



## **Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council**

**held on Monday September 8, 2025**

**at Brereton Primary School**

### **1. Apologies**

It was resolved **(0925/01)** to receive apologies from Councillor Charlesworth due to holiday.

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

**Members of the Public** – five

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **3. Public Forum**

A member of the public came to question why there was an absence of settlement boundaries relating to Brereton Heath in the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document. As it stands, Brereton Heath is being constrained by rules designed for open countryside, despite being a recognised settlement with boundaries already mapped. She ask that Council look at the document and reconsider its' findings.

Another resident came to report timer lights coming from the direction of the school that come on between 2 and 3 am. She also highlighted the condition of the road around the millennium triangle and the inconvenience of motorists parking outside The Arch which is allegedly a restricted by-way. A further observation was the lack of parking attendant presence along Brereton Heath Lane. Her final point was to whether it would be possible to have Zoom access to future meetings.

### **4. Council Minutes**

It was resolved **(0925/02)** for the Chair to sign the Minutes of July 21, 2025, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

### **5. Matters Arising**

**5.1** The Clerk presented the action log for the School Lane gateway project and subsequent record of correspondence history in trying to finalise the project. It was noted that 'road closure' signs have now been placed on School Lane for September 9.

- It was resolved **(0925/03)** for the Clerk to go ahead with an advanced payment of £3437.66 to Cheshire East for the installation of a SID pole to be erected on School Lane. It was further resolved **(0925/04)** after consideration of three quotes, to go ahead with the purchase of a SID from Elan City at a cost of £3107.99.
- A quote from John Harding & Son Ltd contractors to cut back the edges of the path from Bluebell to Brereton Green, a length of 4.2 km came out at £15,699.00 + VAT with the additional cost of traffic management at £500.00 + VAT. It was resolved **(0925/05)** for Councillors Andrews and Charlesworth to consider the quote along with the desire to reinstate the footpath on the Back Lane side of the A50.
- It was resolved **(0925/06)** to purchase 3 duo sets of remembrance silhouettes for positioning at Brereton Heath, Green and Bluebell. Councillor Wootton to work with the Clerk.

## 5.2 Chair's Report

- Councillor Charlesworth still progressing the repair of the railings at the Croco bridge in Brereton Park.
- Councillors Andrews gave a presentation following the Brereton Bear Festival.
- Councillor Lindsay gave feedback on the recent meeting held at Bepak ahead of their planned expansion. Slides from the meeting will be circulated.
- It was noted that work on the entrance to the new Sibelco site at Somerford has started.

**5.3 Councillor Wray's Report** – Councillor Wray reported that a full meeting of Cheshire East Council will vote on devolution at their meeting scheduled for September 17. He has mentioned a phone call from Simon Wallace, Highways Safety with an update on the School Lane gateway project.

**5.4 Any further business** – it was resolved **(0925/07)** to adopt the Community Engagement Policy and Social Media and Digital Communications Policy as drafted and presented by Councillor Mellors. A review date of September 2026 was set.

- It was resolved **(0925/08)** for Councillors Mellors to address Councillor Castle's observations regarding GDPR with Chalc.

## 6. Finance

**6.1 Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved **(0925/09)** 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 **(0925/10)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Staff Salary (August)	753.80
Staff Pension	218.75
HMRC	70.77
SLCC Membership	112.00
Stationery	17.99
The Storage Team (DD)	28.80
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**6.3 Unity Bank** – it was resolved **(0925/11)** after consideration by Council, for the Clerk to move the Brereton Parish Council account from Natwest to Unity and establish both a current and savings account.

**6.4 NALC Pay Scale** – it was resolved **(0925/12)** to receive and the Clerk to instruct Shires Payroll.

## 7. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

**7.1 25/2705/HOUS** Allum Brook Farm CW4 8AX– it was resolved **(0925/13)** to support the application.

## 8. Working Priorities

**8.1 Community Speed Watch Group** – Councillor Andrews presented the figures for the months of July and August. A further site along the A54 has been approved at the bus stop near Brereton Heath Lane.

49	Broomfields	07/07/2025 09:15	242	3	1.2%
50	Broomfields	11/07/2025 08:35	350	0	0.0%
51	St Oz	22/07/2025 14:30	44	0	0.0%
52	Outer School ln	24/07/2025 17:05	32	20	62.5%
53	St Oz	07/08/2025 17:55	33	0	0.0%
54	St Oz	14/08/2025 16:30	15	1	6.7%
55	Broomfields	29/08/2025 08:36	261	0	0.0%

**8.2 Community Engagement Group** – Councillor Mellors has populated the budget template for the group. They are in the process of trying to liaise with Streetscape regarding the broken equipment in the community space. Plans are coming together to have a stall at the Bear’s Head Christmas market raffling off a hamper with free entry in exchange for a parish council action suggestion and a name the proposed new community benches competition. The proposal being three benches in Brereton Green, one near St Oswald’s adjacent to the A50 and another in St Oswald’s crescent near the bungalows. Councillor Wootton is requesting quotes to purchase, install and maintain. The Autumn/Winter bulletin is in progress and the most efficient mode of distribution being looked at. Re-instating Christmas carols in the community space is being mooted with a proposed date of December 13.

**8.3 Neighbourhood Plan Review** – Councillors are still working on their character mapping areas.

**8.4 Nature Recovery Project** – Councillor Charlesworth was not present at the meeting.

**9. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, October 13, 2025. The meeting closed at 21:08.

**Signed:** **Date:**  
**Councillor Wearne Chair, Brereton Parish Council**