



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brereton Parish Council
held on Monday September 4, 2023 in Brereton
Primary School**

1. **Apologies** – it was resolved (0923/01) to receive the apologies from Councillor Dixon
Members Present - Councillors Andrews, Castle, Charlesworth, Clews, Lindsay, Matusiak, Mellers, Wearne, Wray (Brereton Rural Ward)
Members of the Public - 4
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 thanked the council for their input to planning application 23/1928w Somerford Farm and hopes that the Environmental Agency will now pick up on the concerns raised on the application.
 - At the Cheshire East Environment and Communities Committee on July 27, Councillor Douglas proposed delaying the introduction of the green bin charges, due to be implemented in January 2024, until a review of the local recycling centres had taken place. At the next meeting to be held on September 28 there will be discussion around a public consultation on the provision of said recycling centres with potentially 3 options, 1 for 6 sites, 1 for 4 and 1 for 4 with a replacement site for Congleton, Councillor Douglas asked the parish council to input to the proposed consultation if invited. In March 2022 Cheshire East reported that the loss of Congleton recycling site would have no impact on the local rural community.
 - He informed the meeting that Cheshire East Highways and Transport will be putting out a consultation on the number of streetlights being lit at night,
 - In September 2021 Councillor Douglas campaigned for Highways not to bring in car park charges in local towns and villages and it was noted that this is now out for consultation and the conclusion will be heard on January 25, 2024.
 - A resident from Brereton Heath Lane came with a petition signed by 98% of the lane, 200 signatures that want to see the speed limit lowered from 60 to 30 mph and are looking for the support of the Parish Council and who to submit the petition to at Cheshire East.
 - The current situation regarding planning application 22/2162c was questioned by a resident having had notification that the latest certificate of lawful proposed use.
 - A resident mentioned the staggered junction sign is loose on the pole on the A50. Also, the signs on Back Lane near Rose Cottage need tightening and one is hidden in the hedge.
 - The United Utilities manhole is sinking on School Lane was reported by a resident.

4. Council Minutes

It was resolved **(0923/02)** for Councillor Lindsay to sign the Minutes of July 31, 2023 as a true record of the meeting as presented by the Clerk.

5. Matters Arising

It was resolved **(0923/03)** to receive the Clerk's report, Appendix A.

5.1 Cheshire East Code of Conduct – it was resolved **(0923/04)** for Brereton Parish Council to adopt the Cheshire East Code of Conduct as presented by the Council on October 19, 2022.

5.2 Holmes Chapel Civic Service for the Community – it was resolved **(0923/05)** for Councillor Wearne to attend.

5.3 Flexilink Consultation – it was resolved **(0923/06)** to support the suggestions set out in the consultation and publicise the service through social media.

- Councillor Mellors updated the Council following her meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, John Dwyer where they discussed speeding vehicles within the parish, and she asked for his support in future initiatives.
- The Clerk is trying to progress the parish boundary signs but the Cheshire East website doesn't link to the form as suggested.
- Councillor Wray is looking into ward funding for the removal of the unofficial lay-by on the A54.

6. Highways

- Parish Road Signs – it was resolved **(0923/07)** for Councillors to report any road signs in their locality to The Clerk
- Speed Management Strategy – it was resolved **(0923/08)** for Councillor Andrews, Charlesworth and Wearne to read the strategy and list the Council's aspirations against the strategy with direction from The Clerk.
- It was resolved **(0923/09)** to write a letter of support to accompany the resident's petition for lowering the speed limit from 60 to 30 mph on Brereton Heath Lane.
- It was resolved **(0923/10)** to put a proposal to Cheshire East Highways for an island at Back Lane on the A50 for safe passage of pedestrians and cyclists.
- Councillor Castle reported the overgrown hedge on School Lane to the school caretaker.

7. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry.

7.1 23/2939c Park Mill Cottage CW4 8AU - it was resolved **(0923/111)** to support the application.

7.2 23/3248c Land off the Wood, Somerford – Councillor Clews declared an interest and temporarily left the meeting. It was resolved **(0923/12)** to support the application under BUS01 of the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted that 23/0633c APP/R0660/W/23/3316324 has been refused and it was resolved **(0923/13)** for the Clerk to request a meeting with Bloor Homes to discuss the Deed of Variation.

8. Finance

8.1 Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved **(0923/14)** 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 **(0923/15)** to approve the following invoices for payment as presented by the Clerk below.

31/09/23	Staff Salary	680.90
32/09/23	Staff Pension	200.20
		<u>£881.10</u>

9. Chair's Report

- Councillor Lindsay reported on correspondence for engagement from parish councils to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D Day in 2024.
- It was resolved **(0923/16)** for Councillor Castle to look at the Cheshire East Local Plan - Final Draft Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document Consultation.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, October 9, 2023 at 7:30 pm. The meeting closed at 21:03.

Signed:

Councillor Andrew Lindsay, Chair Brereton Parish Council

Date:

Councillor's Actions :

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