



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday November 16, 2020 via Zoom Media**

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

Apologies: It was resolved (1120/01) to receive the apologies from Councillor Clews

Members of Public: 3

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

Residents from Brereton Heath lane attended the meeting to ask Councillor Wray whether the call in on planning application 20/4443c was successful and challenged him for reassurance that correct processes and procedures were being followed by Cheshire East. In this instance the wall had been built too high without permission and planning notices had not been displayed in the surrounding area. The residents thanked the Parish Council, particularly Councillor Lindsay for supporting them in their objection to the application. Further grievances on the length of time for comments to appear on the Planning Portal at Cheshire East and the lack of response from Cheshire East Highways were also aired.

4. Council Minutes

It was resolved (1120/02) to sign the minutes of October 19, 2020 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

- The Clerk reported back following a meeting that she, Councillors Elves and Lindsay attended with Bloor Homes. Items discussed were sweeping back the pavement on the A50 towards Holmes Chapel, looking at providing a defibrillator on the development, liaising with Royal Mail as to whether a post box would be feasible and the provision of litter and dog bins. The green 'kick about' space and play area was also discussed whereby Bloor advised that these areas would be decided upon and run by the management company when it is created after Bloor hand over the development. The Clerk will chase up these items with Tim Booth at Bloor.
- Barry Poole from Cheshire East Rights of Way will check that Footpath 9 and 10 is passable. It was noted that Bridlepath 31 will be closed until October 2022 and is in the legal Department of Cheshire East.
- PCSO Holt has confirmed she is available on the weekend of December 12/13 to go out with Councillors Lindsay and Fern with the speed gun.
- Councillor Elves and Morphet have met with Nigel Curtis, a traffic management consultant, to discuss the idea of putting together a scoping report for the management of traffic and speed through Brereton Parish together with the current parking issues on Brereton Heath Lane. The Infrastructure Development Plan team will progress

6. Infrastructure Delivery Plan

- Head Teacher of Brereton Primary School, Kerry Mclean joined the meeting as a guest to discuss where the Parish Council and the Primary School could work together. Areas of interest covered were parking and maneuvering of vehicles at the start and end of school, approximately 130/40 families are now at drop up/pick up. Improving the path and infrastructure between Brereton Green and Bluebell Green would be beneficial for the new residents attending the school. A shared community hub would be a welcome addition for both the school and the wider community. School are looking for an additional building to accommodate special needs. The Primary School is nearly to capacity. Councillor

Lindsay will send Kerry information on the Local Education Authority from the Bluebell Green planning application and an invitation for a member of school to join the Infrastructure Delivery Team.

- The notes from the last meeting of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan subgroup were received where it was highlighted that preliminary work on the bridlepath had commenced by the landowner. Councillor Morphet will obtain all necessary documentation from the contractor relating to insurance and permits to work.
- Some residents local to the bridlepath have suggested a no access to motor vehicle signs to be placed on the gate Brereton Park end of the path. It was resolved (1120/03) for Councillor Morphet to liaise with Councillor Slater over design and acquire three quotes for the purchase of a suitable sign.
- The Clerk will follow up with Ian Darlington at Cheshire East to progress lighting above the defibrillator on the A54.
- It was resolved (1120/04) for the subgroup to look at gathering data of recreational use along the local rural roads to build a case to Cheshire East to lower the speed limit to 40 mph.

7. Highways

7.1 Speed Camera A50 – PCSO Holt's data was received from her speed enforcement on the A50 and the following statistics noted. Sunday 30th August for ½ hour – 0 activations, Saturday 19th September for ½ hour – 0 activations, Friday 30th October yellow van parked up for 1 ½ hours – 4 activations, Thursday 12th November 40 minutes – 1 activation. It was resolved (1120/05) to request that the yellow van be parked in the lay-by on the A50 being a longer, straighter stretch and to ascertain what time of day the data is being collected.

7.2 Kier Site Junc. 17 – Councillor Fern asked when the site would be cleared and returned to agricultural use. The Clerk is investigating.

8. Planning Applications/Decisions/Inquiry

It was resolved (1120/06) to receive Fiona Bruce's letter of support for the Parish Council after receiving their comments on the Government White Paper 'Planning for the Future'. She has already made a detailed representation to the Housing Minister on the importance of Neighbourhood Plans having the authority and influence that they were intended for.

8.1 20/00438E Jahanara - The Clerk reported that the request for Highways to investigate ornamental stone works on Highways land has been forwarded from Cabinet Member Laura Crane's to Highways Officers. Councillor Lindsay asked Councillor Wray about the procedure of timescales for applications being 'called-in' as Council are waiting to hear about application 20/4443c. Councillor Lindsay questioned Councillor Wray on the subject of displaying planning 'blue notices' to hear that there is an obligation but not a statutory requirement to display them.

8.2 20/4892c 15 Bagmere Close CW11 1SG - it was resolved (1120/07) to make a comment of "no comment".

8.3 20/4720c The Rowans CW12 4SP – it was resolved (1120/08) to object to the application on the grounds that it is not in keeping with the tandem style of development in the area. Furthermore, it is not within the infill boundary of the 2006 Congleton plan or the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

8.4 20/4720c The Old Rectory CW11 1RY - it was resolved (1120/09) to support the application provided the alterations adhered to any points raised by the Heritage Report.

It was formally resolved (1120/10) to support the instruction of The Chair to submit a formal complaint to Cheshire East about the lack of representation being displayed on the planning portal in a timely fashion.

9. Finance

9.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved (1120/11) to receive the bank reconciliation for the month of November as presented by The Clerk.

9.2 Precept Breakdown Report – it was resolved (1120/12) to receive the precept expenditure against plan report as presented by The Clerk and Councillor Fern.

9.3 Draft Precept – The Clerk will put together the running costs of the Council for the next meeting.

9.4 NALC National Pay Rise – it was resolved (1120/13) to receive the notice and award the Clerk the national 2% pay rise back dated to April 2020.

9.5 Signing of cheques – it was resolved (1120/14) for Councillor Lindsay and Councillor Matusiak to sign at a future and socially distanced meeting with The Clerk the following cheques: - St Oswald's Church £400.00, Davenport Chapel £150, Mrs R Middleweek £604.61, Cheshire Pension £144.60, Shires Payroll £113.40, Christina Slater £181.50, Katrina Morphet £22.50.

9.6 Internet Banking – The Clerk has established a contact at Natwest and has been advised to move the account online to a Bankline for Communities account. It was resolved (1120/15) to proceed with this and for The Clerk and Councillor Lindsay to sign the application forms in the first instance.

10. Reports

10.1 Ward Member Report – Councillor Wray informed the meeting of the Cheshire East Council meeting taking place on Thursday December 19th Council meeting on Thursday change the Governance system to the Committee system at 2:00 pm for anyone to listen into where the Council will change to a Governance system from the existing Cabinet system to a Committee governed. Councillor Deans thanked him for his time and input.

10.2 Chair's Report – The Chair referred to a recent article in the Congleton Chronicle about Congleton tip reaching the end of its' lease and the possibility of closure. Having just recently had a meeting with Lee Beckett, part of the assets team at Cheshire East, it was resolved (1120/16) to write to Councillor Crane to ascertain the position with regards to Arclid household waste site. Furthermore, it was resolved (1120/17) to invite Councillor Robert Douglas from Congleton Town Council to the next meeting to discuss.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Monday December 14, 2020 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. The meeting closed at 22:20

Signed:
Cllr Jane Deans, Chair
Brereton Parish Council

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