



## Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council

held on Monday October 13, 2025

at Brereton Primary School

### 1. Apologies

It was resolved (**1025/01**) to receive apologies from Councillor Lindsay due to holiday.

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

**Members of the Public** – nine

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None

### 3. Public Forum

- A member of the public came to question whether there was a public vote at the time of adopting the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document as there had been at the time of developing the Neighbourhood Development Plan. She is asking to have the settlement boundary reinstated to allow fairness for families in Brereton Heath when submitting planning applications. As it stands, Brereton Heath is being constrained by rules designed for open countryside, despite being a recognised settlement with boundaries already mapped.
- Engine idling on Brereton Heath Lane was raised by a resident, in particular one regular offender.
- The speed limit on Brereton Heath Lane was questioned along with the illegal parking inside the yellow lines.
- Another resident asked for transparency as to the matrix requirements when measuring speed on Brereton Heath Lane and how to achieve a reduction in the limit.
- The continuing development of buildings off the A5022 was reported along with the noise and bonfires from the site.
- Councillor Robert Douglas from Congleton Town Council reported on issues raised by the residents on Brereton Heath Lane regarding speed. He has requested more 'slow down' bin stickers be purchased by the parish council and one placed on the back of the noticeboard on Brereton Heath Lane. He has written to the Chair of the

Transport and Highways Committee asked for any further practical and cost-effective measures for Brereton Heath Lane. He also mentioned in his correspondence the illegal parking within the double yellow lines. Councillor Douglas went on to mention his participation in the campaign for reinstating Sunday services to Congleton railway station. [https://www.change.org/p/bring-back-sunday-trains-for-congleton?source\\_location=search](https://www.change.org/p/bring-back-sunday-trains-for-congleton?source_location=search)

#### 4. Council Minutes

It was resolved (**1025/02**) for the Chair to sign the Minutes of September 8, 2025, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

#### 5. Matters Arising

**5.1** It was resolved (**1025/03**) to receive the Clerk's Report of actions carried out and residents' correspondence received as contained in Appendix A. Councillor John Wray was asked to raise the concerns of the parish council with regards to the lack of service and communication from Highways at the meeting of Cheshire East being held at Jodrell Bank on October 15.

- It was resolved (**1025/04**) to receive correspondence from a parishioner who has questioned the flying of the Union flag in the community space during a time when flags are being used as political statements. Councillors unanimously agreed that the Union flag should stay flying in its' official capacity.
- Councillor Charlesworth is attending the Sibelco liaison meeting on October 14 and will request the promised resident's information leaflets.
- It was resolved (**1025/05**) for Councillor Charlesworth to attend the service of Remembrance at St Oswald's on Sunday November 9 and lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

**5.2 Chair's Report** - It was resolved (**1025/06**) with regret to receive the resignation of Councillor Lindsay. The Chair has thanked Councillor Lindsay for his invaluable contribution to Brereton Parish Council most notably in the creation of the neighbourhood plan, his knowledge and passion in the planning arena and his four years as Chair. The Clerk will advertise the vacant position.

**5.3 Councillor Wray's Report** – Councillor Wray reported that he will be attending the full meeting of Cheshire East Council at Jodrell Bank on October 15.

**5.4 Any further business** – nothing further.

#### 6. Finance

**6.1 Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved (**1025/07**) to receive the month's bank account and expenditure against budget reports as presented by the Clerk.

**6.2 Schedule of Payments** – it was resolved (**1025/08**) to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Staff Salary (September)	753.80
Staff Pension	218.75
HMRC	70.77
Shires Accountants	230.40
Willis's Contractors	957.68
The Storage Team (DD)	28.80
Royal British Legion	1075.00
Cheshire East Highways	3437.66
The Defib Pad	74.03
PKF Littlejohn	252.00
Microsoft 365	104.99
McAfee Optimiser	24.99
Elan City SID	3107.99
	<b>10336.86</b>

**6.3 Unity Bank** – the Clerk will progress after the above payments have cleared Natwest.

**6.4 External Audit** – it was resolved (**1025/09**) to receive the external auditors report from PKF Littlejohn where it was noted that the financial regulations need to be reviewed in a timely fashion. The Clerk will now advertise the Conclusion of Audit as required.

## 7. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

**7.1 25/3677/HOUS Single storey and two storey rear ext. - 7 Paddock Close CW4 7GU**, it was resolved (**1025/10**) to support the application.

**7.2 25/3408/FUL Ext. - of existing barn conversion for res. Use - Handfield Farm CW12 4TA**, it was resolved (**1025/11**) to support the application.

**7.3 25/3464/FUL Full Planning Bepak Hc Ltd CW4 8BE**, it was resolved (**1025/12**) to support the application.

**7.4 25/3536/PRIOR-14J Prior Approval: Solar Photovoltaics Stockery Park Farm CW4 8AS**, it was resolved (**1025/13**) to support the application.

**7.5 25/3294/HOUS Single storey rear ext. Tree Cottage CW12 4SW**, it was resolved (**1025/14**) to support the application.

## 8. Working Priorities

**8.1 Community Speed Watch Group** – Councillor Andrews presented the figures for the month of September.

CSW no.	Loc	Date	Start	Count	Offenders	%age
56	A54 Bus Stop	22/09/2025	08:35	375	2	0.5%
57	Outer School lane	23/09/2025	16:30	46	10	21.7%

**8.2 Community Engagement Group** – Councillors are progressing attendance at the Christmas Market to be held at the Bear’s Head on December 5 and Christmas Carols in the Community Space on December 13. The Autumn/Winter bulletin is in draft form.

**8.3 Neighbourhood Plan Review** – Councillor Wearne updated the meeting from a recent meeting with Urban Imprint. The character assessment has been deemed a worthwhile exercise to enable influence over the design of any future development. It will be documented as an appendix to the plan. The plan still needs input from Cheshire Wildlife Trust’s ongoing project. The boundary reviews are to be considered, and points of visual interest need to be identified. Urban Imprint will attend the next Parish Council meeting on November 17.

**8.4 Nature Recovery Project** – Cheshire Wildlife Trust will attend the next Parish Council meeting on November 17 to present their findings.

**9. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, December 15, 2025. The meeting closed at 21:09.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Councillor Wearne Chair, Brereton Parish Council**