

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Hall and Property Management Committee held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Thursday, 14th July 2022.

Present

Alderman R Easton [Chairman], Alderwoman Mrs P Ansell, Councillors K Ansell, Mrs DM Easton, Mrs G Harvey, JC Harvey and DR Johnson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss C Hodgkiss and Mrs L Johnson.

Mrs R Davies [Clerk to the Committee] and Mr J Smith [Finance Officer and Caretaker] were also present.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest given at the commencement of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

As listed above.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2022, be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. NEWMAN GROVE ALLOTMENTS

An invitation to attend the meeting had been extended to Mr Craig Royall [Housing Maintenance Manager – Cannot Chase District Council]. The Clerk reported that Mr Royall had contacted her to say that he would attend if at all possible, but that he had a prior engagement. Mr Jim Cusack [Allotments Superintendent] had also been invited to attend the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that she had invited Mr Royall to the next meeting of the Committee, which would be held on Thursday, 8th September 2022.

Discussion then took place regarding the state of the path on the other side of the fence surrounding the allotments. It was reported that it was totally overgrown and it had not been reinstated by the developers [believed to be Taylor Wimpy]. It was felt that the matter should be dealt with as a matter of urgency, particularly as children from the local school[s] regularly visited the allotments and it could cause problems in its overgrown state.

Alderman R Easton said he had tried to see the Site Manager of the development on a recent visit but that it had not been possible.

Members of the Committee were invited to go to Newman Grove allotments to assess the situation.

6. BUS SHELTERS

Alderman R Easton reported on bus shelters in the Parish. The bus shelter in Setterfield Way had been vandalised – the roof had been damaged. Other shelters [Coulthwaite Way

and Talbot Road] needed to be taken down and put into storage. It was noted that Cannock Chase District Council could not store the shelters.

7. PARISH HALL PROGRESS REPORT

The Clerk reported on the hire fees up to 30th June 2022, which amounted to £4,336.01. She reported that fees were steadily rising and bookings were reasonably stable.

8. FINANCE REPORT

The report presented by John Smith, showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Hall as at 30th June 2022, was submitted for information and noted.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, 8th September 2022, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]