



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council  
held on Monday November 18, 2019 at Brereton Primary School**

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

**Apologies:** None

**Members of Public:** 2

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. Public Forum**

- A member of the public requested that the bus shelter in Brereton Green be cleared of moss and ivy and the light be re-installed. It was suggested this be provided on a timer system to reflect the rural locality and suggested hours were 0700 to 0930 and 1500 to 1900.
- Discussion took place over the variation of mobile signal coverage in the Parish. One web site to use would be [signalchecker.co.uk](http://signalchecker.co.uk) to ascertain which provider gives the best coverage. Advice can also be sort from Connecting Cheshire.
- A reoccurring pothole at the end of Mill Lane in the middle of the A50 was reported.

**4. Council Minutes**

Having been approved by Council, it was resolved (1119/01) for the Chair to sign the minutes of October 21, 2019 as a true and accurate record of the meeting once the name of Cllr Sample had been changed to her newly married name of Cllr Clews.

**5. Matters Arising**

- The Clerk reported that the three replacement bins for the Community Space had been delivered and installed by Congleton Town Council (CTC) together with the additional bin in St Oswald's church car park.
- It was confirmed that the Primary School has gone ahead and purchased some new reading books for the children, and each has an acknowledgement of the donation coming from the Parish Council. The Headteacher has written to thank the Council for their support.
- A resident has written in highlighting the problem of people parking on the grass verges at the junction of St Oswald's Crescent and Newcastle Road South. It was resolved (1119/02) for the Clerk to ask advice from Highways, put a request on the Parish website asking for courtesy when parking and ask the Primary school to include in their next newsletter.
- It was noted that the School in the Woods has now closed and is looking for alternative accommodation.
- The meeting was informed that the second round of Homes Bonus has been deferred from 2020-21, for a period of one year until 2021-22. The rationale for this decision is to undertake a full review and evaluation of the first round, the impacts and outcomes achieved and apply 'lessons learned' as to how the scheme operates in the future.

## 6. Highways

- The Clerk was asked to report the drains at Pear Tree Farm, the pothole on Mill Lane at the A50 end and the condition of the road surface on Little Mill Lane.
- Ice signs on the A54 near Sandlow Farm have been requested by The Clerk because of standing water.

## 7. Priorities/Projects

Cllr Elves updated the meeting on the resident's questionnaire. It was resolved (1119/03) that he should proceed with distribution through Cheshire East once agreement has been reached on the 1<sup>st</sup> draft. It is to be advertised to the parish via the press, local banners and a residents meeting. The results of the questionnaire will determine an infrastructure delivery plan and that in turn will be used when applying for Community Infrastructure Levy. The target date for completion and return of the questionnaire is hoped to be February 2020.

## 8. Planning Applications/Decisions/Inquiry

None

## 9. Finance

**9.1. Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved (1119/04) to receive and approve the month's bank reconciliation as presented by The Clerk.

**9.2. Signing of cheques** – it was resolved (1119/05) for the Chair and Councillor Lindsay to sign the following cheques; - Zoll (defibrillator maintenance) £264.23, Apex Storage £24.96, Shires Payroll £34.50, Hall Hire x 6 £240.00, Brereton Primary School £1000.00 (book donation), Mrs R Middleweek (November) £536.90

## 10 Reports

**10.1** Cllr Wray reported on Cheshire East Community Governance Review which would result in a possible change in the number of parishes.

**10.2 Chair's Report** – nothing further to report.

**11. Date of Next Meeting – Monday December 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm.** The meeting closed at 21.10

Signed:  
Cllr Jane Deans, Chair  
Brereton Parish Council

Date: