



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

**held on Monday June 8, 2026**

**at Brereton Primary School**

- 1. Apologies** – it was resolved (**0626/01**) to receive apologies from Councillor Mellers due to work commitments.

**Members Present** - Councillors Andrews, Calderbank, Charlesworth, Clarkson, Wearne (Chair), Wootton, Wray (Cheshire East Ward Councillor)

**Members of the Public** – ten.

- 2. Declaration of Interests**

It was resolved (**0626/02**) to receive a Declaration of Interest from Councillor Clarkson relating to Agenda item 7.1.

- 3. Public Forum**

- A member of the public spoke about the proposed speed limit review on Brereton Heath Lane, and a recent change of personnel at Cheshire East Highways, leaving a need to revisit the situation with whoever is the new member.
- A black van was reported parked up outside the school most evenings.
- Speeding along School Lane possibly by evening visitors to The Little Cow Shed was highlighted.
- The parking in the parish lay-bys by Joe White's circus was raised again.
- Councillor Robert Douglas of Congleton Town Council is looking to secure funding from parish councils to adopt the 'finger posts' in the parish.
- Regarding Councillor Douglas's campaign to 'Save the Green Belt', he asked Sarah Russell MP for advice, who in turn wrote to Baroness Taylor of Stevenage the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government. There are two funds available for the purchase of brown field sites and Councillor Douglas has passed the information to Michael Gorman, Deputy Leader of Cheshire East to pursue.
- Councillor Douglas is still chasing unallocated S106 monies from Cheshire East and has identified £5,000 which is supposed to be allocated to London Road, Brereton Parish.

- It was reported that Cheshire East approached the school about an injury outside the school on School Lane and put some cones out in the area. Cheshire East paid compensation and have unsuccessfully tried to claim from the school.
- Car parking on the corner of School Lane / St Oswald's was raised as an ongoing problem.

#### 4. Minutes

It was resolved **(0626/03)** for the Chair to sign the Minutes of May 11, 2026, confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

#### 5. Matters Arising

**5.1.** It was resolved **(0626/04)** to receive the Clerk's Report, Appendix A. The clerk was asked to keep a tally of the amount of times Cheshire East engaged.

- Councillor Andrews gave a presentation following a recent visit by himself and The Clerk to Bepak. Consideration should be given to the creation of a parish resilience plan.
- Councillor Charlesworth is co-ordinating a list of parishioners who wish to attend the Sibelco site visit.

**5.2 Chair's Report** – Councillor Wearne informed the meeting that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is back with Urban Imprint to recheck wording and descriptions. The basic conditions and environment statement are also being drafted before finalising and submitting to Cheshire East.

- Applications for the two councillor vacancies are being collated and will be resolved at the July meeting. It was resolved **(0626/05)** to create a recruitment and training policy to ensure smooth transition in the future.
- Councillor Charlesworth informed the meeting about the temporary closure of FP1 whilst bridge repairs take place. The potential for a parish litter pick was also raised by Councillor Wearne.

**5.3 Councillor Wray's Report** – Councillor Wray reported that the Chief Executive of Cheshire East has stepped down due to ill health. Councillor Wootton asked Councillor Wray to look into progressing the resurfacing of St Oswald's.

**5.4 Any Other Business** – it was resolved **(0626/06)** for Councillor Douglas to pursue any outstanding S106 monies on behalf of Brereton parish.

#### 6. Finance

**6.1. Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved **(0626/07)** to receive the month's bank statement from Unity Trust.

**6.2. Schedule of Payments** – it was resolved **(0626/08)** to approve the following invoices for payment, having been ratified by the Finance Working Group.

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Salary (May)             | 773.37 |
| Pension                  | 217.41 |
| HMRC                     | 79.67  |
| Thes Storage Team DD May | 28.8   |

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Urban Imprint             | 1500           |
| Parish On line Website    | 420            |
| HMRC Underpay Month 7     | 62.26          |
| N Clarke Internal Auditor | 120            |
|                           | <b>3201.51</b> |

**6.3. Financial Policies** – it was resolved **(0626/09)** to approve the Asset Register and Financial Risk Assessment before submission to the external auditors.

**6.4. 2025/26 Year End Accounts** – it was resolved **(0626/10)** to approve the financial accounts for the year ending March 31, 2026 as presented by the Clerk and having been ratified by the independent internal auditor. It was further resolved **(0626/11)** to and approve and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Statement for the financial year end March 26 before presenting to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn.

## 7. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

**7.1. 26/1945/HOUS Oakmere House, Holmes Chapel Road CW12 4SW** – it was resolved **(0626/12)** to make a comment of ‘no comment’ on the application but the gradual expansion of this property and that fact that it remains in open countryside was noted.

**7.2. 26/1902/CLPUD Cert. Lawful Use / Dev - 5 Hyacinth Close CW4 7GJ** – it was resolved **(0626/13)** to make no objection to the issuing of the certificate.

**7.3. Street Trading Application - The Little Cow Shed, Browns Bank Layby (A54)** – it was resolved **(0626/14)** to ask whether the Police have been consulted as the lay-by is often used as a holding positioning for large rolling stock in transit and whether any outside seating is proposed.

## 8. Working Priorities

**8.1. Community Speed Watch Group** – the statistics for May were received.

**8.2. Community Engagement Group** - Councillor Wootton proposed and it was resolved **(0626/15)** for the Clerk to obtain a quote from Glasdon for three benches for the two proposed bench sites in Brereton Green.

**8.3. Environment/Highways** - Councillor Charlesworth as reported under 5.1 is co-ordinating site visits to Sibelco June 26 and July 3.

**9. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, July 20, 2026. The meeting closed at 21:06.

Signed:

Date:

Councillor Wearne

June 8, 2026

**Chair, Brereton Parish Council**