



## **Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council**

**held on Monday March 3, 2025**

**at Brereton Primary School**

### **1. Apologies**

It was resolved **(0325/01)** to receive the apologies from Councillor Lindsay

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

**Members of the Public – 5**

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **3. Public Forum**

- A member of the public asked for an update on the cutting back of the footpaths on the A50, the proposed repairs to the drainage near The Bear's Head and expressed disappointment at the amount of dog mess in the community. He also asked how the parish council feedback to parishioner inquires and how this could be standardised in the future.
- The number of users of the water hydrant on the corner of St Oswald's Crescent was questioned and how the council can identify licenced users.
- A request was made for an update on the resurfacing of St Oswald's Crescent as it has appeared on The Cheshire East's schedule of works.

### **4. Council Minutes**

It was resolved **(0325/02)** for the Chair to sign the Minutes of January 20, 2024, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

### **5. Co-option of New Councillors**

It was resolved **(0325/03)** to co-opt Dale Wootton and Louise Calderbank as Councillors to the parish council. They, in turn, duly read and signed the Declaration of Office and took their seats with fellow Councillors. The parish council has now filled all vacancies.

### **6. Matters Arising**

- It was resolved **(0325/04)** to receive the Clerk's Report, Appendix A and further resolved **(0325/05)** feedback to parishioner inquiries should they leave an email address.

- Councillor Mellors reported on her attendance a meeting of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Dan Price with local town and parish councils on February 19. Discussion took place over PCSOs not being replaced, and although not within his remit, he gave details of hot spot policing where you can purchase a police presence as and when required.

## 7. Chair's Report

**7.1** Councillor Wray reported his attendance at the full council meeting of Cheshire East where an increase of 4.99% to council tax was agreed.

**7.2** Councillor Wearne has met with the primary school and liaised with the Community Interest Group exploring joint synergies around establishing an extra school classroom/community meeting hub in the parish. At the moment it looks to be two separate requirements.

**7.3** The next Brereton Bulletin is due out by the end of March and will include an item on the new parish boundary signs. Councillors are to get photos of themselves at the new signs. The new Cheshire East planning portal will be mentioned. Dog fouling will be another item. As will the new light at pre-school. Parishioners will be asked to contact the parish Council if they don't want to receive the bulletin. Distribution once again will be undertaken by the Councillors.

**7.4** Following on a request from the school, it was resolved **(0325/06)** for the Clerk to investigate the provision of railings on the pavements opposite the school.

## 8. Finance

**8.1 Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved **(0325/07)** 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 **(0325/08)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

## 9. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

**9.1 25/0331/OUT** Land South of Bluebell Green – it was resolved **(0325/09)** to object to the application on the grounds that it is in open countryside and therefore contravenes the neighbourhood plan.

**9.2 25/0387/HOUS** 30 St Oswald's Crescent – it was resolved **(0325/10)** to support the application.

**9.3 24/2748c APP/R0660/Y/25/3359192** 2 Park Mill, Mill Lane – it was resolved **(0325/11)** to make no comment on the application.

## 10. Working Priorities

**10.1 Community Speed Watch Group** – Councillor Andrews gave an update. Moving forward the plan is to ignore the St Oswald's location and focus on out School Lane instead. Hold four checks per month, two on each location. Build relationships with the new PCSO and residents.

CSW no.	Location	Date	Start	Count	Offenders	%age
26	Outer St Oz	15/01/2025	09:30	29	15	51.7%
27	Broomfields	16/01/2025	10:00	235	3	1.3%
28	Outer St Oz	20/01/2025	10:35	31	10	32.3%
29	Broomfields	21/01/2025	10:24	229	5	2.2%
30	Outer St Oz	07/02/2025	11:04	35	12	34.3%
31	Broomfields	12/02/2025	09:55	273	3	1.1%
32	Outer St Oz	24/02/2025	08:00	63	20	31.7%

**10.2 Community Engagement Group** – ideas were mooted about sponsoring, through the school PTA, a beer, band and bingo evening at the primary school. More details to follow.

**10.3 Neighbourhood Plan Review** – the Chair updated the meeting following a meeting with Urban Imprint and Councillors on February 17. Main points to focus on keeping the vision the same, protecting the open countryside and the characteristics of the parish. Expanding on the environment, nature recovery, biodiversity and heritage, to identify areas of interest to the parish. It was resolved (**0325/12**) to go ahead with the approximate cost of £5,000 to complete the review. Councillor Mellors will review the Terms and Conditions of the contract.

**10.4 Nature Recovery Project** – the idea behind this project is to establish a nature recovery partnership to bring nature back to Brereton. Questions asked were where we are and what would be the simplest and most obvious area to target for maximum impact. Cheshire Wildlife Trust are willing to undertake the work and have provided a quote to produce a map surveying the area of what is important, what is already established and what could be created. It was resolved (**0325/13**) to go ahead with Cheshire Wildlife Trust's quote of £2000. Once this stage is complete then the parish council will look to engage local interested parties to engage and move the project forward.

**11. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, April 7, 2025.

The meeting closed at 21:24

**Signed:**  
**Councillor Wearne**  
**Chair, Brereton Parish Council**

**Date:**