

Parish Council Minutes January 2021

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BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on line on Tuesday, 5th January 2021.

Present

Councillors TA Jones [Chairman], K Ansell, Mrs P Ansell, Mrs DM Easton, Alderman R Easton, PA Fisher, Mrs W Fisher, D Johnson, Mrs L Johnson and GN Molineux.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms IJ Brown, Mrs G Harvey and J Harvey.

Mr PG Davies, the Parish Clerk, was also in attendance.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were given at the commencement of the meeting.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2020, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. **POLICE**

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Chad Carrington to the meeting.

PCSO Carrington reported as follows:-

- two new PCSOs would be operating from Rugeley Police Station, with Emma Krilovs primarily responsible for the Brereton and Ravenhill area;
- Covid compliance in the parish was generally very good;
- the number of incidents in Ravenhill Park had been reduced primarily due to the Covid Pandemic;
- since June 2020 the Police had not received any reports from the public of vehicles speeding along Armitage Road. The road was continually being monitored and operations involving the speed gun and the speed van would continue.

The Chairman stressed the importance of compliance with the criminal law in relation to the wearing of face masks.

Alderman R Easton made reference to an incident of vandalism at his property.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Carrington for attending the meeting.

4. **ARMITAGE ROAD**

The County Council had confirmed that the work to clear the footpath along Armitage Road had been completed on 5th December 2020.

The Parish Council placed on record its thanks to County Councillor A Dudson and Councillor PA Fisher for their contribution to securing the satisfactory completion of this work.

5. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS**

The Clerk reported, for information, that the Freedom of Information requests made to the Cannock Chase Primary Care Trust and the British Transport Police had both been referred

to the Information Commissioner. No response whatsoever had been received from the Trust and the reply from the British Transport Police was totally inadequate.

6. **D & G BUS COMPANY**

The Parish Council noted that the D & G Bus Company had taken over operation of most local services from Arriva.

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to the D & G Bus Company wishing them well and asking them to work closely with the Police to ensure that the criminal law that requires the wearing of face masks on public transport, is obeyed.

7. **WORLD BOOK NIGHT**

RESOLVED

That the action taken in making application for a supply of books to mark World Book Night be approved and confirmed.

8. **SPEED LIMIT ADVISORY SIGNS ON ENTRANCE TO THE PARISH**

RESOLVED

1. That a Working Group comprising the following Members be set up to investigate the various options for providing these signs and they report back to the Parish Council in due course:-

Alderman R Easton

Councillor Mrs DM Easton

Councillor Mrs P Ansell

Councillor PA Fisher

Councillor GN Molineux

2. That the Working Group involve the public in agreeing the best course of action to follow.

9. **ARMITAGE ROAD – HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

Councillor PA Fisher reported that he had received an assurance from County Councillor Dudson and Mr Mark Keeling that a scheme to provide speed reduction infrastructure, including signage along Armitage Road, would be implemented in April 2021.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council maintain a watching brief but if action is not taken in April, the Parish Council would again consider the possibility of applying for funding from Awards For All to provide the infrastructure.

10. **IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTPATH – AMAZON SITE**

Councillor PA Fisher had kindly obtained a map showing the location of the footpath which it appeared was owned by Cannock Chase District Council. Reference was made to deposits of excrement on the footpath.

Members also made reference to the need for Amazon to provide toilet facilities for drivers during this Covid Pandemic. Councillor PA Fisher undertook to raise this matter at the next

Amazon Liaison Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to Environmental Health drawing their attention to the concerns expressed relating to deposits of human excrement on this footpath.

11. PRECEPT 2021 – 2022

The Parish Council considered the report of the Clerk on the Precept and budget for the 2021/2022 financial year.

RESOLVED

1. That the budget, as submitted, be approved and confirmed.
2. That the Parish Council's precept be set at £62,969.00 for the 2021/2022 financial year.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1st December 2020, be approved.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 2nd February 2021.

14. PUBLIC FORUM

The member of the public present updated the Parish Council on action which had been taken by Amanda Milling [MP] in relation to speeding along Armitage Road. She had undertaken to keep him informed of developments.

The Clerk undertook to contact the County Council to ascertain the means of funding for solar powered speed indicator signs in Bower Lane.