



Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council

held on Monday April 7, 2025

at Brereton Primary School

1. Apologies

It was resolved **(0425/01)** to receive the apologies from Councillor Wray

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

Members of the Public – 2

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Forum

- A member of the public presented plans he has submitted to Cheshire East for consideration into their next local plan. It's a small development of mixed residential dwellings. He would consider donating part of the land to the community for the potential building of a community hub.
- Congleton Town Councillor, Robert Douglas updated the meeting about the potential loss of Section 106 monies to the local communities through Cheshire East's failure to collect from developers. He went on to mention the proposed reduction of CCTV systems in local towns and has suggested that the Police contribute to the upkeep of these systems. He gave his personal opinion on the proposed devolution of Cheshire and Warrington, being to oppose the changes until clarification of boundaries and the accessing of local emergency services was clarified. Finally, he expressed disappointment that, although 96% of the public who responded negatively to the introduction of car parking charges in our communities, Cheshire East have now added Sunday charges without consultation.

4. Council Minutes

It was resolved **(0425/02)** for the Chair to sign the Minutes of March 3, 2025, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

- It was resolved **(0425/03)** to receive the Clerk's Report, Appendix A. The positioning of the new 'little people' signs to be discussed with the school.
- From the report, it was resolved **(0425/04)** to go ahead with Cheshire East's quote of £3,172.77 for installation of a pole on School Lane to facilitate a speed indicator device.
- The Clerk offered out the 'slow down' bin stickers to Councillors and for distribution to interested residents.

6. Chair's Report

- The Chair thanked Councillors for distributing the latest Brereton Bulletin to all residents.
- She reported on attendance at a meeting hosted by Holmes Chapel Parish Council where local parishes were brought together to discuss their thoughts on reviewing current neighbourhood plans.
- A follow up call has taken place with BPCIG regarding the possibility of a parish hub, the outcome being that residents need to be consulted and this could be included in the next Brereton Bulletin.
- After nearly 12 months in position, the Chair would like to conduct a further survey with Councillors on thoughts and aspirations for the parish and how they see their role.

61. Councillor Wray was not present at the meeting to present his report.

62. It was noted that an online presentation on the Cheshire & Warrington Devolution Consultation has taken place this evening.

63. Councillor Charlesworth will be attending the Sibelco Bent Quarry local liaison meeting tomorrow, April 8.

7. Finance

7.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved **(0425/05)** 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 **(0425/06)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Staff Salary (February)	753.80
Staff Pension	218.75
HMRC	19.00
The Storage Team (DD)	28.80
Chalc Membership	531.57
Signs Direct	466.74
Christina Slater	295.00
KAM Associates	225.00
ICO Renewal	52.00
	2590.66

8. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

8.1 25/0988/HOUS Rose Cottage, Back Lane CW11 1RP – it was resolved **(0425/07)** to support the application.

9. Working Priorities

9.1 Community Speed Watch Group – Councillor Andrews presented the figures from this month's speed watch initiative.

Outer School Ln	06/03/2025	13:00	35	9	25.7%
Broomfields	24/03/2025	09:57	266	2	0.75%
Broomfields	26/03/2025	14:54	332	1	0.30%
Outer School Ln 40 mins only	31/03/2025	08:15	53	20	37.74%

9.2 Community Engagement Group – the group have met to look at further engagement; the next Brereton Bulletin, the revision of the neighbourhood plan, drafting a communication and media policy and a community engagement policy. Ideas of how to feedback to the community about ongoing issues was also discussed.

9.3 Neighbourhood Plan Review – the Chair presented the proposed costs of £8000 exc. VAT from Urban Imprint to complete a review of our current neighbourhood plan. It was resolved **(0425/08)** to proceed with the review based on these costs. Councillor Mellers has reviewed the Terms of Reference from Urban Imprint.

9.4 Nature Recovery Project – Cheshire Wildlife Trust have come back with a couple of proposals; a partnership with all the neighbouring parishes included, a no charge investigation using new technology but not until 2026/27 or stick with the existing brief. Councillor Charlesworth recommends the existing brief and it was resolved **(0425/09)** to continue as is. Once the plan is in place the next stage will be to establish a group of community minded volunteers to run the project.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, May 12, 2025. The meeting closed at 20:35

Signed:

Date:

Councillor Wearne Chair, Brereton Parish Council