



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday October 9, 2023 in Brereton
Primary School**

1. Apologies

It was resolved **(1023/01)** to receive apologies from Councillor Matusiak

Members Present - Councillors Andrews, Castle, Charlesworth, Clews, Dixon, Lindsay, Mellers, Wearne, Wray (Brereton Rural Ward)

Members of the Public - 3

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

The Chair adjourned standing orders to allow members of the public to discuss any items.

- Councillor Douglas from Congleton Town Council informed the meeting about his appearance in a local newspaper regarding household waste sites in Cheshire East. They are now looking at costs of £6-8 million with potentially four options; retain all existing seven sites, close either Bolling or Poynton, close Bolling, Poynton and Middlewich, or possibly build a new site for Congleton using money by closing Alsager and building houses on the land. There will be a consultation running during February/March 2024.
- He went on to give an update on fly tipping incidents across Cheshire East including Brereton.

4. Council Minutes

It was resolved **(1023/02)** for Councillor Lindsay to sign the Minutes of September 4, 2023 as a true record of the meeting as presented by the Clerk.

5. Matters Arising

It was resolved **(1023/03)** to receive the Clerk's report, Appendix A.

- It was resolved **(1023/04)** to ask Congleton Town Council to quote for works such as sign and bus shelter cleaning.
- The Clerk was asked to re-visit the provision of a streetlight above the defibrillator on the A54 opposite Brereton Heath Lane.
- Councillor Castle reported back on the final draft of the Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document Consultation.
- Councillors were given the opportunity to sign the petition raised by the residents of Brereton Heath Lane about speed on the lane but it was resolved **(1023/05)** to show support by writing an accompanying letter to be included with the submission of the petition.
- Councillor Wearne attended the Holmes Chapel Civic Service for the Community.

6. Highways

- 6.1** The proposed location of a SID on School Lane has been identified and surveyed by Cheshire East Highways.
- 6.2** School Lane gateways are currently in the design department of Cheshire East Highways.
- 6.3** The Clerk is still waiting to hear back from Adam Lloyd at Cheshire East Highways on how to progress new parish boundary signs.
- 6.4** Cheshire East Highways have approached the parish council about two requests they have received from members of the parish about speed on Davenport Lane and the A50 at Brereton Green and it was resolved **(1023/06)** for the Clerk to respond with the view of the parish council.
- 6.5** Councillors Andrews, Charlesworth and Wearne have reviewed the new Speed Management Policy and gave a detailed presentation on the contents. The main aim is to provide a framework that is both consistent and transparent, encouraging an active travel approach and achieve the Government national decarbonisation goals. They encourage working together with all strategic partners and have a strategy of education, enforcement, engineering. Once all information is gathered it is then charted against the prioritisation matrix and allocated works accordingly. It was resolved **(1023/07)** for the Clerk to ask Councillor Craig Browne how the parish council can access the priority list and identify the parish needs. It was further resolved **(1023/08)** for the three Councillors plus Councillor Castle and the Clerk meet again to look at parish priorities.

7. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry.

- 7.1** 23/3694c Strawberry Field Barn CW11 1SD - it was resolved **(1023/09)** to have no objection to the application.
- 7.2** 23/3579c Dairy House Farm CW11 1RY - it was resolved **(1023/10)** to have no objection to the application.
- 7.3** Brereton Parish Council fully support Cheshire East in its Enforcement Notice Jahanara Bevan CW12 4SZ. We have constantly opposed the out of character, 2-metre-high wall over the last three or four years upon receipt of the multiple planning applications and appeals. It seems that the applicant seems unable to accept that the wall needs to be lower and of a different nature so as to be in the character of this rural area. It is important that the wall is changed to avoid a precedent of high walled, gated residences on this rural country lane. The history of the continual planning applications submitted by this same resident for this property is well documented by several planning inspectors who have agreed with the judgement by Cheshire East Council that the proposed wall is out of character and a blight on the landscape.

8. Finance

- 8.1** Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved **(1023/11)** 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 **(1023/12)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Staff Salary	680.90
Staff Pension	200.20
Shires Payroll	158.40
Royal British Legion	20.00
Microsoft 365	79.99
	<u>£1,136.49</u>

9. Chair's Report

It was resolved **(1023/13)** for Councillor Lindsay to represent the Parish Council at the forthcoming service of remembrance to be held at St Oswald's church. The Clerk will purchase a suitable wreath.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:30 pm.
The meeting closed at 21:15

Signed:

Date:

Councillor Andrew Lindsay, Chair Brereton Parish Council

Councillor's Actions :

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