



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday September 14, 2020 via Zoom Media**

1. Members Present: Cllrs Deans (Chair), Clews, Elves, Fern, Lindsay, Matusiak, Morphet, Slater

Apologies: Cllr Wray

Members of Public: 1

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

No items were brought to the meeting by members of the public.

4. Council Minutes

It was resolved (0920/01) to sign the minutes of August 3, 2020 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

Councillor Morphet has spoken to George Marrow who is happy for the Parish Council to put down plainings to improve the quality of the path between Lea Cottage and North Lodge, he has offered to provide labour and a digger to scrape off the existing raised areas. Councillor Sample reported her recommendations for type of plainings, and it was noted that Cheshire East have a duty to care to maintain the service of public footpaths. Councillor Lindsay suggested engaging with Susie Akers Smith, the Cycling Champion at Cheshire East. Councillor Morphet will take the project forward by first approaching Cheshire East to ascertain whether they are able to maintain. The Parish Council had precepted £3,000 in the 2020/21 budget for this work.

6. Infrastructure Delivery Plan

The new signage that has been installed at Brereton Heath Country Park, to direct the public to the main car park, is not quite what was expected. Cllr Clews will liaise with Ranger, Mark Arnold to exchange ideas.

A face to face meeting with Bloor Homes is being progressed and the Clerk is liaising with their communications department. Residents of Bluebell Green have a list of requests that the Parish Council will put to Bloor.

It was resolved (0920/02) for Councillor Elves to liaise with Nigel Curtis, an ex-Cheshire East Highways employee, to request help for recommendations and costings to provide a footpath and cycle path from Bluebell Green to Brereton Green including a safe crossing of the A50.

7. Highways

7.1 Footpaths

Access to where FP10 meets FP9 is blocked, Councillor Lindsay has walked the path to ascertain the problem. It was resolved for The Clerk to contact Public Rights of Way. Furthermore, a member of the public has contacted the Clerk regarding Bridlepath 31 where the river has eroded the bank/the bridlepath. The Clerk will seek to clarify the current situation.

7.2 A50 Speed

- Part of this item has already been discussed under 6 above.
- Councillor Clews requested that PCSO Holt use her Trucam on the A54 by Davenport Chapel to monitor the early morning motorists. The Clerk will action.
- Correspondence from Mr Bracewell of Mill Lane was received and discussed. He had written to Cheshire East copying in the Parish Council.
- The condition of Smethwick Lane has been reported to Cheshire East by The Clerk.

8. Planning Applications/Decisions/Inquiry

8.1 20/00438E Jahanara – Councillor Lindsay has liaised with Portfolio Holder Fox and the building works have breached planning control so a request for a planning application has been submitted to the property owner. The planting of the trees on the verge of the property will be referred to Highways Portfolio Holder Crane. It was resolved (0920/03) for Councillor Lindsay and The Clerk to communicate with Cheshire East.

8.2 18/4921c Land off London Road – it was resolved (0920/04) to object the application on the grounds of no documented need for these additional 35 houses, loss of a wildflower meadow, the scale of the proposed development is inappropriate for the rural area of Brereton and contrary to the Brereton Neighbourhood Plan, the additional houses would further overload the facilities in the Local Service Centre of Holmes Chapel and the increase in the number would have a harmful impact of the efficiency of the Jodrell Bank Observatory.

8.3 Permitted Development Rights – Councillor Lindsay presented his interpretation to the recent changes.

8.4 Government White Paper – Councillors Lindsay and Elves will put together some thoughts for the next meeting.

9. Finance

9.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved (0920/05) to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the month of September as presented by The Clerk. Councillor Fern suggested that some of the reserves be moved to the building society account. It was resolved (0920/06) for The Clerk to investigate how much money would be feasible to move.

9.2 Signing of cheques – it was resolved (0920/07) for Councillor Deans and Councillor Elves to sign at a future and socially distanced meeting with The Clerk the following cheques: - Mrs R Middleweek Salary £536.90, Shires Payroll £41.40. The Clerk informed the meeting that she has checked with a local payroll company and the fees are comparable to Shires.

10.Reports

10.1 Ward Member Report – not present.

10.2 Chair's Report – Councillor Deans informed the meeting that the Food Bank run by The Reverend Fisher is looking to expand its network of recipients and has asked the Parish Council for assistance with some advertising. It was resolved (0920/08) for Councillor Slater to design an advertising banner.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Monday October 19, 2020 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Signed:
Cllr Jane Deans, Chair
Brereton Parish Council

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