



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday March 4, 2024
at Brereton Primary School**

1. Apologies

It was resolved **(0324/01)** to receive apologies from Councillor Charlesworth, Clews, Matusiak and Wearne

Members Present - Councillors Andrews, Castle, Dixon, Lindsay, (Chair), Mellers,
Members of the Public - 4

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

- Congleton Councillor Robert Douglas urged the Parish Council to once again object to planning application 23/1928w on the grounds of risk of contamination to the local water table along with the proposed unsuitable entrance off the A54 which would also include a loss of trees and hedgerow.
- He congratulated Councillor Lindsay on a successful lobby of Cheshire East Council on the proposed Ward Boundary Review changes and adds his support to the motion.
- Councillor Douglas went on to report on his lobbying to provide a local polling station for Brereton residents for future elections rather than sending them to Holmes Chapel
- A resident of Brereton Heath Lane requested an update on the speed reduction campaign that was recently discussed as feedback was promised from Cheshire East Highways in February. He also asked whether any progress had been received regarding the planning enforcement on Jahanara Bevan following the recent planning appeal was refused.
- Potholes were reported on Back Lane along with fly tipping at the railway bridge, general waste and motor spares.

4. Council Minutes

It was resolved **(0324/02)** for the Chair to sign the Minutes of December 18, 2023 confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

It was resolved **(0324/03)** to receive the Clerk's report, Appendix A and further resolved **(0324/04)** for the Clerk to obtain a quote to replace the 'no fly tipping' signs on the A50 lay-bys.

5.1 Local Government Boundary Commission for England Ward Boundary Review – following the successful lobbying of Cheshire East Council by Councillor Lindsay there is a further motion for Brereton Rural Ward to stay as is and now a further consultation will take place via Teams, On March 18 at 6:00 pm. It was resolved **(0324/05)** for Councillor Mellers to attend.

5.2 Local Validation Checklist Consultation - it was resolved **(0324/04)** not to comment.

5.3 Councillor Training - it was resolved to approve **(0324/05)** for Councillor Castle to attend some community engagement training.

6. Highways

Councillor Andrews reported back from Aki Tsakonis at Cheshire East Highways regarding speed limits in the parish. Davenport Lane, Brereton Heath Lane, and the A50 through Brereton Green were assessed during 2023. They came out on the middle score and along with the other 218 roads assessed by Cheshire East, 10 to 20 roads at the higher end of the prioritisation scores will be identified and scheduled for work from April 2024 as far as the £200k budget will allow.

6.1 Community Speed Watch Training – Councillors Andrews, Wearne, Dixon, Castle and Mellers have been trained by the PCSO and a community speed watch will be conducted on School Lane. Councillor Andrews will get the A54 stretch reassessed to enable a community watch to be carried out at this location.

6.2 St Oswald’s Crescent Road Surface – the road has been surveyed and Cheshire East are considering options.

Councillor Charlesworth and the Clerk have attended a Teams meeting with Cheshire East Highways to clarify the requirements for new parish boundary signs, to be bought by the parish and erected by Cheshire East, and the proposed village gateway for School Lane.

7. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

7.1 24/0478C Woodside, Moss Lane CW12 4SX – it was resolved **(0324/06)** to support the application if it meets planning criteria.

7.2 24/0242C Bagmere Farm CW11 1RU - it was resolved **(0324/07)** to support the application under BUS01 of the neighbourhood plan.

7.3 23/4711C Park Mill Cottage, Mill Lane CW4 8AU – it was resolved **(0324/08)** to make a comment of ‘no comment’.

7.4 24/0278C Shortacre, 64, School Lane CW11 1RN – it was resolved **(0324/09)** to support the application.

7.5 23/1928W Somerford Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Somerford CW12 4SN – it was resolved **(0324/10)** to continue to object to the application on the grounds of the application not meeting policy END03 of the neighbourhood plan.

8. Finance

8.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved **(0324/11)** 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 **(0324/12)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Staff Salary	720.24
HMRC	126.76
Staff Pension	214.57
The Storage Team	28.80
Clerk's Expenses	134.96
Brereton Primary School Donation	540.00
Shires Accountants	18.00
Chalc Training Wearne/Andrews	60.00
Office Space Rental	312.00
Chair's Allowance	17.25
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	2,197.58

9. Chair's Report

- It was resolved **(0324/13)** to receive a letter of thanks from Davenport Chapel for the parish donation towards the maintenance of the graveyard.
- It was resolved **(0324/14)** for Councillor Mellers to look at the copyright of the parish council Brereton bear logo with a view to registering it.
- Brereton Country Park are looking for volunteers to close the gates of an evening, anyone interested should contact the Park Ranger.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2024.

The meeting closed at 21:04.

Signed:
Councillor Lindsay
Chair
Brereton Parish Council

Date:

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.
- Councillor Andrews will get the A54 stretch reassessed to enable a community watch to be carried out at that location.
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