



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Brereton

held on Monday May 11, 2026

at Brereton Primary School

1. Apologies – none received

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

Members of the Public – ten.

2. Election of Chair

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair. Councillor Mellers proposed and Councillor Wootton seconded that Councillor Wearne take the position of Chair for the year 2026/27. The vote was unanimous and it was therefore resolved **(0526/01)** to elect Councillor Wearne as Chair for the year 2026/27.

3. Acceptance

Councillor Wearne signed the Declaration of Office, witnessed by the Clerk, and took the Chair of the meeting, this being her third year out of four as Chair.

4. Declaration of Interests

None.

5. Public Forum

- A member of the public came to report a dip in the road by the railway bridge on Back Lane, fly tipping in the same location and a pothole outside No 21.
- Thoughts on planning application 26/1063/VOC were expressed about the variation of condition leading to a change in the street scene of the area.
- Councillor Robert Douglas of Congleton Town Council is looking to ascertain how many finger posts signposts are in the parish and who is responsible for them. He is concerned that their upkeep will not be upheld by Cheshire East. He also enquired about any plans for a Sibelco site visit at the new quarry on the A54.
- A member of the public has been in touch with Street Scape about dog fouling and broken equipment in the community play space.

6. Minutes

It was resolved **(0526/02)** for the Chair to sign the Minutes of April 13, 2026 confirming them as a true and correct representation of the meeting.

7. Matters Arising

7.1. It was resolved **(0526/03)** to receive the Clerk's Report, Appendix A.

7.2. Chair's Report – it was resolved (0526/04) – Bob Phillips from Urban Imprint briefed the meeting, informing them that the Regulation 14 consultation has now ended and we're now about six weeks away from submitting Cheshire East. The Clerk and the Chair have collated and reviewed all responses to the consultation whereby 80% were in favour of the plan and 20% had a particular issue on the strength of some of the policies, being open countryside status, access for walkers and cyclists, the low density green nature of the parish and different opinions on the infill boundary for Brereton Heath. Strategic consultees responses were collated, Cheshire East's response was thorough and they questioned many areas. Holmes Chapel Parish Council responded with concerns over perceived promotion of development near the parish boundary.

All the policies are in the process of being reviewed bringing all responses into consideration. The main point to note is that HOU01 has been drafted in line with the Cheshire East Local Plan which identifies only one infill boundary. There is an overwhelming mandate from the consultation for the plan to proceed as it stands and to reintroduce a second settlement boundary would make the Brereton Neighbourhood Plan inconsistent with the Cheshire East Local Plan, and he recommends not taking this route against the strategy.

Mr Phillips is confident that the Plan is in good shape and advises against making any major changes ready to move forward for submission following collation of final documents.

Councillor Wearne reported that Cheshire Wildlife Trust has confirmed that Moss Wood was not in a designated area as previously reported and this will be addressed in the Plan. It was resolved **(0526/05)** to proceed with the Neighbour Plan following Regulation 14 Consultation as advised by Urban Imprint. They will provide a tracked changes document highlighting amendments and annotate with Urban Imprint's notes for clarification.

7.3. Councillor Wray's Report – Councillor Wray reported that he will be attending the full council meeting of Cheshire East on May 13, 2026 at Tatton Park.

8. Finance

8.1. Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved **(0526/06)** to receive the month's bank statement, now provided by Unity Bank Trust, having moved from Natwest.

8.2. Schedule of Payments – it was resolved **(0526/07)** to approve the following invoices for payment, having been ratified by the Finance Working Group.

Salary (April)	773.57
Pension	225.77
HMRC	79.47
Congleton Chronicle	29.28
ICO	52
Shires Payroll	227.4
Zurich Insurance	444.08
	1831.57

8.3. Unity Trust Bank – part of the reason for moving to Unity Trust Bank was the ease of transactions between current and savings accounts. To this end, it was resolved **(0526/08)** to move £40,000 into the instant access savings account with Unity Trust Bank and review this decision on a quarterly basis.

9. Planning Applications/Decision/Inquiry

9.1. 26/1063/VOC Warren House CW12 4SP – it was resolved **(0526/09)** to object to the variation of condition on this application because of the potential impact on the existing street scene because of the position of the proposed build and the installation of a brick wall.

9.2. 26/1247/VOC 11 St Oswald's CW11 1RW – it was resolved **(0526/10)** to support the variation of condition.

It was resolved **(0526/11)** for the Clerk to approach applicants of 25/4178/FUL and ask for them to attend a Parish Council meeting

10. Working Priorities

10.1. Community Speed Watch Group – the statistics for April were received.

CSW no.	Loc	Date	Start	Count	Offenders	%age
71	outer school ln	21/04/2026	12:00	33	4	12.1%

Councillor Andrews has canvassed the volunteers as to their wish to continue and this will be reviewed.

10.2 Community Engagement Group – Councillor Mellers reported that Councillor Wootton is working towards the installation of the two community benches. They are looking at options for writing, printing and delivering the parish newsletter. Events for this year will include Rose Day on July 4. Councillor Wearne will meet with the group this month.

10.3 Environment/Highways – Councillor Charlesworth reported that Sibelco are offering two site visits on June 26 and July 3 for a total of fifteen visitors from the parish to tour the new quarry site. Anyone interested should let the Clerk know.

- The Clerk has spoken with Street Scape about the provision of more bins in Brereton Green. Councillor Mellers will pass the details of Envirocare to the Clerk.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, June 8, 2026. The meeting closed at 20:50.

Signed:

Date:

**Councillor Wearne
Chair, Brereton Parish Council**