



Councillor Lindsay opened the meeting with the following statement:

"On behalf of us all, it is with a profound sadness that Brereton Parish Council learned of the death of His Royal Highness, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and that we extend our condolences to Her Majesty and all members of her family and households. Prince Philip has been an outstanding example to us all to follow in the support, loyalty, and service he gave and sustained for an exceptionally long period to his wife, his Queen, his family and his country. We now have one minute silence for us to reflect on the life of Prince Philip."

The statement was followed by a minute's silence by all those present.

Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council held on Monday April 12, 2021 via Zoom Media

- 1. Members Present:** Councillors Bourne, Clews, Elves (Vice Chair), Fern, Lindsay (Chair), Morphet, Wray (Cheshire East)

Apologies: It was resolved **(0421/01)** to receive apologies from Councillor Matusiak, Morphet and Slater.

Members of Public: Councillor Robert Douglas, Congleton Town Council

- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None

3. Public Forum

A member of the public informed the meeting about his intention to open a private veterinary service in Congleton and asked for Brereton Parish Council's support with any information regarding e-class classification within the planning infrastructure.

4. Household Recycling Sites

Councillor Douglas thanked Councillor Lindsay for his attendance and presentation at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on March 15. He went on to give detailed feedback from the meeting and expressed disappointment that none of the ideas discussed at the meeting were taken up by Cabinet. Councillor Douglas asked for Brereton Parish Council's support to his question being put to Cabinet on April 13. It was resolved **(0421/02)** to support the following question:

Why, at this meeting, do we have the earlier January summary report of responses to the recent public consultation on recycling sites rather than the later February report which was discussed at last month's Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting?

As a consequence, there is only one page for Section 3 whereas we should have five pages telling us, more respondents to the public consultation wanted to see a site retained for Congleton than for any other single site, of almost 1,200 respondents who mentioned that their site was required because of increased house building, 47% of them were referring to the Congleton site.

59% of over 10,200 people support the retention of eight sites but, it seems, Cabinet are ignoring their views. The Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that a Task and Finish Group should look at all available options for a recycling site for Congleton and report back within six months.

Some Cabinet members and officers sit in front of a placard proudly trumpeting "Cheshire East Council Working together to Reduce Carbon." Not replacing the Congleton site increases CO2 emissions. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations involve no financial commitment and involves working closely with our communities to look at alternatives to reduce carbon.

So, why have you failed to make any mention of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or its recommendations? If its recommendations are not adopted, you break your pledge of working together to reduce carbon, you also fail the residents of Congleton and worse of all, you fail our environment.

5. Council Minutes

It was resolved **(0421/03)** for Councillor Lindsay to sign the minutes of March 1, 2021, at a social distance, as presented by the Clerk as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

- Councillor Lindsay confirmed with Councillor Wray that after carrying out the 12-week community governance consultation any parish who is unhappy with the result they can request Cheshire East carry out a referendum at cost to Cheshire East.
- Fly tipping on Back Lane has been reported.
- Councillor Elves and Lindsay have met via Zoom to discuss the internal audit report of 2019-20 to action any outstanding items. The financial regulations and standing orders have been updated to include new legislation. Month by month budgetary control now in place.
- Bagmere Lane pothole resolved by Cheshire East Highways.
- Back Lane carriageway surface has been reported.
- Traffic management, letter to tender and proposals sent out.
- Ashbrook given the go ahead for scraping. Signing off on memorial bench job sheet and invoice received.
- Back Lane streetlight not working, has been reported.
- Steve Bourne paperwork, code, interest, declaration, NHP
- Right hand turning sign on the A50 has been followed up and Robert Welch at Cheshire East Highways is now looking into it.
- Operation Forth Bridge was rolled out on Friday, April 9, all social media outlets reflect the news, and the Clerk has liaised with both the church and school over arrangements and protocol. It was resolved **(0421/04)** for the Clerk to add the following to the on-line book of condolence on behalf of Brereton Parish Council: *Brereton Parish Council sends condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and all members of her family and household following the great loss of His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh. May they be able to look back fondly on so many memories of a life well lived.*
- May 17 will probably be a physical meeting, so arrangements have been made to use the school hall.

7. Finance

7.1 Bank Reconciliation - it was resolved **(0421/05)** to receive the months bank reconciliation together with the expenditure against budget, as presented by The Clerk.

7.2 Schedule of Payments – Councillors, having already seen the information, resolved **(0421/06)** for the Clerk to make the payments, as detailed below, on behalf of the Parish Council:

Mrs R Middleweek (March salary)	£ 521.26
Ashbrook	£ 504.00
Chalc (Councillor Elves Training)	£ 25.00
Information Commissioners Office	£ 40.00
Chalc Affiliation Fee	£ 381.60
Cheshire Pension Fund	£ 155.01
Total	£1,626.87

7.3 YTD expenditure – Councillor Lindsay highlighted areas of variation on the report against precept budget and it was resolved **(0421/07)** to receive the document as presented by the Clerk.

7.4 Internal Auditor – it was resolved **(0421/08)** to appoint John Henry of JDH Business Services Ltd as the internal auditor for the year e5d accounts 2020/21. The fee is £231.00 + VAT and probably postage costs on top.

7.5 LGPS Pay Bands 2021/22 – it was resolved **(0421/09)** to receive the information and for the Clerk to instruct Shires Payroll to act on her behalf.

7.6 Financial Policies – it was resolved **(0421/10)** to accept the updated Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Financial Risk Assessment and Asset Register as discussed and presented by the Clerk.

8. Highways – nothing to report.

9. Planning Applications/Decisions/Inquiry

9.1 21/0844c Land at Dunkirk Farm CW4 8AX – it was resolved **(0421/11)** to object to the application on the grounds of the land drainage being inadequate to sustain further development.

9.2 21/0734c Davenport House CW12 4ST – it was resolved **(0421/12)** to make a comment of “no comment” on the application.

9.3 21/1589C The Coppice CW12 4SZ – it was resolved **(0421/13)** to make a comment of “no comment” on the application.

9.4 21/1483c Bilberry Cottage CW12 4SW – it was resolved **(0421/14)** to object to the application on the grounds that it is a resubmission of application 19/3095c which has already been refused and whilst there is permission for an ancillary building, a residential one does not fall within any criteria.

20/00438E Jahanara CW12 4SZ – still waiting for the inspector to conclude upon the appeal regarding the wall height and position. The residents at the property have been officially informed by Cheshire East what hours of work are acceptable following from noise complaints reported by the neighbours.

20/01080E Land off Newcastle Road South CW11 1SA – the Clerk reported back from the Enforcement Officer that the allotment activity was acceptable whereas the sheds were in breach. More concern is the ongoing flooding issues off the field through the property at this location which is being investigated.

10. Connecting Brereton

- **Bridleway BR8** – the re-scraping of the bridleway by Ashbrook is scheduled for the week beginning May 17. Councillor Clews informed the meeting that the bridleway from Brereton Heath Lane to Ley Cottage has been improved by the residents.
- The walking safari with Councillor Akers-Smith took place on Saturday, April 10 whereby Councillor Lindsay and Clews looked at Brereton Heath Lane issues before moving on to meet Councillor Elves at Brereton Green to assess the area around the A50. Councillor Elves will produce a summary report for Councillors and Councillor Akers-Smith. **Action – Councillor Elves**
- Residents at Bluebell Green are still looking for improvement to the pavement running up to Holmes Chapel. It was agreed to ask Congleton Town Council maintenance team to quote for the job.
- There has been no response, yet, to the traffic management document submitted to traffic consultants for tender.

11. Reports

11.1 Ward Member Report – Councillor Wray informed the meeting of a call from Congleton Chronicle regarding a letter from a Brereton resident concerned about speed on the A50.

11.2 Councillor Fern informed the meeting of his attendance at the Sibleco meeting on March 9 where he was updated on environmental impacts and planning issues. Permission to extend the quarry has been granted by Cheshire East for a period of eight years, they also have an extension to the existing site until November 2025.

11.3 Chair's Report – in response to the call from the Chronicle, a copy of the next press release will be forwarded to the Congleton Chronicle. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Primary School are potentially looking at relocating the defibrillator at the school following new fencing at the site. It was resolved **(0421/15)** for the Clerk to ask the headmistress to obtain three quotes for the work to be carried out.

12. Date of Next Meeting – Monday May 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm at Brereton Primary School. The Chair thanked all participants and the meeting closed at 21:28.

Signed:
Councilor Andrew Lindsay, Chair
Brereton Parish Council

Date:

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