins FP2.
- It was resolved **(1021/10)** for Councillor Lindsay to arrange another speed gun session on the A54.

- Councillor Wray has highlighted the sink hole on Brereton Heath Lane to Cheshire East Highways who are investigating.

10. Planning Applications

- 10.1** 21/3746c Jahanara CW12 4SZ, it was noted that the parish council have added a further objection to the revised plans on the application.
- 10.2** 21/4966C Barn View, Smethwick Lane CW11 2ST, it was resolved **(1021/11)** to make a general observation that the parish council has no objections but request that there are no flood lights and that the access remains for private access only.
- 10.3** 21/5003C Land adjacent to 44, School Lane CW11 1RN, an outline only application, it was resolved **(1021/12)** to make a general observation that the application may be permitted within the settlement boundary of the neighbourhood plan provided that the conditions of HOU01 are met, but the parish council is concerned about road safety on school lane from additional vehicle movements. In addition, the owners of the access to the lane have allowed for it to be widened but are free to restrict the width in the future if they see fit. The established wildlife should also be taken into consideration.
- 10.4** 21/4944C High Gables, Moss Lane CW12 4SX it was resolved **(1021/13)** to object the proposed 1.8 metre wall but make no comment on the extension.

Planning Decisions

21/2865c Brereton House CW11 1RY – approved with conditions
21/3216c Illidge Green Farm CW11 2SR – approved with conditions

11. Road Safety Working Group

The working group will meet again early November.

12. Reports

12.1 Ward Councillor's Report – Councillor Wray had nothing further to add, having already contributed during the meeting.

12.2 Chair's Report – Councillor Lindsay reported that the SADPD examination is being live streamed on October 13 and will report back. It was resolved **(1021/14)** for the parish council to sponsor the community Christmas tree again this year at a cost of £200.00. It was resolved **(1021/15)** to subscribe to Parish Maps at cost of £99.00. The council confirmed that they still wished to proceed with a security light in the primary school car park, a project that has been on hold over lockdown.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Monday November 15, 2021, at 7:30 pm at Brereton Primary School. The meeting closed at 21:28.

Signed:
Councillor Andrew Lindsay, Chair
Brereton Parish Council

Date:

Councillor's Action Points:

- Item 5** It was resolved **(1021/02)** for the Clerk will raise the question of planning permission with Cheshire East Enforcement.
- Item 7** It was resolved **(1021/04)** for Councillor Lindsay to draft taking issue with the movement of part of the parish into Holmes Chapel and the inefficiency of the parish boundary between Somerford and Brereton.
- Item 9** It was resolved **(1021/10)** for Councillor Lindsay to arrange another speed gun session on the A54.