

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Tuesday 5th April 2016.

Present

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Ansell, Mrs P Ansell, Mrs DM Easton, R Easton, H Farnath and GN Molineux.

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 the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2016, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. POLICE MATTERS

No Police Officer was present at the meeting.

4. THORN SITE

The Parish Council noted that work had today started on the Thorn Site.

5. BUS SERVICE – X70 BRERETON TO WOLVERHAMPTON

The Chief Executive of the County Council had advised that the X70 was a commercial service which was introduced on a trial basis. Unfortunately, expected passenger demand fell well below expectations. Council Officers would continue to work with all operators to influence commercial operations where possible, although the final commercial decisions rested with the operators.

Councillor Miss IJ Brown advised the meeting that the circular service operating in Brereton and Rugeley then became the number 70 service from Rugeley to Wolverhampton.

6. 2 MADDEN CLOSE

The Parish Council noted that the long-standing tenant of this property had now been evicted.

The property had been re-allocated by the District Council and new tenants were in occupation.

7. DEFIBRILLATOR

Councillor TA Jones indicated that he would make a £10.00 donation towards the purchase of a defibrillator.

The Clerk updated Members by advising that the purchase of a defibrillator was not eligible for funding from either the Coalfields Regeneration Trust or the AONB Sustainable Development Fund. He sought authority to apply for a grant from the British Heart Foundation [BHF] on the understanding that the Parish Council would need to make a contribution of £400.00 towards the cost.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be authorised to make application to the British Heart Foundation for Grant Funding towards the purchase of a defibrillator.

8. FRACKING

Councillor TA Jones informed the Parish Council that a Public Meeting on fracking in Staffordshire would be held in Hednesford on 17th August 2016.

9. FAILURE TO RECOGNISE BRERETON

The Clerk reported the contents of a letter from Amanda Milling [MP] in which she advised that she had written to Royal Mail to ask whether it would be possible to include Brereton as the default address for every property in the parish. She had also written to the Managing Director of Cannock Chase District Council asking him to outline what the District Council was doing to promote community identity.

The Parish Council noted that the MP's office would be contacting the Clerk to set up a meeting to discuss how to move this forward.

10. PARKING IN ARCH STREET AND LOCKSIDE VIEW

The Clerk undertook to request County Highways to expedite their response on information relating to the costs involved in introducing a permit scheme.

11. DOCUMENTATION

The Clerk tabled the following documents for the information of the Parish Council:-

-  Iron Man Press Release
-  Staffordshire Pension Fund – Employer Newsletter

12. TROMBONE RECITAL

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been offered two complimentary tickets to a Trombone Recital by Mark Templeton, to be held at St Augustine's Church, Rugeley, on 7th May 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman, together with Councillor Miss C Harvey indicated that they would attend the Recital.

13. WEST MIDLANDS RAIL FRANCISE

The Parish Council noted that following consultation with Councillor TA Jones, a letter had been sent in response to the West Midlands Rail Franchise Consultation. It supported the submission made by Cannock Chase District Council, whilst at the same time emphasising our particular support for the following:-

- # Restoration of half-hourly off-peak services.
- # An extension of the last train of the day [which currently terminates at Hednesford] to Rugeley.
- # Improvements to fare collection.
- # Maintenance of the extended season ticket area to Rugeley Trent Valley.
- # Improvements to Rugeley Town Station, including disabled access ramps to the existing footbridge, CCTV to existing Wharf Road station car park and a new footpath link from northbound platform to Horsefair.
- # Lifts at Rugeley Trent Valley station to enable disabled passengers to access the Chase Line and Stafford-bound platforms.
- # Improvements to the blind road access at Rugeley Trent Valley.

RESOLVED

That the action taken be approved and confirmed.

14. HAWKS DEVELOPMENT – TELEPHONE LINE

The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter from Mr and Mrs Goodson of 171 Armitage Road, together with the enclosures referred to therein.

RESOLVED

[1] That as it was quite apparent that the damage had been caused by the contractor or sub-contractor, the Clerk write to Hawks Development requesting them to adopt an honourable stance and rectify the damage to the telephone line.

[2] That a copy of the letter referred to in [1] above be sent to Mr and Mrs Goodson.

15. HEALTH WATCH CONSULTATION: STOKE-ON-TRENT AND STAFFORDSHIRE

The Clerk circulated an e-mail on this consultation exercise. He undertook to circulate the information electronically to all those Members on e-mail.

16. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council noted the following key messages which were outlined at the public presentation held on 16th March 2016:-

- Dementia was not a natural part of aging
- Dementia was caused by a disease of the brain
- Dementia was not just about memory loss
- It was possible to live well with dementia
- There is more to people than dementia

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council fully support these five key messages.

17. THE CEDAR TREE CAR PARK – LAND BETWEEN SCHOOL MEWS AND THE CEDAR TREE

The Clerk reported that following concern expressed at the Heritage Committee, a letter had been sent to the Cedar Tree Hotel requesting them to arrange to tidy this land. To date, no response had been received.

The Clerk undertook to send a reminder letter if no response or action was taken.

18. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1st March 2016, be approved.

19. PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Parish Hall Management Committee held on 9th March 2016, be approved.

20. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 9th March 2016, be approved.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the date of the next meeting be changed from 3rd May 2016 to 10th May 2016, and the Clerk arrange to inform Members accordingly.

22. PUBLIC FORUM

District Councillor D Foley reported as follows:-

- ✚ The planning application in respect of the Hope and Anchor would be determined by Committee and not by Officers.
- ✚ The parking problems in Attlee Crescent were ongoing.

[Chairman]