



Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council

held on Monday July 29, 2024

at Brereton Primary School

1. Apologies

It was resolved **(0724/01)** to receive apologies from Councillor Castle, Dixon, Lindsay

Members Present - Councillors Andrews, Clews, Charlesworth, Mellers, Wearne (Chair),

Members of the Public – 3

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

- An update on the speed limit initiative around Brereton Heath Lane was requested by a resident.
- An enquiry as to any progress on Planning Enforcement APP/R0660/C/23/3330021 was made.
- The state of local paved footpaths and the condition of the play area was raised by a resident. He expressed his exasperation at Cheshire East over the lack of regular maintenance.
- Councillor Robert Douglas spoke about the ongoing campaign to have a recycling site reintroduced in the Congleton area. The consultation is going back to the Environmental and Communities this Autumn. He went on to ask for the Council's support in continuing to object to the proposed sand quarry at Somerford.
- A text message was reported where a resident witnessed a near miss on School Lane and wishes to see the speed limit reduced to 20 mph on the lane with more consideration about pavement parking during school drop off and pick up times.

4. Council Minutes

It was resolved **(0724/02)** for the Chair to sign the Minutes of June 17, 2024, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

- It was resolved **(0724/03)** to receive the Clerk's Report, Appendix A.
- Councillors Charlesworth updated the meeting on the proposed gateway signs for School Lane. Cheshire East are waiting to hear back from traffic management to finalise the quote.

- The quote for the proposed replacement parish boundary signs has been received from Cheshire East at £13,589. Councillor Charlesworth has obtained a second quote from Hatton, a national contractor, for £9,026.32. It was resolved **(0724/04)** to contact Cheshire East for a break down of the costs within the next two weeks and if nothing received then proceed with Hatton.

6. Chair's Report

6.1 Councillor Wearne has issued a survey to councillors to feedback their perception of the Council's effectiveness and decision-making processes.

6.2 The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations of the council are being reviewed and Councillor Wearne asks that the Councillors familiarise themselves with the documents.

6.3 Now that the Council is free to co-opt a new Councillor to the Parish Council, Councillor Wearne has asked Councillors to identify their own skill sets and highlight where there are gaps.

7. Finance

7.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved **(0724/05)** to receive the month's bank account and expenditure against budget reports as presented by the Clerk.

7.2 Schedule of Payments – it was resolved **(0724/06)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

SLCC Membership	112.00
Staff Salary	729.04
Staff Pension	209.91
HMRC	8.28
Arch Publications	204.00
Name Plates	23.99
Chalc Training Wearne	25.00
Chalc Training Castle	30.00
The Storage Team (DD)	28.80
Chair's Allowance	77.75
	1,448.77

8. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

8.1 Emerging Residential Development Proposals at Land at London Road, Holmes Chapel – Asteer were unable to attend the Council meeting this evening, it was resolved **(0724/07)** for the Clerk to arrange a mutually convenient time.

8.2 24/2465c Brereton House, Mill Lane CW4 8AU – it was resolved **(0724/08)** to make no further comment.

8.3 24/2239C The Homestead, Brereton Heath Lane CW12 4SZ – it was received too late to resolve at the meeting so the Clerk will ask for extension.

9. Working Priorities

- **9.1 Speed Management Group** – Councillor Wearne informed the meeting that the Parish Council are not able to alter the scoring done by the Cheshire East Highways. The Council role is to educate locally and gather further evidence to present to Highways. Information from other road user groups e.g. cycling clubs, livery stables, walking groups etc together with residents could help towards this. The Parish Council have liaised with other rural parish councils about

how they raise speed awareness. Somerford have provided samples of wheelie bin stickers which residents purchased in a campaign to raise awareness. The Parish Council will continue to gather more evidence to build a case for the next submission.

9.2 Community Speed Watch Group – Councillor Andrews updated the meeting. To date there are eight personnel, six councillors and two residents. Two approved sites being, School Lane Brereton and the A54 at Broomfields. The July findings were SW6 9/7/24, 35 vehicles passed, 1 registration forwarded to PCSO. SW7 13/7/24, 44 vehicles passed, 1 registration forwarded to PCSO. SW8 20/7/24, 320 vehicles passed, 6 registrations forwarded to PCSO. August plans are two checks at each site and to assist Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths parish with their CSW.

9.3 Community Engagement Group – Councillors attended Brereton Rose Day and engaged with various members of the public over local concerns. Moving forward the idea is to create a timeline of events to attend. It was resolved **(2407/09)** to create a Social Media policy.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, September 2, 2024.

The meeting closed at 21:04

Signed:
Councillor Wearne
Chair, Brereton Parish Council

Date: