



Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council

held on Monday July 21, 2025

at Brereton Primary School

1. Apologies

It was resolved (**0725/01**) to note the absence of Councillor Wootton.

Members Present - Councillors Andrews, Calderbank, Castle, Charlesworth, Dixon, Lindsay, Mellers, Wearne (Chair), Wray (Cheshire East Ward Councillor)

Members of the Public – two

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

A couple of members of the public came to express concern over the electric wires in the Brereton Green/Park area that they feel are installed too close to the verge posing risks to pedestrians and dogs alike. They also highlighted the condition of the road around the millennium triangle and the inconvenience of motorists parking outside The Arch.

4. Council Minutes

It was resolved (**0725/02**) for the Chair to sign the Minutes of June 16, 2025, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 The Clerk presented the new action log as requested by the Chair. This month's log focused on the initial request for the School Lane gateway and subsequent record of correspondence history in trying to finalise the project. The Clerk also informed the meeting of a conversation with contractor, John Harding about cutting back the edges of the path from Bluebell to Brereton Green. Councillor Charlesworth added about his meeting with Duttons and subsequent report to Council about the possibility of reestablishing and extending the footpath along the northbound side of the A50.

5.2 Chair's Report – email migration is finalised, and all Councillors are now operating on .gov.uk email addresses.

- Councillor Charlesworth still progressing the repair of the railings at the Croco bridge in Brereton Park.
- Councillor Lindsay has circulated a draft objective and reserves format for Councillor's to populate quarterly with their budget versus expenditure. It was resolved **(0725/03)** to populate the sheets for the September meeting.
- The Chair reminded Councillors to provide bears for the Bear Festival.

5.3 Councillor Wray's Report – Councillor Wray highlighted the Active Travel Consultation, the new TRACE system for reporting highway faults. He has also been involved with efforts to secure the School Lane gateways.

5.4 Any further business - the Clerk has received a request from St Oswald's church for a donation towards the food bank. It was resolved **(0725/04)** for the Clerk to spend £100 on provisions.

6. Finance

6.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved **(0725/05)** to receive the month's bank account and expenditure against budget reports as presented by the Clerk. It was resolved **(0625/12)** for the Clerk to look at savings accounts for the Council. Her recommendation is to switch from Natwest to Unity, to hopefully achieve a better level of service and more options from a bank that operates within the sector. It was resolved **(0725/06)** for Councillors to look at the information forwarded by the Clerk.

6.2 Schedule of Payments – it was resolved **(0725/07)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

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| Staff Salary (July) | 753.80 |
| Staff Pension | 218.75 |
| HMRC | 70.77 |
| Christina Slater Graphics | 295.00 |
| Gail Griggs Photography | 150.00 |
| PVC Safety Signs | 286.80 |
| Urban Imprint | 900.00 |
| | 2675.12 |

7. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

7.1 25/2329/VOC – it was resolved **(0725/08)** to make no comment on the application.

7.2 25/2433/HOUS The Bolt Hole, Brereton Heath CW12 4SZ – it was resolved to make no comment on the application.

7.3 25/2498/FUL Bepak HC Ltd, Holmes Chapel CW4 8BE – Councillors will be attending a meeting at the site on August 7. The Clerk will ask for an extension.

7.4 25/2175/FUL Court House Farm CW4 8AS – It was resolved **(0725/09)** to support the application in accordance with the Brereton Neighbourhood Plan HOU02 (b), which allows for the conversion of existing buildings outside the settlement boundary provided that the surrounding countryside is preserved.

7.5 25/1859/OUT Land Off London Road, Holmes Chapel – it was resolved **(0725/10)** to make a general observation that we support Holmes Chapel parish council's concerns and wait until more information is forthcoming.

8. Working Priorities

8.1 Community Speed Watch Group – Councillor Andrews presented the figures from this month’s speed watch initiative which included pupils from Brereton Primary School. A further site along the A54 has been submitted for consideration and is currently pending evaluation.

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| 45 | Outer School Ln | 16/06/2025 | 15:45 | 38 | 12 | 31.6% |
| 46 | Broomfields | 17/06/2025 | 13:22 | 282 | 3 | 1.1% |
| 47 | Outer School Ln | 18/06/2025 | 12:57 | 22 | 4 | 18.2% |
| 48 | St Oz | 20/06/2025 | 13:35 | 35 | 0 | 0.0% |

8.2 Community Engagement Group – attended the summer fair/Rose Day. Councillor Dixon took Councillor profiles, the latest bulletin and sweets to engage the children. Their next meeting is July 22 where they will review their budget and future plans, which will include the Autumn bulletin.

8.3 Neighbourhood Plan Review - Councillor Lindsay and Calderbank have started on their character mapping of Brereton Heath by identifying the character of the properties in the area and the materials used. Two different characters have emerged being new on the main road and older individual plots on the lane.

8.4 Nature Recovery Project – Councillor Charlesworth distributed the draft habitat map that has been produced by Cheshire Wildlife Trust. The next step is to refine the draft with aerial imagery to identify areas which are no longer suitable for wildlife habitat and ask for the council’s input as to any areas that we feel should be included.

9. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, July 21, 2025. The meeting closed at 21:10

Signed:
Councillor Wearne Chair, Brereton Parish Council

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