



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday October 21, 2019 at Brereton Primary School**

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

Apologies: It was resolved (1019/01) to receive apologies from Cllr Wray

Cllr Deans opened the meeting and firstly welcomed the newly married Mrs Hannah Clews (nee Sample) and the return of Cllr Matusiak who has been absent recently due to family matters.

Members of Public: 4

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Presentation from Graham, Congleton Link Road,

Alastair Lewis, Project Manager and Daniel Cawthra, the Stakeholder and Communications Officer attended the meeting and gave a very detailed presentation on the route, construction, timeline and delivery of the new Congleton Link Road. Any questions can be directed to congletonlink@Graham.co.uk

4. Public Forum

- Blocked drains near the Bear's Head, along with their hedge that needs maintenance was reported as was a pothole on Back Lane.
- An owner of land off the A5022 attended the meeting to ask whether the Parish Council could help in engaging with Cheshire East to find a permanent solution to the flooding on the A5022.
- The speed limit on the A50 from Arclid lights to the A5022 was questioned as it is perceived that the accident rate has risen recently. The installation of a warning speed indicator device (SID) on the bend was suggested.

5. Council Minutes

Having been approved by Council, it was resolved (1019/02) for the Chair to sign the minutes of September 9, 2019 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

- The Clerk has purchased, as instructed, the replacement bins for the Community Space. These will be installed and maintained by Congleton Town Council (CTC) together with a further bin to be installed in St Oswald's church car park, provided by CTC. BPCIG have agreed to putting a 'no fly tipping' signs on the new bins in the community space to discourage the serial dumper of animal waste.
- The Clerk has met with the Head Teacher of the Primary School to discuss a donation of books from the Parish Council to the school. Sponsorship of the Christmas Nativity production tickets was also accepted.
- Comments from the Parish Council have been submitted to the draft Economic Strategy consultation and the Local Plan Consultation as set out by Cheshire East.

7. Highways

7.1 Meeting with Cllr Roberts

Cllr Fern and The Clerk reported on a meeting with Cllr Brian Roberts, Cabinet Member for Highways where the use of Speed Indicator Devices (SID) was clarified. Ce don't wish to add any more to their network, but Parish Councils are able to buy and install their own facilities under the guidance of Cheshire East. It was resolved (1019/03) to resurrect the project to install some devices at key points in the parish to capture data and warn drivers of hazards. As an aside The Clerk also requested that Cllr Roberts look at revisiting the decision to close Arclid Household Waste Site to which he agreed.

- The Clerk reported on her progress in completing a road sign audit, reporting issues to Cheshire East.
- At the above meeting Cllr Wray was advised on who to approach when requesting the possibility of a speed camera for the A50.
- It was resolved (1019/04) to find costs and a supplier of a sign to advise traffic using Sat Nav to re-route from using the track from Brereton Heath to Brereton Park.
- The Parish Council has received two requests from members of the public to ask that Cheshire East investigate the drainage problem on the A5022.

8. Priorities/Projects

Mrs Strang from BPCIG is working with the Parish Council on the resident's questionnaire and reported her findings from a trial on some of the residents within the parish. Discussion took place and it was resolved (1019/05) that after incorporating the amendments from the feedback that draft 5 would be the final document. It was further resolved (1019/06) for Cllr Slater and Morphet to create an introduction sheet with a map highlighting location of settlements within the parish to accompany the questionnaire. Cllr Elves has been working with Ben Buckley at Cheshire East to see whether they can assist with distribution.

9. Planning Applications/Decisions/Inquiry

9.1 19/4175c Fir Farm CW11 1SB – it was resolved (1019/07) to make a comment of 'no comment'.

9.2 19/4248c Sunrise Barn CW11 1SN - it was resolved (1019/08) to make a comment of 'no comment'.

10. Finance

10.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved (1019/09) to receive and approve the month's bank reconciliation as presented by The Clerk.

10.2 Signing of cheques – it was resolved (1019/10) for the Chair and Councillor Lindsay to sign the following cheques; - The Royal British Legion £17.00, Glasdon £1,324.80, Office Rental £120.00, Mrs R Middleweek Expenses £200.96, Mrs. R Middleweek (October) £536.90, Mrs J Deans (Chair's Allowance) £250.00

11. Reports

11.1 Cllr Wray was thanked for his valuable input during the meeting.

11.2 Chair's Report – precept ideas were listed as groundwork for the WWI bench, surfacing for the bridle path between Brereton Heath and Brereton Park.

11.3 Ramblers – the periodic survey of the Parish footpaths was received, and note was made of the bridle path 31 where the river erosion has closed the access. The Clerk will see if anything can be done to rectify the situation.

11.4 SLCC Regional Conference – The Clerk reported on her attendance at the conference and highlighted the requirement for the parish website to be updated as accessible to all. It was resolved (1019/11) to enlist the services of the web site designer to achieve this. A review of the parish footpaths was recommended to claim any blocked rights of way before the cut off deadline in 2026 was recommended and Cllr Fern offered to head this project.

12. Date of Next Meeting – Monday November 18, 2019 at 7:30 pm. The meeting closed at 22.15

Signed:
Cllr Jane Deans, Chair
Brereton Parish Council

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