



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

- 1. Members Present:** Councillors Clews, Elves, Fern, Lindsay, Matusiak, Morphet, Wray (Cheshire East)
- Apologies:** It was resolved (1220/01) to receive the apologies from Councillor Slater. Congratulations and a card have been sent to her and her partner on the safe arrival of their baby son.
- Members of Public:** 1
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
None
- 3. Election of Chair**
It was resolved (1220/02) to receive the resignation of Councillor Deans as Chair of Brereton Parish Council. It was further resolved (1220/03) to elect Councillor Lindsay as Chair and Councillor Elves as Vice Chair until the Annual Meeting of the Parish in May 2021. Much appreciation was expressed for the 20+ years that Councillor Deans had served the Parish Council including positions of Vice and Chair. The Clerk will inform Electoral Services at Cheshire East and advertise the Casual Vacancy. **Action – The Clerk**
- 4. Public Forum**
A member of the public from Bluebell Green attended asking for an update on the recent Zoom meeting held with Bloor Homes. The Clerk updated the meeting with confirmation that there is a defibrillator on site and Bloor have offered to donate this to the community on completion of the build. The noticeboard is in the process of being ordered by Bloor as a donation to the Parish Council. It is anticipated that some of the construction team will sweep back the edges of the footpath along the A50. The play areas on the site will be handed over to the Management Company of Bluebell Green when the build is complete allowing finalization of design and installation to take place. A Royal Mail post box is not the remit of Bloor Homes, Councillor Elves has investigated the criteria and will forward the information on. **Action – Councillor Elves.** Rubbish and dog bin provision on the site will also be down to the Management Company.
- 5. Cheshire East Recycling Proposals**
Councillor Robert Douglas from Congleton Town Council was due to attend the meeting but was unable to connect. It was noted that £4m from the capital budget of Cheshire East has been allocated to build a purpose-built site in Congleton. (*Ward Councillor John Wray joined the meeting*). Cheshire East have put out a public consultation on facilitation of household waste sites. The Clerk has shared the consultation via the parish council social media which ends on January 4, 2021. Following resolution (1120/16), Councillor Lindsay agreed to draft a letter to Councillor Crane, Portfolio Holder for Highways and Waste, giving Brereton's thoughts on the provision of household waste sites in the area. **Action – Councillor Lindsay.** Councillor Morphet will contact Brereton Life and ask that the consultation be publicised through their newsletter. **Action – Councillor Morphet.**
- 6. Council Minutes**
It was resolved (1220/04) to request that Councillor Deans sign the minutes of November 16, 2020 as a true and correct record of the meeting. **Action – The Clerk**

7. Matters Arising

7.1 Cheshire East Transport and Parking Consultation – the consultation seems to focus more on towns and not rural areas. It was resolved (1220/05) for Councillor Elves to read and draft a response for the next meeting on January 25, 2021.

Action – Councillor Elves

- Owing to the rescinding of two offers of sponsorship from large highway contractors over the last three years due to the economic climate, the Clerk has obtained quotes from local providers. Two have submitted like for like quotes and it's been a nil response from the third. It was resolved (1220/06) to go with the quote of £420.00 plus VAT being the best value for money and using the services of a local company. **Action – The Clerk**
- The Clerk has requested that PCSO Holt position the 'yellow van' in the A50 lay by next time and provide that date and time of data collected.
- The Clerk has spoken with Ian Darlington, Highways Technology Manager about the provision of a light above the defibrillator on the A54, they are arranging a date to meet.
- Councillors Lindsay and Fern have met with PCSO Holt to conduct a community speed watch. Unfortunately, the weather was too inclement to capture any data, but a new date will be arranged with three participants. with the speed gun.

8. Infrastructure Delivery Plan

- Councillor Elves, Fern and Matusiak have gathered available information on Broadband provision in order to put together a package for interested residents in the parish.
- The work on Bridleway BR8 has had to be postponed because of the wet weather. Councillor Morphet will obtain a quote from the contractor for further scraping in the drier weather if the landowner is not keen to repeat the work. The Clerk has informed Barry Poole of Cheshire East Public Rights of Way, about the postponement so the closed footpath order can be cancelled. A new 'commercial' sign has been added to the gate at North Lodge advising of no vehicle access to BR8.
- Councillor Elves has presented a traffic management scoping report. The report will be divided into different areas being the A50 and the separate issues of speeding and parking in the parish. The A50 area being the first priority focusing on a sustainable footway/cycle link to and from Holmes Chapel, from Brereton Green, a right turn lane system for the Back Lane/Newcastle Old Road/A50 junction, splitter islands for the right turn lanes incorporating a pedestrian/cycle crossing/refuge to access the proposed cycle lane and footway link, reduced speed limit through Brereton Green from de-restricted to 50mph. It was resolved (1220/07) for the working group to prepare a document ready for invitation to tender looking to engage a professional traffic consultant to take the work forward. This will be brought to the next Parish Council meeting on January 25, 2021.
- It was noted that Councillor Suzie Akers-Smith, Cycling and Walking Champion from Cheshire East is interested in meeting Councillors in the Parish to look at speed and parking problems particularly at the Country Park. Councillors Clews, Elves and Matusiak offered to be involved as did Councillor Wray.

9. Highways

- The Clerk has reported a falling tree opposite the post box in Brereton Green.
- Councillor Wray offered to ascertain the future of the Kier compound near Junction 17. **Action – Councillor Wray**
- The state of the road surface in St Oswald's Crescent has been reported to Councillor Morphet. The Clerk will log with Cheshire East Highways. **Action – The Clerk.**

10. Planning Applications/Decisions/Inquiry

10.1 20/5318c 27 St Oswalds Crescent CW11 1RW – it was resolved (1220/08) to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application.

10.2 20/4443c Jahanara - it was noted that an enforcement notice was served on the residents on November 27 for the removal of the ornamental lions from the verge, which is land owned by Cheshire East Highways. Councillor Wray informed the meeting that Deborah Ackerley, Planning Enforcement, has informed him that retrospective planning permission has been refused on the front wall of the property, therefore it breaches planning control. Furthermore, the side walls breach planning controls, having no approved permission either. She also advised that no notices would be issued until the New Year. It was resolved (1220/09) for Brereton Parish Council to write to Deborah Ackerley asking for Cheshire East's timescale to correct these actions. **Action – Councillor Lindsay**

11. Finance

11.1 Precept – it was resolved (1220/10) to set a precept of £17,700.00 for the financial year 2021/22. This covers the day-to-day expenditure of the Parish Council of £13,679. £3,000 for a traffic consultant to assess the key areas of concern in the Parish and compile a report for Cheshire East. £500 for sponsorship of community events such as Rose Day and £500 to support a project at the school of their choosing. It was noted that Brereton Parish Council currently hold many reserves that have built up over time and these will be drawn upon should an opportunity arise during the next financial year.

11.2 Bank Reconciliation - it was resolved (1220/11) to receive the months bank reconciliation as presented by The Clerk.

11.3 Internet Banking – The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Council is now up and running on Internet Banking. For the next meeting, a schedule of payments will be presented, having been approved by The Chair for payment on-line or by cheque, as necessary.

11.4 Schedule of Expenditure - it was resolved (1220/12) to make immediate payments of £200.00 Brereton Community Interest Group, for the Parish Christmas tree, £206.00 Brereton Good Neighbours for the Parish Christmas card, £124.67 Cheshire Pension Fund, November payment, £521.26 Mrs R Middleweek, November salary, £224.65 Clerk's expenses and to approve the payment of £521.26 Mrs R Middleweek December salary on December 31, 2020 and £155.01 Cheshire Pension Fund, December payment, on January 16, 2021.

12. Reports

12.1 Ward Member Report – Councillor Wray informed the meeting of the Full Council meeting of Cheshire East being held to approve the council tax base for the year 2021/22.

12.2 Chair's Report – The Chair has been advised of a potential breach of planning whereby a property in St Oswalds Crescent had purchased some extra land but expanded the garden onto this land, hence changing the use of the land. It was resolved (1220/13) for the Council to submit a report to Enforcement. **Action – The Clerk**

It was resolved (1220/14) to receive the correspondence from Brian Reed, Head of Community Governance at Cheshire East but was noted that it came without the correct attachments. The Clerk will add to the next Agenda. **Action – The Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting of a '20 is Plenty' initiative being mobilized in Holmes Chapel in the vicinity around the schools.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Monday January 25, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. The Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 21:22

Signed:
Councillor Andrew Lindsay, Chair
Brereton Parish Council

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