

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Tuesday, 4th October 2022.

Present

Councillor TA Jones [Chairman], Alderwoman Mrs P Ansell, Alderman R Easton, Councillors K Ansell, Ms IJ Brown, Mrs DM Easton and Miss C Hodgkiss.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs G Harvey, JC Harvey and DR Johnson.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were given at the commencement of the meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings held on 6th and 27th September 2022, be approved and signed as correct records.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairman agreed to write to Amanda Milling, MP, in respect of a letter which was sent to her in July to ask for an update with regard to bus services in the Parish.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to discuss.

5. POLICE MATTERS

There were no Police Officers in attendance at the meeting.

Members expressed their concern at the number of recent car thefts in the Parish.

6. AGAR [Annual Governance and Accountability Return]

The Chairman expressed his thanks to John Smith, Ruby Davies, Ray and Mary Easton and to the former Acting Clerk [Peter Harrison] for work completed on the AGAR.

Thanks were also expressed to the Chairman for his work regarding the audit.

Members agreed to a Finance Sub-Committee being set up for emergency decisions. The Committee members would be:-

Councillors: TA Jones
Alderwoman P Ansell
Alderman R Easton
Mrs L Johnson

Responsible Finance Officer: J Smith

7. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 13th NOVEMBER 2022

The Chairman informed Members that he had contacted Brereton British Legion and the

Parish Church. He had also applied to the District Council for a Road Closure Order. Notice of the road closure to be advertised. Volunteer Marshalls would be required. Yellow jackets, wreaths and a new flag to be ordered.

8. PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

Members and staff expressed their concern regarding the inefficiency of the website. The Chairman agreed to write to the Website Manager regarding ways to improve going forward.

9. PAVEMENTS IN THE PARISH

The Chairman agreed to write to Staffordshire County Council, Highways Department, regarding the bad state of pavements in the Parish. Councillor Mrs DM Easton reported on the pavements in Lodge Road which were particularly in a very bad state.

10. BUS SERVICES

The Chairman agreed to write to the bus company pointing out that services in Brereton and Rugeley had become a lot worse than services in neighbouring towns and also to enquire about the reason for this.

11. FILLING THE VACANCY OF PARISH COUNCILLOR FOLLOWING COUNCILLOR P FISHER'S RESIGNATION

No election called. Regulations to be checked regarding co-option.

12. MEETINGS WITH HS2

The Chairman reported that he had had a meeting with HS2 representatives and would be going to meetings on 5th and 6th October. He would also be having a meeting with HS2 representatives in December regarding possible grants for road improvements. The Chairman pointed out dangerous crossing as traffic comes to Brereton from Rugeley. Members agreed.

Alderman R Easton and Councillors Mrs DM Easton and Mrs L Johnson declared a personal interest in this matter.

13. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6th September 2022, be approved.
Moved and seconded.

14. PARISH HALL AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Hall and Property Management Committee held on 8th September 2022, be approved.
Moved and seconded.

15. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on

8th September 2022, be approved.
Moved and seconded.

16. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

17. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

Members present agreed that a secretary needed to be appointed. Position would be advertised. Alderwoman Mrs P Ansell agreed to forward lists of available training.

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 1st November 2022, at 7.30 pm.

19. FUTURE MEETINGS

All agreed that the full Council and Planning Committee meetings would take place on the first Thursday of each month and that the Parish Hall and Property Management Committee and Finance and Management Committee meetings take place on the previous Tuesday with effect from January 2023.

[Chairman]