



**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday May 13, 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. Election of Chair/Vice Chair

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair. Cllr Sample proposed and Cllr Lindsay seconded that Cllr Deans remain as Chair for a further year. The Clerk also asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Cllr Fern proposed and Cllr Morphet that Cllr Lindsay stand for another year as Vice Chair.

3. Code of Conduct

Having received and read the new Cheshire East Code of Conduct, it was resolved (0519/01) to adopt the code and abide by its general obligations of standard of conduct expected by Members.

4. Acceptance

It was resolved (0519/02) to elect Cllr Deans as Chair for the year 2019/20. Cllr Deans signed the Declaration of Office and took the Chair. It was further resolved (0519/03) to elect Cllr Lindsay as Vice Chair for the year 2019/20. Cllr Lindsay signed the Declaration of Office

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Public Forum

- A member of the public thanked the council for their work and informative press releases. She reported fly tipping on Back Lane and the ongoing problem of cat litter in the community space bins.
- The feasibility of connecting Brereton to Holmes Chapel via a footpath was raised, as was a feeder lane at Arclid lights where it connects with the A54. Discussion also took place over the junction from Newcastle Road North entering the A50 near the A5022 junction and the possibility of widening it.
- A resident raised concern over the stone crushing operation at the junction of the A50/A5022 and whether it was compliant with the planning permission. Also, the state of the verge as a result of the movement of vehicles was highlighted.
- Concern over the amount of speeding motorists along the stretch of the A50 between the A5022 and Back Lane was raised as a safety issue.
- The condition of the drains on the A50 and Newcastle Road South were noted.

7. Council Minutes

Having been approved by Council, it was resolved (0519/04) for the Chair to sign the minutes of April 8, 2019 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

8. Matters Arising

- Cllr Deans has asked for a meeting between representatives of Brereton and Somerford Parish Councils to try and identify a better way of illustrating the boundaries between the two parishes on the A54 at Somerford/Brereton. To

engage with Somerford who have expressed a wish to install a data capturing device to the SID on the A54. **Action – The Clerk**

- Cllr Wray informed the meeting that the extension of the speed reduction on the A54 through Davenport was unlikely to be approved and the residents have been informed.
- It was noted that the grounds maintenance team have killed off the grass surrounding the WWI memorial bench which led to discussion about permanent ground works and planters in the area. It was resolved (0519/05) for The Clerk to ask Bloor Homes if they wished to 'sponsor' the area with some hard standing and some planters. It was also requested that The Clerk request permission for a Parish noticeboard to be installed at the new Bluebell Green development.

9. Highways

- The Clerk will again report the Newcastle Road North street sign and the Mill Lane sign together with a request for a lay-by sign on the A54 directing motorists to the official lay by and not the piece of verge where tarmac has been dumped.
- The no parking sign on Brereton Heath Lane/ Davenport Lane needs attention. **Action – The Clerk**

10. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

10.1 19/1909C Willow House, Brereton Heath Lane CW12 4SZ, it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Sample and therefore resolved (0519/06) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application.

10.2 19/1850C Montcalm, Moss Lane, CW12 4SX, it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Fern and therefore resolved (0519/07) to ask for a condition be attached that is approved the annex could not be sold as a separate entity.

10.3 19/2112C Wellcroft, Newcastle Road, CW11 2SN, it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Elves and therefore resolved (0519/08) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application.

10.4 19/2188C High Gables, Moss Lane, CW12 4SX, it was proposed by Cllr Lindsay, seconded by Cllr Deans and therefore resolved (0519/08) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application.

11. Finance

11.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved (0519/09) to receive and approve the month's bank reconciliation as presented by The Clerk

11.2 Signing of cheques – it was resolved (0519/10) for the Chair and Councillor Lindsay to sign the following cheques; - Shires Payroll £34.50 and Mrs. R Middleweek (April) £536.90.

11.3 The Clerk reported that the 2018/19 accounts had been submitted to the internal auditor, John Henry and that a Certificate of Exemption for the year ending 2018/19 had been filed with the external auditor PKF Littlejohn.

12. Reports

12.1 Councillor Wray informed the meeting that following the recent elections no political group held a majority within the Cheshire East. The next full Council meeting of Cheshire East is due to be held on May 22 where senior positions will be decided. One decision already made is to change from cabinet governance to that of committee.

12.2 Chair's Report – following on from the attendance of Connecting Cheshire and BT Open Reach at the Annual Parish Meeting it was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor Lindsay and therefore resolved (0519/11) to create a sub group to explore the possibility of obtaining faster broadband in rural parts of the Parish. Cllr Fern and Cllr Elves will head up the working group.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Monday June 17, 2019 at 7:30 pm. The meeting closed at 21:15

Signed:

Date:

May 13, 2019

**Cllr Jane Deans
Chair
Brereton Parish Council**