

BREThERTON PARISH COUNCIL ARCHIVE RECORDS

The Parish Council records are lodged with the County Records Office in Preston, below is a flavour of the discussions before the records became available electronically

The Parish Council was set up as the result of the Act. Prior to the Act coming into place the work carried out by Parish Councils had been undertaken by the Church Vestry.

The first meeting was held on the 4/12/1894 in the Endowed School. The original members were

William Banks
William Cross
William Harris
James Howard
Richard Jackson
Robert Snailham

Later in Dec 1894 the following appointments were made
Daniel Chadwick of Highfield House, Chairman
Richard Gill, Gentleman of Chorley, Treasurer

April 1895

Election of officials

William Banks and Tom Harrison were appointed as Overseers who collected the rates from the inhabitants of the village

Thomas Iddon was appointed as Waywarden-supervised the highways

Thomas Harrison was appointed as Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Council at a salary of £22pa

Rev Robert Gardiner was elected as Custodian of the Old Parish Book

Edward Bamford was appointed as Guardian of the Old Parish Chest

George Harrison and Robert Snailham were appointed to see the abatement of nuisances in Bretherton. Nuisances seem to have referred to sewage.

After the initial meetings, Parish Councillor seem to have been elected at the Annual Parish Meeting, but unsuccessful candidates were often unhappy and required another Poll

Water supply to Bretherton from either Preston or Ormskirk

Idea for obtaining water from a field of Thomas Hodge through a sanitary tube was rejected.

Dole cotton distributed from the Layfield Charity, but concerns that those managing the Charity were all from Croston.

Well in Moss Lane was repaired with a pump provided to serve that end of the village

Nuisances, ditches and settling tanks

Dole cotton worth £4 given to 27 persons on the Parish, from 6 yards downwards.

1896

Election of Councillors

Water supply

1897

Election of Councillors

Indian Famine Fud

Layfield Charity

Letter to Lord Lilford requesting gift of land

Nuisances

Well in Moss Lane

Water supply

1898

Accounts from Overseer

Election of Councillors

Evening continuation classes being held in the village

Dole cotton issued

23 people received 6 yards

4 received 9 yards

1 received 8 yards

Dole cotton purchased from Robert Jackson, draper from a mill in Ramsbottom

Nuisances-sewerage problems

1899

Election of Councillors

Layfield Charity

State of some roads

1901

Water Supply, Chorley Rural District Council asked to consider a scheme involving Bretherton Euxton, Ulnes Walton, Mawdesley, Eccleston, Charnock Richard and Whittle.

1902

Election of Councillors

Animated discussions took place on the affairs of the late Assistant Overseer.

Layfield Charity

Water supply scheme

1904

Election of Councillors

Distribution of Layfield Charity

1907

Water supply scheme

1910.

Distribution of Dole Cloth

Footpaths in need of repair

Need for the services of a Fire Brigade

1913

Slow travelling of Fire Brigade

1920

Extension of water mains

1922

Need to extend the water mains

1925

Drains in South Rd causing problems

Electric street lights

Relationship between Parish and District Council

1928

Disposal of household rubbish

Electrical supply for the village proposed.

Nuisances caused by drains

1931

Disposal of household refuse.

1932

Chorley Rural District Council became responsible for providing a Fire Brigade

Lighting and Watching Act 1833

Public lighting scheme

1933

Public lighting scheme, being funded by loan taken out by the Parish Council.

Electricity being provided by the Lancashire Electric Power Company

Positioning of street lights

1934

Mr Coxhead commended for the excellent manner in which the War Memorial is kept.

Accidents at Bank Bridge,

1935

Celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the King George V
Custodian of the War Memorial
Scavenging Scheme
Telephone kiosk requested for the Post master at Preston

1936

Condition of footpaths
Electric standard
Faulty drains
Finance
Layfield Charity
Scavenger Scheme
Sir Seddon Brown
Water supply

1937

Mr Baines of Moss Farm was to be notified of the nuisance he was causing by carting and spilling manure down Back Lane and Sarah Lane,
Flooding of Back Lane
Coronation Celebrations
Lord Lilford gave 2 acres of land for a playing field for the village.
Proposals for a slaughter house at Harbour Farm
Bretherton became a member of the Parish Council Association.
Robert Jackson stood down as a Parish Councillor having made arrangements with his creditors,

1938

Rent agreed with the Institute Committee.

1939

Air raid precautions
Old stocks put in permanent position near the War Memorial
Volunteers for the Auxiliary Fire Service
National Playing Fields Association would not allow allotments on the Recreation Ground-decision re the allotments out on hold because of the Declaration of War.
Provision of urinal and closet on the Recreation Ground

1940

Layfield Charity
Local Saving Scheme

Problems with the water supply which had affected milk cooling
House to house collection for a 'Spitfire Fund' The WVS undertook the collection and £58 was raised.
Support for ATS request for a motor pump to replace the hand pump
Air Raid Distress Fund
Change to Post Office early closing day from Thursday to Saturday.
Problem of crumbling stone on the War Memorial
Waste paper collection

1942

The Institute agreed to pay ground rent. Institute had been in existence before the land was given to the village by Lord Lilford.

1943

Concerns about afternoon despatch of mail
Home Guard request for a firing range on the Recreation Ground turned down as being too dangerous
Bretherton received a certificate for success during the Savings for Victory initiative
Closet and Urinal repaired at a cost of £11-7s-0p

1944

The Parish Council joined the Association of Parish Councils

1945

Water supply problem finally resolved

1946

4 Swedish Timber Houses to be built on Pompian Brow
Electricity supply to be extended
Victory Celebrations
Post Office asked the reinstate pre war service
Complaints about inadequate bus service between Bretherton and Preston
Flooding of North Rd brook
Bretherton Victory and Comforts Committee asked that the names of those killed in the Second World War be inscribed on the War Memorial
Chorley Rural District Council requested a list of the public rights of way.

1947

Concerns about the state of the Recreation Ground

1948

Chorley RDC provided information on mortgages available under the Small Dwellings Acquisitions Act 1923

1949

First mention of a female Parish Councillor, Miss Elizabeth Bretherton of Holly Farm.

Arrangements for adding names to the War Memorial decided.

Children's Road Safety Film to be shown in the Endowed School.

1950.

Parish Council informed that the footpath between Croston and Bretherton could not be created due to insufficient width.

Committee set up to oversee improvements to the Recreation Ground

1951

Complaints that hours available for registration of births and deaths at Croston were not enough.

Funds set up for Playground Equipment.

Lavatory on the Recreation Ground in a poor state of repair.

Civil Defence,

Size of water supply pipes to be increased.

Problems with the cleaning of ditches.

Further names to be added to the War Memorial.

Lavatory on Recreation Ground in a poor state of repair

Bus service between Standish and Southport not running to time.

Search to be made to try and find the original Parish Council noticeboard as the practice of posting bills on the school wall was deprecated as not being a presentable site.

Footpath between Carr House Lane and Toll Bar in an unsatisfactory state.

Clerk to try and persuade Mr Evans to give up part of his allotment to allow improved drainage of the Recreation Ground.

Oliver Hart and Sons asked to provide a bus timetable noticeboard.

Mobile Library facilities requested from Lancashire County Council.

4 properties and the Cross identified as being of special historical interest.

Surplus money in the Nursing Association Fund.

1952

Light in telephone box not working.

9 people applied for the vacant post of clerk

State of fence between Recreation Ground and the Blue Anchor in a poor state of repair as a result a path was being created.

Objections to the Postmaster wanting to close the Post Box at Mill Brow.

School allowed to use the playing field at a cost of £5

Coronation Celebrations-see separate document.

1953

State of footpath between Marl Cop and North Rd

Payment of Coronation Expenses agreed.

Cakes £2-11-0

Ham £7-6-7

Maypole £6-10-0

Mugs £7-8-0

Band £4-18-0

1954

Hedge plants bought for the Recreation Ground

Complaints about the bus service from Chorley

Chorley Rural District Council asked to organise a Road Safety Film Show.
Dangerous parking on South Rd to be reported to the Police.
Problems of traffic using Back Lane.
Chorley Rural District Council to be asked to provide a Road Safety Film Show.
Concerns about gambling at the Institute
Flooding on Pompian Brow,
Street names in Bretherton identified as South Rd, North Rd, Moss Lane, Doles Lane, Marl Cop, Carr House Lane, Pompain Brow, Eyes Lane.
Chorley RDC asked to earmark sites in Bretherton for house building.
Preservation of Carr House.
Tarleton and District Nursing Association.

1955

Provision of road side seats,
Flooding of footpath in Woods Lane

1956

Goal posts to be provided on the Recreation Ground
War Memorial-damage being caused by tree roots
Circular from the Lancs Association of Parish Councils on Care of Old People in their home
Transfer of Licence for the Blue Anchor from Mr Woodhouse to Mr Thorp
Complaints about the parking of vehicles of Pompian Brow and lack of street lights
Request from the Mayor of Chorley for donations for the relief of suffering in Hungary.
Precept agreed. £48 for general rate and £48 for street lighting.
No Through Sign for Back Lane to be requested from Chorley Rural District Council.

1957

Problems with ditching contract
Safe keeping of deeds
Complaints that bus passengers had to alight at Croston when the bus turns round and then get back on again.
Precept for street lighting

1958

Ditches
Recreation ground
Insurance
Precept
Village Institute history

1959

Sewage scheme for Bretherton discussed

1960

Provision of 17 extra light in the village considered
Sewerage scheme

1961

Extra lighting still being discussed at a cost of £600
Road name signs
Sewerage scheme

1962

Bus stop at Toll Bar requested from Ribble Motors

1963

Sewage Scheme still being discussed but problem with the overloaded sewage plant at Croston identified.
Extra street lights now in place but bulbs keep failing.

1964

Delay in sewage scheme being introduced.
Street light bulbs still failing.
Need for speed limit on South Rd.
Overhanging hedges

1965

Sewage Scheme-extension to Croston sewage plant still awaited, but civil engineering reports had been prepared.
Street lighting-150 watt bulbs to be requested to give a better level of light.
Double white lines for South Rd to be requested.
Central Lancashire New Town
Play equipment for Recreation Ground

1966

Sewage Scheme still being held up because of need to extend the Croston sewage works.
South Rd, Bends and Slow signs to be provided
State of recreation ground
Bamfords Fold-help with filling potholes requested
Old Peoples Bungalows
Council Houses
Empty Houses in Bretherton
Infestation of flies

1967

Sewage Scheme local investigation to be held by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government
Use of cess pools whilst sewage scheme awaited.
Ditch from South Rd to Back Lane
Carr House Lane, bends to be taken out of the road.

1968

Sewage scheme accepted in principle by the Government Inspector, but some cutting back of the scheme also suggested which the Parish Council objected to.
Provision of smaller Council Houses
Sarah Lane to Back Lane-road in need of repair.
Parking on Pompian Brow

Local MP to raise the sewage scheme in the House of Commons

1969

Sewage Scheme put out to tender

Request for Council houses unlikely to be met

Street lighting on South Rd taken over by Lancashire County Council

Footpath on Pompian Brow.

South Rd, speed limit of 30mph to be requested.

1970

Air Raid shelters

Central Lance New Town

Changes to bus services

Deeds for Recreation Ground

Retirement of Postmistress

Street lighting

Sewage scheme work in Bretherton expected to start in Autumn 1970

War Memorial maintenance

Water supply

1971

Car Parking for Recreation Ground

Chip Café on South Rd

Gypsy encampments

Local Government reorganisation

Mud on roads

New typewriter for Clerk

Old Peoples Bungalows

Sewage scheme work had commenced and was expected to be completed by

1971

Speed restriction on South Rd

Subsidy for rural bus services being considered by Lancashire County Council.

Village Plan

Water supply- Doles Lane

1972

Cocker Bar Bridge

Concessionary Travel Fare Tokens

Ditches to be cleaned by Chorley RDC once the sewage scheme completed.

Village Plan

Hedges in need of cutting

Improvements to water pressure

Overgrown hedges along South Rd

Speed limit South Rd

Street lighting

1973

Bretherton Toll Bar-Accidents

Ditches

Fly tipping

Playground equipment

Remembrance Day
Rural Bus Service
Sewage scheme now completed

1974

Deeds of Recreation Ground
Ditch South View
Emptying of dustbins
Footpath Map
Overgrown hedges
Public footpaths
Public Phone Box; South Rd
Seats for Recreation Ground
State of Red Bridge
Street lighting

1975

Mud on road
Overgrown hedges
Review of Electoral arrangements
Signposting of Bridle Paths
Speed limit on South Rd
Stopping of traffic on Remembrance Day
Street lights
Street signs
Tool Bar Cottage
Water supply pressure

1976

Bus tokens for Senior Citizens
Cocker Bar Bridge
Condition of South Rd
Cutting of grass verges
Litter campaign
Maintenance of Play Area
Meals on Wheels
Provision of One bedroom Council owned bungalows
Queens Silver Jubilee
Roads and Footpaths
Road signs
Talking newspaper

1977

Bus tokens
Donation of silver cup
Hedge clippings
Mud on roads

Provision of One bedroom Council owned bungalows
Street lighting Marl Cop
Tree Preservation

1978

Provision of small council dwellings
Silver Cup from Bretherton Hedging Society
Street Lighting Marl Cop

1979

Provision of small council dwellings
Roads and Footpaths

1980

Bus Services
Chapel Yards Footpath and Gates
Fruit and Veg Stall; Carr House Cottage
Red Bridge
Recreation Ground
Roads and Footpaths
Speed Limit on South Rd

1981

Bowling Green
Tennis Court
Village Plan

1982

Bus Tokens
Croston Weight Restrictions
Dog Fouling
Lifts to Preston New Hospital
Toll Bar
Village Hall

1983

Bowling Green
Bretherton Institute
Bus Services
Chorley Town Plan
Community Health Council
Concessionary Travel Tokens
Extension to Bamford's Warehouse

Grant application from Cricket Club
Kissing Gate, Chapel Yards Footpath
Maintenance of War Memorial
Overflowing ditch
Parking of horse boxes
Planning applications
Planting of Memorial Tree at the Apiary
Precept setting
Public Rights of Way
Recreation Ground Boundary
Road resurfacing
Road to Recreation Ground
Sale of foodstuffs at Post Office
Surface of Tennis Court
Uncut hedges
Vandalism on Recreation Ground

1984

Access to The Apiary from the Recreation Ground
Article in Ormskirk Advertiser
Bamford's warehouse extension
Best Kept Village Competition
Blue Anchor Transfer of Licensee
Bowling Green
Bretherton Football Club
Bretherton Girl Guides; Request for a Grant
Building of new prison at Ulnes Walton
Bus services
Caravan Rally
Carr House Lane Junction
Chorley Council; Honours Award Scheme
Dilapidated Property in the Village
Ditch at end of Recreation Ground
Dog Fouling
Emptying of Dustbins
Eyes Lane, use by HGVs
Failure of electricity supply
Footpath Flag Lane
Government White Paper on Buses
Green Belt
Keep Chorley Tidy Campaign
Kissing Gate
Layfield Charity
Liaison meeting with Borough Council
Litter Problem
Mature Trees and Hedges

Official opening of the Apiary
Parish Council Banking
Planning applications
Planting of a memorial tree
Precept setting
Provision of litter bins
Public Footpaths
Research Project by Liverpool University
Resiting of Stocks
Seat near War Memorial
Seat on Marl Cop/South Rd
Speeding problems
St Michael and Wyre Disaster Appeal Fund
Sweeping of Gutters
Traffic along Back Lane
Travel Token Scheme
Tree Preservation
Use of football pitch
Ulnes Walton Landfill Site
War Memorial
Water Stop Tap Covers
Water supply

1985

Bamfords Warehouse
Best Kept Village Competition
Bishop Rawsthorne High School
Bowling Green
Carr House
Felling of Mature Trees
Footpath opposite the Primary School
Footpath between Post Office and Manse
Green Belt Plan
Mud on Back Lane
Ormskirk to Preston Railway Line
Planning Applications
Play Area
Public Footpaths

Refuse Disposal
Request for additional play equipment
Tennis Court
Travel Tokens
War Memorial

1986

Bus Service
Dog Fouling
Footpaths
Housing Development Bamfords Fold
Lane End Farm Barn
Litter Bins
Parking of Cars on South Rd
Prohibition Order Sarah Lane
Road Sweeper
Tennis Club
Toilets for Recreation Ground
Toll Bar Cottage
Use of Back Lane by unauthorised vehicle
Use of Bowling Green by non-members
Use of school for Parish Council meetings
Water pressure for fire hydrants

1987

Bamfords Ford Development
Best Kept Village Competition
Chorley and District arts Association
Chorley Green Belt
Concessions for Senior Citizens
Red Rose Radio

1988

Abandoned Farm Vehicle
Access to Weavers Fold
Best Kept Village Competition
Bretherton Football Club
Carr House
Chorley Hospital
Concessions for Senior Citizens
Condition of South Rd
Flooding on Back Lane
Flooding on Recreation Ground
Football Pitch
Grass Verge Back Lane
Highway cleansing
Housing in the Village
Improvements on recreation Ground
Improvements at Toll Bar
Liaison Arrangements with Red Cross
Leylandi Hedge
Litter Bins

Mud on Road
North Rd-Vicinity Of Fleetwood Farm
Pavement Parking
Policing of Remembrance Day Service
Primary School; Road Safety Improvements
Request for Donations
Road Signs
School Caretaker
Speed Limit on South Rd
Street Lighting
War Memorial Surround
Wymott and Garth Prisons

1989

Bretherton Toll Bar
Microlight Aircraft
Planning Application
Primary School Road Safety Issues
Recreation Ground Drainage
Refuse Collection
Toilets Recreation Ground

1990

Appointment of school governors
Best Kept Village Completion
Chorley Local Plan
Conservation Area
Croston By Pass
Direction signs to Wymott and Garth Prisons
Domestic Reuse Collection
Flagging of War Memorial surround
Footpath Flag Lane
Footpath Walking
Footway Lighting
Gift of £460 to Parish Council
Honours Award Scheme
Inspection of public footpaths
Library Facilities
Mud on roads
Noticeboard
Playground equipment
Precept setting
Recreation ground drainage
Road Signs
Speed Limits
Speeding on South Rd

Street lights
Street sweeping
Tennis Court
Tree Preservation Order
Traffic Island; Junction of Carr House Lane and Liverpool Rd
Victim Support Scheme
Zig zag Lines outside Primary School

1991

Best Kept Village competition
Bonfire
Borough and Parish Liaison Meetings
Bowling Club
Bus Shelters
Bus Tokens
Community Council of Lancashire
Concessions for Senior Citizens
Condition of Eyes Lane
Dog Fouling
Environmental Enhancement
Footpath to Croston
Lancs Association of Parish and Town Councils
Litter
Local Government Review
Low Cost Rural Housing Scheme
Ormskirk-Preston Travellers Association
Place/Direction Sigs
Planning Applications
Precept
Proposed Bench at The Apiary
Public Rights of Way
Recreation Ground
Request for Donation
Street Lighting
Town and Country Planning Compensation Act 1991
Traffic Problems
Training seminars
UlnesWalton Landfill site

1992

Best Kept Village Competition
Bowling Green
Chorley and District Victims Support
Cocker Bar Bridge
Cricket Club ditch
Dog fouling

Football Ground
Footpath to Croston
Layfield charity
Pompian Brow Footpath
Public Footpaths
Recreation Ground
Rural Housing
South Rd

1993

Derelict ground
Gas Valve compound
New Village Constable
Footpath to Croston
Fly tipping
Parish constables
Recreation ground hedges
Trees opposite War Memorial
War Memorial maintenance
Waste Disposal Plan

1994

Parish Council 100th Anniversary
Speed Limit on South Rd

1995

Bank Hall Action Group
Best Kept Village Competition
Bowling club
Drains on South Rd
Footpath to Croston
Litter patrol
Speed Limit on South Rd
Tree Warden Vacancy
Ulnes Walton landfill site
Use of football ground
Village signs

1996

Bank Hall restoration
Best Kept Village Competition
Bus Service
Lancs Constabulary
Parish Walks leaflet
Ponds
South Rd surface water drainage
Walking Day

1997

Bowling Green
Ditch between Blue Anchor and Recreation ground
Dog fouling
Footpath to Croston
Playground equipment
Poaching in the village
South Rd drainage
Ulmes Walton landfill
Village Institute
War Memorial maintenance

1998

Best Kept Village Competition
Parish Amenity Review
Parish walks leaflet
Planning applications
Precept
Recreation ground

1999

Best Kept Village Competition
Environmental Fund
Governor Representative-Primary School
Set aside land
Trees at The Apiary

2000

Audit of accounts
Environmental fund
Football field regulations
Insurance cover
Planning applications
Play area inspections
Report from Police

2001

Football Foundation
Planning applications
Playground Inspection report
Precept
Standing Orders and Code of Conduct