



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council  
held on Monday October 19, 2020 via Zoom Media**

**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 resident from the A54 has been canvassing residents as he wants to reduce the speed limit on the A54 to 30 mph and install a road surface that will dull the vibration of the traffic. They have not yet, engaged with Cheshire East Highways but are looking for a structural engineer from Cheshire East to monitor the vibration and noise. The residents were given the names of who to contact at Cheshire East, Ward Councillor John Wray and a link to an electronic petition.

*Cllr John Wray joined the meeting.*

**4. Council Minutes**

It was resolved (1020/01) to sign the minutes of September 14, 2020 as a true and correct record of the meeting after a couple of factual amendments.

**5. Matters Arising**

- The Clerk has asked Public Rights of Way to look at where Footpath 9 and 10 cross and ascertain whether these paths are passable for the general public. She has also asked what the current situation is regarding repair or rerouting of Bridlepath 31 which is currently inaccessible.
- PCSO Holt has been contacted to arrange community speed gun days but she is away from the office at present. She has also been requested to monitor early morning traffic on the A54 at Davenport Chapel.
- Smethwick Lane potholes as reported by Councillor Fern have been logged with Cheshire East Highways.
- Councillor Clews has spoken again with The Ranger at Brereton Heath Country Park and is informed that any signage on the highway outside of the perimeter is the responsibility of Cheshire East Highways.
- The Clerk is arranging a catch-up meeting with Bloor Homes, interested Councillors should email The Clerk with their availability.
- Councillor Elves has contacted Nigel Curtis, to engage his expertise in connecting Brereton Green to Bluebell Green by path or cycle path. He will report further at the next meeting.

**6. Infrastructure Delivery Plan**

- Councillor Morphet has obtained three quotes for the work and it was resolved (1020/02) to go with the middle quote of £2,460 submitted by Ashbrook Ltd, they will supply, level and compact the planings. George Marrow has agreed that his business will prepare the path. Councillor Morphet will now liaise with Ashbrook and Marrow's to confirm the details.
- It was resolved (1020/03) for The Clerk to contact Richard Cooper at Cheshire East Highways and seek advice as to how to bring the speed limit down to 40 mph past Bluebell Green.

- Councillor Matusiak will share her Openreach Broadband Contact with Councillor Elves having just entered into a community fibre partnership. Councillor Elves will ask permission from Brereton Life to share their recent article on 4G and Broadband.

## 7. Memorial Bench Ground Works

It was reported that Graham are no longer able to carry out the ground works around the memorial bench, therefore it was resolved (1020/04) for Councillor Morphet to request a quote from Ashbrooks and The Clerk to seek two further quotes to complete the project.

## 8. Highways

**8.1 Footpaths** as part of the project on Bridlepath 71, the residents have requested a no vehicle access sign be installed on the gate at North Lodge, it was resolved (1020/05) for Councillor Morphet to design or request Cheshire East to install.

**8.2 A54 Residents Correspondence** – following on from Item 3 above, the Public Forum, it was resolved (1020/06) to use the Trucam on the A54 to gather any evidence of speeding.

**8.3 Highways Winter Service** – Councillors will read and inform The Clerk of anything they wish to input.

## 9. Planning Applications/Decisions/Inquiry

**9.1 20/00438E Jahanara and 20/4443c retrospective** – the Enforcement Department at Cheshire East have concluded and have found that the wall at the side of the property had breached planning control. Councillor Lindsay proposed and it was resolved (1020/07) to ask for application 20/4443c to be 'called in' via Councillor Wray and for Brereton to object to the application on the grounds of the application being incomplete with inaccuracies along with the amount of public concern.

**9.2 20/3968c Hill View Farm** – it was resolved (1020/08) to make a comment of "no comment"

**9.3 20/4334c The Bolt Hole** – it was resolved (1020/09) to make a comment of "no comment"

**9.4 Government White Paper** – it was resolved (1020/10) for The Clerk to submit the draft from Councillor Lindsay as viewed and agreed over email by all Councillors.

## 10. Finance

**10.1 Bank Reconciliation** – no reconciliation to resolve this month as the bank statement has not been received.

**10.2 Cheshire Pension Fund** – it was resolved (1020/11) to receive the correspondence containing the breakdown of figures from the Cheshire Pension Fund and Councillors agreed the engagement of Shires Payroll Services to calculate the contributions along with payroll in the future.

**10.3 St Oswald's Tree Maintenance** - the request has been withdrawn by The Reverend Sandi Fisher but Councillors would like to offer to pay for the replacement tree, The Clerk will liaise.

**10.4 Food Pantry Banner** – Councillor Slater has presented three quotes for the printing of advertising banners and posters for the Food Pantry operating from The Vicarage. It was resolved (1020/12) to go ahead and advertise in the three settlements of the parish and donate the last one to the Food Pantry.

**10.5 Signing of cheques** – it was resolved (1020/13) for Councillor Deans and Councillor Elves to sign at a future and socially distanced meeting with The Clerk the following cheques: - The Royal British Legion £17.00, Apex Storage £37.44, Cheshire Pension Fund £4286.49, Mrs R Middleweek Salary £536.90, Office Rental £174.00, Clerk's Expenses £296.78.

## 11. Reports

**11.1 Ward Member Report** – nothing further to add to the meeting. Councillor Deans thanked him for his presence and useful input.

**11.2 Chair's Report** – nothing further to add.

**12. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday November 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. The meeting closed at 21:55

Signed:  
Cllr Jane Deans, Chair  
Brereton Parish Council

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