

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Tuesday, 18th July 2017.

Present

Councillors PA Fisher [Chairman], Miss IJ Brown, H Farnath, Miss C Harvey, Mrs G Harvey, TA Jones and N Parton.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Ansell, Mrs P Ansell, Mrs DM Easton, R Easton, GN Molineux and Mrs HJ Southwell and District Councillor D Foley.

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

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were given at the commencement of the meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2017, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. DEVELOPMENT BRIEF – RUGELEY POWER STATION

Glen Watson [Planning and Economic Development Service Manager], Clare Eggington [Planning Policy Manager], together with James Eggington [Student] from the District Council, were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. A copy of the Development Brief – Consultation Document was circulated at the meeting.

The Officers from the District Council added the following comments:-

- ✚ The six week consultation period would run from 24th July to 4th September 2017.
- ✚ Part of the site would still be required for continued Power Transmission in the form of a Battery Park.
- ✚ Future railway access would depend on the final proposals for the site. The rail head would be retained which would create the opportunity for rail access in the future.
- ✚ It was very unlikely any development would take place prior to 2021 as the whole site would be under the control of the demolition contractor.
- ✚ The number of new homes on the site was likely to trigger the relevant criteria for a new primary school.

Members of the Parish Council made the following points:-

- ✚ The Parish Council welcomed the opportunity to create a country park/wildlife corridor.
- ✚ The Parish Council considered that every effort should be made to enhance employment opportunities on the site. Supporting employment generation should be a key priority.

- ✚ Section 106 and CIL monies must be made available to enhance and create new facilities in Brereton and Ravenhill.

The Parish Council would formulate its response at its next meeting on 5th September. The District Council representatives agreed that the Parish Council's formal submission would be accepted up to 7th September 2017.

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

4. POLICE MATTERS

PC Jo Manser reported that as part of an ongoing initiative, an extra two Police Officers would be on duty on Friday and Saturday evenings for the next eight weeks. This would be a dedicated resource dovetailing into a different patrol strategy.

Members made reference to the following:-

- ✚ Land at the rear of Stile Close/Heather Close – several syringes found by parishioner who had handed them over to the District Council for disposal.
- ✚ Several incidents of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the old concrete bridge over the canal.
- ✚ The lack of a quick response from the Police on 101 – in one instance a parishioner had waited over one hour to report an incident.

PC Manser duly noted these comments and would take action where necessary.

5. MOTOR BIKES – NUISANCE – POWER STATION ROAD

In accordance with the wishes of the Parish Council, the Clerk had written to the Managing Director of Cannock Chase District Council requesting him to seek an injunction against this motor cycle nuisance.

The Parish Council noted that the Managing Director had responded and advised that he had forwarded the Clerk's letter to both the County Council, as highway authority, and the Police for them to respond.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD HIGHWAY TEAM

Members noted that the County Council had acknowledged the Clerk's letter regarding highway works requiring attention in the parish. The matter had been passed to Mark Keeling for the necessary action to be taken.

7. AMI BLAYMIRES – REDBROOK LANE

The Clerk circulated a letter from the Planning Regulation Manager at the County Council in which she advised on action being taken by the Environment Agency [EA] to secure the removal of waste from this site. The County Council did not intend to take any action themselves at present as they considered this would only serve to duplicate the efforts being made by the EA. They did, however, reserve the right to take enforcement action in the future but did not consider it expedient to do so at present.

RESOLVED

That immediately any issues arise from the site, the Clerk be authorised to write in appropriate terms to the County Council.

8. DOCUMENTATION

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

Letter and supporting material from the Police and Crime Commissioner in respect of 'SPACE'.

9. HIGH SPEED RAIL – DEPOSIT OF BILL MATERIAL

The Clerk circulated a letter from HS2 highlighting the material which public bodies, including the Parish Council, would need to place on deposit for public inspection. Members noted that the Clerk had received an electronic copy of the documentation on 18th July 2017.

Representatives of HS2 would be attending the next meeting to update Members on the next phase of the project.

Members were anxious to extend a welcome to contractors working on the project. It was important that the area maximised the consequential benefits for local businesses.

The opportunity would be taken at the next meeting to ascertain more information on junction links north of Stafford.

10. OAK TREE FARM

The Clerk circulated a letter and Method Statement which had been received from the County Council. The Parish Council noted that the non-burning waste was still in situ and had not been removed from the site.

The County Council understood that Landfill Tax was collected by HM Revenue and Customs and it was the responsibility of the operator of licenced landfill sites to pay this. Oak Tree Farm was not a licensed landfill site.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk respond to the County Council as follows:-

- ✚ Why was there no reference in the Method Statement to the quick removal of non-burning waste? Members remained concerned that there was no immediate incentive or requirement for the owners to remove this part of the waste.
- ✚ Had the County Council notified HMRC of the estimated amount of waste on the site to enable them to calculate the correct amount of any landfill tax payable?

11. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6th June 2017, be approved.

12. PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Parish Hall Management Committee held on 7th June 2017, be approved.

13. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 7th June 2017, be approved.

14. POLICE AND FIRE CONSULTATION

The Parish Council noted the contents of an e-mail from the Police and Crime Commissioner setting out proposals to bring together the governance of the Fire and Rescue Service and the Police Service.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 5th September 2017, at 7.30 pm.

16. PUBLIC FORUM

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

[Chairman]