

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Hall Management Committee held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Wednesday, 6th September 2017.

Present

Councillors R Easton [Chairman], K Ansell, Miss IJ Brown and Mrs DM Easton.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P Ansell, H Farnath, Miss C Harvey, Mrs G Harvey and Mrs HJ Southwell.

Mr PG Davies [Parish Clerk] was also present.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were given at the commencement of the meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2017, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. PARISH HALL – PROGRESS REPORT

Hire Fee Income – Update

The Committee noted details of hire fee income as follows:-

	<u>July 2016</u>	<u>July 2017</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Regular Business	1,151.67	1,096.45
Extra Business	115.65	227.20
	<u>1,267.32</u>	<u>1,323.65</u>

4. FINANCE REPORT

The report of the Clerk, showing the financial position in respect of the Parish Hall as at 31st July 2017, was submitted for information and noted.

5. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE WATER - BUSINESS

The Clerk reported on several mistakes made by this company in relation to enquiries which had been made by the Parish Council. In view of these failings, the company had made a compensation payment of £90.00 to the Parish Council.

Members noted that the Parish Council's water and sewerage arrangements had been transferred to this new company who had given an undertaking that charges would not exceed those previously paid to South Staffs Water.

6. DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that the youth who had damaged the defibrillator had been charged by the Police. The CCTV pictures provided by the Parish Council were clear and helped to secure the youth's arrest and prosecution. The initial court hearing would be held at Cannock Magistrates' Court on 27th September 2017.

The Committee noted that the Clerk had submitted a claim to Zurich Municipal Insurance to recover the cost of the defibrillator. The Clerk had also submitted a compensation claim to recover costs from the person who had vandalised the equipment.

The Clerk reported that the following donations had already been received to provide another defibrillator in the community:-

Jeanette Dean [£20.00]
Alison Upton [£5.00]
Wendy Fisher [£5.00]
Councillor TA Jones [£10.00]



7. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that Lightpower had gone into liquidation and had ceased trading. Mr David Lusty was now operating as Lighting Futures Limited and he had given an assurance that the Parish Council's Christmas lights would be installed as usual this year.

Members noted that the five-year contract expired in February 2018 and a new contract would be negotiated for 2018/2019 onwards.

8. ENERGY MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES

The Committee considered the following schemes for possible implementation in the current financial year:-

-  adjusting the central heating system to function on a room by room basis;
-  replacing lights in the Main Hall with LED fittings to reduce the Parish Council's energy footprint.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman investigate these options further and report back to the Committee in due course.

9. NEW YEAR'S EVE FUNCTION

The Chairman undertook to investigate the possibility of organising a New Year's Eve function at the Parish Hall as a fund raising event for a new defibrillator.

A local musician had offered to provide the music for the evening. He had also suggested the possibility of organising a 'music school' for the youth of the area.

The Chairman indicated that he would extend an invitation to this person to attend the next meeting of the Committee, when the proposals could be considered in more detail.

10. REPAIR TO THE ROOF OF THE PARISH HALL

Members noted that on a purely voluntary basis, Scope Roofing had carried out repairs to the roof at the Parish Hall. This community-spirited gesture had been applauded by both the Parish Council and the local community.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk send a letter of sincere thanks to Scope Roofing for the excellent and speedy manner in which the work was carried out.

11. NEWMAN GROVE ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman updated the Committee on work being carried out on land adjacent to Newman Grove allotments. Ace Plant Hire had kindly made available equipment for use on the project and CEMEX had complemented the voluntary work undertaken as part of their community programme.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on 4th October 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]