



Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council

held on Monday July 29, 2024

at Brereton Primary School

1. Apologies

It was resolved **(0924/01)** to receive apologies from Councillor Castle and wish him well in his recovery

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

Members of the Public – 3

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

- A resident reported debris on the footpath passing by The Old Smithy as the hedge is overgrown, he also raised concern over the conditions of the signs on Back Lane. It was noted the Japanese knotweed by The Yews has been cut down by Cheshire East maintenance possibly now spreading the spores. It was noted that modernisation of the barn has taken place on the site on the corner of A50/A5022.

Councillor Wray joined the meeting

- The decision on Planning Enforcement APP/R0660/C/23/3330021 was discussed.
- A couple of Brereton Heath Lane residents asked for a member of the parish council to attend their meeting with Cheshire East Highways on September 18 where they wish to discuss their disappointment at the scoring that has recently taken place and where it sits on the matrix that calculates speed management. The Chair advised that there was no-one available to attend the meeting. The resident's disappointment was noted.

4. Council Minutes

It was resolved **(0924/02)** for the Chair to sign the Minutes of July 29, 2024, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

- It was resolved **(0924/03)** to receive the Clerk's Report, Appendix A.
- Councillors Charlesworth informed the meeting that there has been no progress from Cheshire East on the proposed village gateway signs for School Lane.
- The quote for the proposed seven replacement parish boundary signs has been received from Cheshire East at £13,589. Councillor Charlesworth has contacted Cheshire East for a

breakdown of the costs. He has obtained a second quote from Hatton, a national contractor, for £9,026.32. It was resolved **(0924/04)** for Councillor Charlesworth to contact Dutton's and Willis's about their installation services and look at the possibility of reflective signs within the existing quotes.

- It was resolved **(0924/05)** that Councillor Lindsay and Mellors will attend the Holmes Parish Council Civic Service on September 29.
- It was resolved **(0924/06)** to receive the Sandstone Ridge survey and NALC's Survey on the MHCLG proposed reforms to the NPPF and other planning reforms. It was further resolved **(0924/07)** for Councillor Wearne to investigate the feasibility of engaging a consultant to update the Brereton Neighbourhood Plan.
- Councillor Mellors explained via a presentation, the difference between trademark and copy right in relation to the parish Brereton bear logo along with associated costs. Her conclusion was that it is too expensive versus the amount of parish precept and not of huge benefit to Brereton. It was resolved **(0924/08)** for Councillor Mellors to create a standard letter to send should someone copy the parish council logo and check every 6 months to see if anyone else has registered a copy logo.
- Councillor Charlesworth will attend the Sibelco meeting on October 1 and ask whether there are any further developments on their plans to quarry at Somerford.

6. Chair's Report

6.1 Councillor Wearne informed the meeting that Somerford Booths and Hulme Warfield parish councils have asked for Brereton's assistance in launching their own community speed watch scheme.

- Councillor Castle and Wearne have signed up for a Climate Action webinar.
- The process of drafting a Councillor role description along with skill mix and competences is underway for review at the next meeting.

6.2 Councillor Weare thanked Councillors for their input to her survey with the results confirming belief in the effectiveness of the council but always room for improvement.

7. Finance

7.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved **(0924/09)** 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 **(0924/10)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Staff Salary	729.04
Staff Pension	209.91
HMRC	8.28
Printer	109.99
Chair's Allowance	13.50
SLCC Conference (Clerk)	35.00
The Storage Team D/D	28.80
	1,134.52

7.3 Financial Regulations – it was resolved **(0924/11)** to adopt the new NALC Financial Regulations as adapted by the Clerk to suit the parish needs along with an update of Brereton's Standing Orders.

8. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

8.1 24/2952c 58 Bluebell Road CW4 7FX – it was resolved **(0924/12)** to make no further comment.

8.3 24/2833c Long Lane Farm, Davenport Lane CW11 2SR – it was resolved **(0924/13)** to object to the application since the proposal falls under PG6 of the neighbourhood plan, being built in open countryside.

9. Working Priorities

9.1 Community Speed Watch Group – Councillor Andrews updated the meeting about recent activity. Two checks have been carried out at each site. He has agreed to assist Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths parishes with their community speed watch and continues to build relationships with our PCSO and community.

9.2 Community Engagement Group – nothing to report at this time.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, October 7, 2024.

The meeting closed at 21:04

Signed:
Councillor Wearne
Chair, Brereton Parish Council

Date: