



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council  
held on Monday April 15, 2024  
at Brereton Primary School**

**1. Apologies**

It was resolved (**0424/01**) to receive apologies from Councillor Matusiak

**Members Present** - Councillors Andrews, Castle, Charlesworth, Clews, Dixon, Lindsay, (Chair), Mellers, Wearne

**Members of the Public - 1**

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Public Forum**

- A resident reported that the drains on the A50 at Brereton Green are blocked because they have sunk.

**4. Council Minutes**

It was resolved (**0424/02**) for the Chair to sign the Minutes of March 4, 2024, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

**5. Matters Arising**

**Local Government Boundary Commission for England Ward Boundary Review** - Councillor Mellers attended the Teams meeting on March 18 and reported that the consultation has now closed for this stage, the findings will then be published, and a second consultation will follow.

**6. Highways**

**Active Projects** - Councillor Andrews reported that Councillors, Castle, and Dixon had joined him on two speed watch occasions on School Lane one on March 30 where 62 vehicles were counted in the 75-minute session. In that time, two vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit. PCSO Kim Bowyer attended for some of the session.

- The second session on April 14 counted 42 vehicles passing in the 67-minute session with three vehicles exceeding the speed limit, their details have been sent to the PCSO for her attention.
- Two more training dates are available, May 4 and 5 with the PCSO. Councillor Lindsay stated he was available for 4th May.

- The re-launch of the community speed watch is to be extended the other suitable location in the parish, being the A54 and Councillor Andrews will request a risk assessment at this location from the PCSO.
- Through promoting these speed watch checks on Brereton Parish social media, it is raising awareness within the community which is the aim.
- The Clerk will forward the list of residents who have expressed an interest in the Brereton Heath area.

**Boundary Signs** – Councillor Charlesworth has met with Ringway Jacobs and agreed the location of the 7<sup>th</sup> parish boundary sign on the A54 heading west from Congleton. The next stage is to receive a quote for the work to be carried out. Councillor Charlesworth has also established that the boundary signs do not need to be black and white as first advised. It was resolved **(0424/03)** for the Clerk to approach Somerford council with a view to moving their boundary sign that is now in Brereton Parish following the boundary review.

**St Oswald’s Crescent Road Surface** – it has been reported that Cheshire East Highways do not currently have the funds to resurface area.

**A54 Data Strips** - The Clerk present the data collection and analytics recently received from the Safety Team at Cheshire East Highway. it was resolved **(0424/04)** for the Clerk to request a breakdown of the times when people are exceeding the speed limit and on receipt pass this information onto our PCSO.

*Councillor Wray joined the meeting.*

## 7. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

**7.1** 24/24/0796 c The Little Cow Shed CW12 4SU – it was resolved **(0424/05)** to object to the application on the grounds that, in its current form, it is contrary to the wishes of the parishioners of Brereton.

**7.2** 24/0989c Strawberry Field Barn CW11 1SD – it was resolved **(0424/06)** to support the application.

**7.3** 24/1119C Lea House CW11 1SB – it was resolved **(0424/07)** to support the application.

**7.4** 24/24/1096c Davenport Lane, Arclid – it was resolved **(0424/08)** to support the application.

**7.5** It was resolved **(0424/09)** for the Clerk to ascertain why APP/R0660/C/23/3330021 Jahanara Bevan has yet to be determined when the case was opened in October 2023.

## 8. Finance

**8.1 Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved **(0424/09)** to receive the month’s bank account and expenditure against budget reports as presented by the Clerk.

**8.2 Schedule of Payments** – it was resolved **(0424/10)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Staff Salary			720.24
HMRC			17.08
Staff Pension			214.57
Chalc Membership			517.94
Adam Keppel-Green Website 2022/23			105.00
Adam Keppel-Green Website 2023/24			105.00
Zurich Insurance			420.35
Shires Accountants			204.60
ICO			40.00
Chair's Allowance			11.25
			<b>2,356.03</b>

**8.3 Payroll Provider** – it was resolved **(0424/11)** to retain Shires Accountants as the payroll provider for the financial year 2024/25 but look at alternative providers for the future.

**9. Chair's Report**

- It was resolved **(0424/12)** for the Clerk to liaise with BPCIG to check that the grass cutting schedule for the community space is now adequate following the recent Maintenance of Green Space Consultation.
- Brereton Country Park are looking for volunteers to close the gates of an evening, anyone interested should contact the Park Ranger.
- It was resolved **(0424/13)** for the Clerk to acquire an update on the Brereton Foodbank Provision from St Oswald's church.
- Councillor Lindsay will attend the Town and Parish on May 14 where the new Cheshire East Local Plan is being discussed.
- Councillor Wray informed the meeting about the new Finance Officer at Cheshire East.

**10. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, May 20, 2024.

The meeting closed at 20:56

**Signed:**  
**Councillor Lindsay**  
**Chair**  
**Brereton Parish Council**

**Date:**

**Councillor's Actions :**

- Councillors Castle and Mellors will come back with costs for the purchase of carried forward parish banners for use at local events and costs for advertising in local publications..
- It was resolved **(0324/14)** for Councillor Mellors to look at the copyright of the parish council Brereton bear logo with a view to registering it. Carry forward