

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Parish Council** held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Thursday 5 January 2023.

Present

Councillors TA Jones [Chairman], Alderman R Easton, Alderwoman Mrs P Ansell, Councillors K Ansell, Ms IJ Brown, Mrs DM Easton and D Johnson.
Also present: Mr J Smith (Administrator and Caretaker) Ms A Oldbury (Clerk to the Parish)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs L Johnson.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were given at the commencement of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

See above.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022, be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Castle Inn Site

District Council accept they did not place application on web site until after decision had been made. Some objectors had been notified - Parish Council being an objector and not covered by data protection. Of 10 objectors one was notified. The Chair asked for it to be returned to Planning Committee.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr John Smith advised a deposit of £6,695.15 had been deposited into the account as CIL money. He was unsure as to how this was allocated, a discussion between himself and Alderman R Easton to take place.

6. POLICE MATTERS

There were no Police Officers in attendance at the meeting and a report had not been submitted.

The Chair and Members recommended that a letter should be sent to the Chief Inspector regarding the lack of Police presence at the Parish Council meetings and the absence of Police reports.

The Police have announced on social media that bags of white powder had been found in Ravenhill Park.

7. **PRECEPT**

| | Draft Budget 2023/2024 |
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| Projects | |
| Provision of new and maintenance of bus shelters | £500.00 |
| Christmas Lights | £13,000.00 |
| Carpark Fund - Park & Parish Council | £6,900.00 |
| Remembrance Sunday | £150.00 |
| Armistice Day (road closure) | £350.00 |
| Mining Memorial renamed to War Memorial | £500.00 |
| Grit Bins and Grit | £500.00 |
| Footpaths | £300.00 |
| Notice Boards | £500.00 |
| Tennis Court Fund | £1,000.00 |
| Oral Mining history - completed, remove | £0.00 |
| Street Cleaning Machine sold, withdraw | £0.00 |
| Street Cleaning Replacement Fund to be looked at and transferred to Christmas lights | £1,000.00 |
| Allotments | £200.00 |
| Tractor Maintenance - For sale £3000 | £200.00 |
| Defibrillator | £100.00 |
| Sub Total | £25,200.00 |
| Parish Hall | |
| Revenue Expenditure | £11,730.00 |
| CCTV | £1,000.00 |
| Maintenance, external maintenance and running cost | £11,000.00 |
| Business Rates | £0.00 |
| Energy Management Initiatives | £500.00 |
| Refurbishment of contents | £1,500.00 |
| Sub Total | £25,730.00 |
| Grants and Donations | |
| Miscellaneous Grants/Donations | £100.00 |
| Sub Total | £100.00 |
| Other Initiatives | |
| Civic Service | £500.00 |
| Binding of Parish Council Minutes and disposal of confidential waste Fund | £0.00 |
| Neighbourhood Development Plan | £400.00 |
| Website Management | £500.00 |
| Purchase of Flags | £25.00 |
| Sub Total | £1,425.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenditure | |
| Wreath | £40.00 |
| Printing | £1,200.00 |
| Advertising | £100.00 |
| Stationery/Postage | £1,400.00 |
| Sub Total | £2,740.00 |
| Ordnance Survey - Renewal License | £68.00 |
| Insurances | £2,300.00 |
| Audit Fees | £1,000.00 |
| Parish Council election in May | £500.00 |
| Members Training | £1,000.00 |

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| Sub Total | £4,868.00 |
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The Chair said it is important that we reduce the Precept and show we are tightening our belt to the Brereton and Ravenhill community by making a modest reduction during these exceptional circumstances.
We are using existing Christmas lights, but reducing the time they are on to reduce the electricity cost. We are the only Council in the area to do so.

8. BUS SERVICES AND BUS SHELTERS

Members voted to reconsider the position with regard to bus services and bus shelters in six months time.

It was advised that from 1 Jan to 31 Mar no bus fare will be more than £2 (single) throughout the region. If public transport is promoted and used, later buses may make a return and routes restored.

9. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO FILL PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Parish Council Members were informed that advertisements regarding the vacancies had been put on Parish Council notice boards. Alderman R Easton and Councillor TA Jones were also asking local residents if they know of anyone interested in taking up a position of Councillor on the Parish Council. Nothing further to report.

10. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15 December 2022, be approved.

APPROVED

11. PARISH HALL AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Hall and Property Management Committee held on 15 December 2022, be approved.

3. NEWMAN GROVE ALLOTMENTS

Superintendent of the Allotment was called as a gardener has been erecting fences and cutting down trees blocking rights of access. A verbal warning has been given. If anymore trees are cut a written response advising tenancy will be withdrawn supporting the Superintendent. Damages will also be sought to replace the trees. Councillor R Easton is going to inspect tomorrow. If we have to develop any damage he will be sued for damages.

APPROVED

12. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on 15 December 2022, be approved.

6. Remembrance Sunday £150 payment request. Alderman Easton challenged the budget for last year of £100 for donations. A motion for £50 to be paid from the Finance Committee was agreed and the Chair will ensure it is paid.

APPROVED

13. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

14. MEMBERS ITEMS

Diane Jackson Eon now asking for further information on columns - details being sent to Alderman R Easton.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting would be held on **Thursday 2 February 2023**, at 7.30 pm.

[Chairman]