



Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council

held on Monday May 12, 2025

at Brereton Primary School

1. Apologies

It was resolved **(0525/01)** to receive the apologies from Councillor Castle, due to illness.

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

Members of the Public – none

2. Election of Chair/Vice Chair

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair. Councillor Andrews proposed and Councillor Dixon seconded that Councillor Wearne take the position of Chair for the year 2025/26.

3. Acceptance

It was resolved **(0525/02)** to elect Councillor Wearne as Chair for the year 2025/26. Councillor Wearne signed the Declaration of Office, witnessed by the Clerk, and took the Chair of the meeting. She requested that the Council consider the position of Vice Chair and implementing a maximum four-year rotation for these roles.

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. Public Forum

No members present.

6. Council Minutes

It was resolved **(0525/03)** for the Chair to sign the Minutes of April 7, 2025, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

7. Matters Arising

- It was resolved **(0525/04)** to receive the Clerk's Report, Appendix A.
- The draft new council website from Parish On-line was reviewed and feedback given. It was resolved **(0525/05)** to open a parish Instagram account.

- A proposal for a new crematorium from the company Elegy was received and it was resolved **(0525/06)** to reply with questions regarding the location.
- It was resolved **(0525/07)** for the Clerk to log her experience of the School Lane gateway project and copy recent correspondence to Ward Councillor Wray.
- A schedule of Council policies with review dates was requested from the Chair and it was resolved **(0525/08)** for the Clerk to provide.

8. Chair's Report

8.1 Councillor Wray informed the meeting about proposed expansion and modernisation plans from the company, Bestpak based in the parish. He also reported on his forthcoming attendance at the full Cheshire East Council meeting to be held at Tatton Park.

9. Finance

9.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved **(0525/09)** to receive the month's bank account and expenditure against budget reports as presented by the Clerk. It was resolved **(0525/10)** for working groups to review their project forecasts and reallocate any underspend to reserves.

9.2 Schedule of Payments – it was resolved **(0525/11)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

Staff Salary (April)	753.80
Staff Pension	218.75
HMRC	70.77
The Storage Team (DD)	28.80
Zurich Insurance	352.72
Congleton Chronicle	21.60
Shires Payroll	218.40
	1664.84

10. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

10.1 25/1216/HOUS The Barnhouse, CW4 8AX – it was resolved **(0525/12)** to support the application.

10.2 25/08977/HOUS 7 Smethwick Hall Farm Barns, CW11 2ST – it was resolved **(0525/13)** to make no comment on the application.

11. Working Priorities

11.1 Community Speed Watch Group – Councillor Andrews presented the figures from this month's speed watch initiative and the aim to recruit and train more volunteers.

37	Outer School Ln	02/04/2025	14:27	47	15	31.90%
38	Broomfields	05/04/2025	13:25	264	5	1.90%
39	Broomfields	12/04/2025	10:00	294	9	3.10%
40	Outer Schol lane	26/04/2025	08:26	36	12	33.30%

11.2 Community Engagement Group – are currently pulling together material for the Brereton summer bulletin.

11.3 Neighbourhood Plan Review – the next meeting with Urban Imprint is set to take place on Monday May 19. Focus will be on housing strategy, design, ecology and heritage.

11.4 Nature Recovery Project – Councillor Charlesworth is set to connect with the Ranger at Brereton Country Park.

12. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, June 16, 2025. The meeting closed at 21:04

Signed:

Date:

Councillor Wearne Chair, Brereton Parish Council