

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Tuesday, 7th March 2017.

Present

Councillor PA Fisher [Chairman], K Ansell, Mrs P Ansell, Miss IJ Brown, Mrs DM Easton, R Easton, H Farnath and TA Jones.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss C Harvey, Mrs G Harvey, GN Molineux, N Parton and Mrs HJ Southwell and District Councillor D Foley.

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

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That subject to the words 'width and' being added after the word 'good' in the second line of the second bullet point in Minute 11, the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2017, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Dave Hughes to the meeting.

PCSO Hughes informed the Parish Council of the following incidents which had occurred over the past month:

Anti-Social Behaviour

-  Colliers View – Youth damaged mailbox
-  Several parking and transport issues – St Michaels Road/Coalpit Lane

Criminal Damage

-  Bus Shelter window smashed – Coulthwaite Way

Theft

-  Theft of bike, which was subsequently recovered

Members referred to the following:-

-  Parking on pavements – particular reference was made to Armitage Road near the building site. Such parking made it difficult for the disabled and people with pushchairs to negotiate the footpath.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Dave Hughes for attending the meeting.

4. CANNOCK CHASE LOCAL PLAN – PART 2

The Chairman welcomed Clare Egginton [Planning Policy Manager] and John Morgan [Planning Policy Officer] to the meeting.

Ms Egginton gave a presentation on the Local Plan, a copy of which was circulated at the meeting.

Members indicated that a comprehensive response would be made as part of the consultative process. This would include the following:-

- ✚ The need for access to sites to be given more priority. Reference was made to significant access problems affecting sites R16, R20, R18, R18a, R29 and R32.
- ✚ Site R43 – currently industrial but the Parish Council would prefer residential use on this site. Any measures to encourage industry to voluntarily re-locate to the Lea Hall site would be supported.
- ✚ Lea Hall site – the Parish Council would support collaborative working with Lichfield District Council to ensure the best outcome and mix of housing/industry for this important strategic location.

The Chairman thanked the two representatives from the District Council for attending the meeting.

5. ZIP WIRE – RAVENHILL PARK

The Chairman reported that he had attended a presentation by the Chairman of Brereton Millon on proposals to provide a zip wire facility in the play area of Ravenhill Park. This was part of a major scheme, costing £130,000.00 to upgrade the play area.

The zip wire would be sited adjacent to the hedge at the bottom of the play area. It would be speed restricted and the working mechanism would be properly covered and protected. The Parish Council strongly supported the provision of a safety fence to control access.

The Chairman indicated that he would endeavour to obtain copies of plans showing details of the overall scheme.

6. STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND [SLCF]

The Clerk circulated an e-mail from Mr Graham Hunt [Community Partnership Officer] advising that the Parish Council's application for SLCF monies to improve the Wharf Road environment, had not been successful as match funding was not available.

Members concurred that it was totally unrealistic to expect the Parish Council to provide match funding at the present time.

7. BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL – OAK TREE FARM

The Clerk circulated a letter from the County Council advising that the Authority had been successful in obtaining a permanent injunction. A copy of the Order was tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED

- 1) That in thanking them for their letter, the Clerk request the following:-
 - ✚ The current estimate of when the smoke and burning on the site will cease.
 - ✚ Notification to the Parish Council when each mandatory element of the injunction had been complied with.
- 2) That a copy of the letter referred to in (1) above be sent to the Clerk of Brindley Heath Parish Council.

8. COUNCIL TAX REFERENDUM

Members noted that the Clerk was liaising with Councillor TA Jones in providing clarification to the Department of Communities and Local Government on information previously requested by the Parish Council.

9. DOCUMENTATION

The Clerk had circulated the following document for the information of the Parish Council:-

 Staffordshire Pension Fund – Employer Newsletter

10. WATER MAIN – SETTERFIELD WAY

The Parish Council placed on record its sincere thanks to Councillors K Ansell and R Easton for the prompt manner in which they had reported a major water pipe burst in Setterfield Way to both South Staffs Water and the District Council. Their speedy action had resulted in the subsequent damage being much less severe than would otherwise have been the case.

11. BUILDING SITE – ARMITAGE ROAD – PARKING PROBLEMS

Councillor TA Jones, who had asked for this item to be included on the Agenda, was pleased that Councillor R Easton and the PCSO would be attending a site visit on 8th March 2017, at 10.00 a.m., with a view to resolving matters of concern to local residents.

12. BRERETON CARNIVAL – PARTICIPATION BY PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Parish Hall Management Committee invited comments from Members on whether to enter a float or provide a stall at the carnival. Any views forthcoming would be considered by the Management Committee.

13. PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Parish Hall Management Committee held on 8th February 2017, be approved.

14. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 8th February 2017, be approved.

15. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7th February 2017, be approved.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 4th April 2017, at 7.30 p.m., followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.30 p.m.

17. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present at this juncture in the meeting.

18. ALLOTMENTS – NEWMAN GROVE

The Parish Council noted the significant improvements carried out by Western Power to land in the vicinity of Newman Grove allotments. Trees had been removed and new fencing provided.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to the District Council in respect of the following:-

-  Hedge cuttings dumped on land at the rear of 44 Newman Grove.
-  To request the Authority to tidy the land in their ownership to complement the work already carried out by Western Power.

[Chairman]