



Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council

held on Monday November 17, 2025

at Brereton Primary School

1. Apologies

It was resolved (**1125/01**) to receive apologies from Councillor Castle due to health and Councillor Mellors due to holiday.

Members Present - Councillors Andrews, Calderbank, Charlesworth, Dixon, Wearne (Chair), Wootton

Members of the Public – eleven

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Urban Imprint Presentation

The Parish Council have been working with Urban Imprint for about a year to review and update the original neighbourhood plan created in 2016. Mark Waleczek from Urban Imprint spoke about changes at a local and national level to planning and why it is timely to review and bring up to date with more recently adopted policies and make it more effective in delivering the objectives of the original plan. The revised plan will be sent to Cheshire East to decide what level of public consultation needs to be incorporated and indeed whether a referendum needs to be facilitated. The parishioners have been kept informed through the Parish Council bulletins.

4. Public Forum

- Councillor Robert Douglas from Congleton Town Council asked that residents have an input to the revision of the neighbourhood plan through a consultation.
- A member of the public questioned why there was not a referendum in 2022 when the original neighbourhood plan was created and the settlement boundaries were removed, leaving an impact on the residents of Brereton Heath wishing to extend their properties as they are deemed in open countryside and not an infill village.
- The planning application for a proposed crematorium was strongly objected to by a member of the public on the grounds it was in open countryside, on green belt land and totally out of character for the area.

- On October 16 an accident at the junction of Back Lane and the A50 was reported.
- The expanding development off the A5022/A50 was questioned as to whether it was still agricultural or now light industrial.
- It was questioned whether the proposed crematorium is on Sibelco sand reserve land.
- Councillor Robert Douglas informed the meeting of attendance at the Environmental and Community Committee whereby a call for sites was announced by Cheshire East, four sites of which are included in Brereton.

5. Council Minutes

It was resolved (**1125/02**) for the Chair to sign the Minutes of October 13, 2025, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

- 6.1.** It was resolved (**1125/03**) to receive the Clerk's Report of actions carried out and residents' correspondence received as contained in Appendix A.
- 6.2. Chair's Report** – Councillor Wearne thanked the team responsible for producing the Autumn bulletin and Councillor Wootton for helping with the remembrance silhouettes. It was noted that the gateway project on School Lane has finally been completed. Councillor Wearne reported on correspondence from BPCIG about their 20-year anniversary and the upcoming January AGM where they will look at how the group moves forward.
- 6.3. Councillor Wray's Report** – Councillor Wray clarified the difference between green belt and open countryside.
- 6.4. Councillor Co-option** – Councillor Wearne updated the meeting on the Councillor vacancy whereby the cut off date for calling an election is November 19 after which the council may co-opt. There have been several interested parties.
- 6.5. Any further business** – nothing further.

7. Finance

7.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved (**1125/04**) 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 (**1125/05**) to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Staff Salary (October)	753.80
Staff Pension	218.75
HMRC	70.77
Shires Accountants	21.00
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	2400.00
KAM Associates	225.00
Urban Imprint	528.00
Storage Team (DD)	28.80
Royal British Legion Wreath	20.00
HDMI Cable	17.95
Planter Maintenance	80.00
NDP Meeting	15.50
Home & Garden Centre (AL)	77.50
Christina Slater Design	405.00
Etsy	93.50
St Oswald's Church Bear Festival	620.00
PVC Safety Signs 'slow down'	286.80
McAfee	109.99
	5972.36

The Chair informed Councillors of the precept working meeting is to be held on December 8 at 3:00 pm at The Bear's Head.

8. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

8.1 25/4178/FUL Construction of a crematorium, parking area and ancillary works. Land At Junction off A534 And Pitcher Lane, Brereton, CW11 2UH – it was resolved (1125/06) to object the application on the grounds that the proposal is in open countryside.

8.2 25/0331/OUT – it was noted that the application has been refused again this time at Southern Planning Committee.

9. Working Priorities

9.1 Community Speed Watch Group – Councillor Andrews presented the figures for the month of October and is actively trying to recruit more members.

CSW no.	Loc	Date	Start	Count	Offenders	%age
58	St Oz	15/10/2025	09:31	37	2	5.4%
59	Broomfields	22/10/2025	09:01	300	0	0.0%
60	A54 Bus Stop	27/10/2025	10:00	318	2	0.6%
61	Outer School lane	28/10/2025	15:39	50	17	34.0%

9.2 Community Engagement Group – Councillor Dixon confirmed the intention to attend the Christmas Market being held at the Bear's Head on December 5 offering

people the chance to name the proposed new benches and win a hamper. The Christmas Carols in the Community Space event is coming together with 18 children from the school choir set to attend. Power, gazebo and a tidy-up squad is still needed.

9.3 Neighbourhood Plan Review – this will be replaced by an Environment and Highways working group after the review is complete.

9.4 Nature Recovery Project – Cheshire Wildlife Trust presented their findings to date at a public meeting held before the parish council meeting this evening.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, December 15, 2025. The meeting closed at 20:44.

Signed:

Date:

Councillor Wearne Chair, Brereton Parish Council