

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, 11th May 2016.

Present

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

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

Mr PG Davies [Parish Clerk] was also present.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor R Easton be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor K Ansell be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2016, be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. DOG NUISANCE – PROPERTY ADJOINING ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk updated the Committee following a visit by Environmental Health to the property in question.

The Committee would continue to monitor the situation.

6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Matthew Walker [Chairman of Brereton Million] advised that he would report to the Group on a possible donation towards this venture in advance of their budget being allocated.

The Chairman undertook to investigate the feasibility of installing either timers or photo cell units in the switch gear. He would report back in due course.

7. BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk reported that Brereton Million had allocated £10,000.00 to spend for the provision of new bus shelters. The Chairman of Brereton Million would contact the Parish Council to discuss possible sitings in due course.

8. PARISH HALL – PROGRESS REPORT

a) Vending Machine

The Chairman indicated that arrangements were being made for the vending machine to be removed.

b) CCTV – Update

The Clerk was pleased to report that the District Council's Legal Team had confirmed that there was no requirement for the Parish Council to meet any decommissioning costs or to offer any period of notice. The District Council had, therefore, accepted the cancellation of the service with effect from 25th April 2016.

The Committee noted that the District Council intended to leave the cameras in situ to enable monitoring of the park and play areas. The CCTV service would continue to respond to any information/calls which were received or passed via the store net radio for the duration of the use of the Parish Hall.

c) Caretakers' Review

The Clerk reported that he would be presenting a report to the June meeting of the Finance and Management Committee on a review of the Caretakers' performances. Members were invited to inform the Clerk of any comments they had on the current level of service.

d) Bar Facility

The Committee noted that the Clerk was arranging to include wording in the Hire Agreement to the effect that if the bar was required for a function, guests would not be permitted to bring alcohol onto the premises.

e) Hire Fee Income – Update

The Clerk presented the latest comparative income figures as follows:-

	<u>April 2015</u>	<u>April 2016</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Regular Business	1,757.95	1,391.00
Extra Business	28.00	109.35
	<u>1,785.95</u>	<u>1,500.35</u>

9. FINANCE REPORT

The Report of the Clerk, showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Hall as at 31st March 2016, was submitted for information and noted.

10. TENNIS COURT

The Committee was pleased to note that the Chairman had ordered a sign to be erected on the tennis court prohibiting dogs from entering the facility.

11. DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that the Chairman of Brereton Millon had advised that there was a consensus to purchase outright a cabinet-type defibrillator. They were also happy to muster volunteers who would be trained to use the equipment.

The Clerk was asked to update the Chairman of Brereton Millon on the funding already obtained for a defibrillator to be positioned on the front of the Parish Hall. An application

was also pending with the British Heart Foundation and the Parish Council was hopeful this would be approved. Any additional contribution Brereton Million might wish to make would be welcomed.

The Committee considered it would be very helpful if Brereton Million could provide a second defibrillator for siting in the parish.

The Parish Council also expressed its willingness to join with Brereton Million in training volunteers.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk convey the foregoing views to the Chairman of Brereton Million.

12. BRERETON – IDENTITY

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write, in suitable terms, to the Manager at the Co-op in Redbrook Lane requesting him to amend the wording on the sign fronting his premises from 'Rugeley' to 'Brereton' as the Parish Council was anxious to retain the identity of this historic parish which was first mentioned in the Domesday Book.

13. VOTE OF THANKS

The Committee placed on record its sincere thanks to the Chairman, Councillor R Easton and Councillor K Ansell for the work both had done in carrying out repairs at the Parish Hall.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on 8th June 2016, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]

