



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council  
held on Monday January 29, 2024  
at Brereton Primary School**

**1. Apologies**

It was resolved **(01/01)** to receive apologies from Councillor Clews and Lindsay

**Members Present** - Councillors Andrews, Castle, Charlesworth, Dixon, Matusiak (Chair), Mellers, Wearne, Wray (Brereton Rural Ward)

**Members of the Public - 4**

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Public Forum**

- The new owners of The Homestead on Brereton Heath Lane gave a detailed presentation to the meeting explaining their vision and aspiration behind the submission of planning application 23/4697c.
- A resident of Brereton Heath Lane requested an update on the speed reduction campaign that was recently discussed with Cheshire East Highways. He went on to voice his objections to the revised planning application 23/1928w by Sibelco at Somerford Farm.
- Councillor Robert Douglas of Congleton Town Council also listed his reasons for objection to the above mentioned planning application by Sibelco, raising concerns over the potential contamination of local bore holes and would as a minimum look for independent water and air quality testing. Access on and off the proposed site was also cause for concern. Councillor Douglas went on to question the lack of 'change of use' planning permission on the old Arclid Household Waste and Recycling facility.

**4. Council Minutes**

It was resolved **(01/02)** for the Chair, Councillor Matusiak to sign the Minutes of November 13, 2023 where she was Chair, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 2023 will be signed by Councillor Lindsay who Chaired that meeting.

**5. Matters Arising**

It was resolved **(01/03)** to receive the Clerk's report, Appendix A.

**5.1 Budget Consultation Survey** – it was noted, has now closed.

**5.2 Street Trading Policy Consultation** – it was resolved **(01/04)** to receive.

**5.3 Town and Parish Council Resource – Climate Hub** – it was resolved **(01/05)** that all Councillors support and will engage with future events.

**5.4 Local Government Boundary Commission for England Ward Boundary Review** – will be discussed at March 4 meeting.

- Councillor Mellors attended the Town and Parish Council Connections Online Meeting on January 18 about Cheshire's archives. They have received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and are working on the construction of the two facilities in Chester and Crewe. The plan is to work with local communities to curate selections of archive materials which will be made digitally available and are open to the idea of touring parishes to collate and distribute such information.
  - Councillors Castle and Mellors have met and discussed community engagement. Initially looking at the diversity of the parish, who makes up the community, what communication is already in place, are there any obstructions etc. They have started to collate a list of groups in the area to liaise with and will come back to the March 4 meeting with costs for the purchase of parish banners for use at local events and costs for advertising in local publications to introduce the Councillors and the Council aims to the wider community.
  - The Clerk has requested an additional waste bin for the St Oswald's Close area and will ask that the bin in the church 'car park' be relocated to be a more visible position.
6. **D Day June 6, 2024** – Councillor Charlesworth informed the meeting about the national plan to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day landings. He confirmed that St Oswald's church will ring a quarter peel, the Community Interest Group will raise the Union flag in the Community Space. Councillor Charlesworth will come back at the March 4 meeting with further thoughts from both the church and the school.
7. **Highways**
- 7.1 Speed Management Working Group** - Councillor Andrews reported back from Aki Tsakonas of the Cheshire East Road Safety Team about the greater number of requests to them in 2023, they are currently rating these against the matrix and should be able to let Brereton know which if any schemes can go ahead in 2024.
- Councillor Wearne reminded the meeting of the criteria to which speed limits are set.
- It was noted that a meeting with Cheshire East Highways is being arranged for mid-February to confirm the Parish Council's request for gateways and a SID on School Lane together with the installation of 7 new parish boundary signs.
  - It was highlighted that the amount of fly tipping incidents seems to be on the increase in the parish with regular requests to remove rubbish from the A50 lay-bys.
8. **Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry.**
- 8.1** 23/4800c Beech House, Brereton Heath Lane CW12 4SZ - it was resolved **(01/06)** to object to the application on the grounds of privacy.
- 8.2** 23/4697c The Homestead, Brereton Heath Lane CW12 4SZ - it was resolved **(01/07)** to make no comment on the application but noted that the application was in open countryside.
- 8.3** 23/4726c Davenport Lodge, Holmes Chapel Road CW12 4SS – it was resolved **(01/08)** to support the application.
9. **Finance**
- 9.1 Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved **(01/09)** to receive the month's bank account and expenditure against budget reports as presented by the Clerk.
- 9.2 Schedule of Payments** – it was resolved **(01/10)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Chair's Allowance	47.00
Staff Salary	720.04
Staff Pension	214.57
Chalc Training	60.00
Clerk's Expenses April to January	375.59
The Storage Team	28.80
St Oswald's Church	400.00
Davenport Chapel	<u>150.00</u>
	<b>1,996.00</b>

**10. Chair's Report**

It was resolved (**01/11**) for the Clerk to organise a Direct Debit from Natwest to The Storage Company for the month rental.

Councillor Wray reported that the car parking consultation results have been released and car park charges would be implemented across the borough.

The Clerk mentioned that the defibrillator on the A54 needs servicing and will look at some costs.

**11. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, March 4, 2024.

The meeting closed at 21:04.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Councillor Matusiak, Chair of the meeting, Brereton Parish Council**

**Councillor's Actions :**

- Councillors Castle and Mellors will come back to the March 4 meeting with costs for the purchase of parish banners for use at local events and costs for advertising in local publications.
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