

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Wednesday, 2nd November 2016.

Present

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

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

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

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2016, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts for payment.

The Parish Council noted that the Youth Club had now paid £70.00, being half of the cost of the replacement glass in the damaged window.

RESOLVED

That authority be given for the payments included on the submitted schedule.

4. FINANCE REPORT

The Report of the Clerk showing the financial position of the Parish Council as at 30th September 2016, was received for information and noted by the Committee.

5. STAFFORDSHIRE PENSION FUND – 2016 VALUATION RESULTS AND FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT – MINOR EMPLOYERS POOL

The Clerk tabled the following documentation:-

- 2016 Letter – Minor Employers Pool
- Whole Fund 2016 Valuation Results – Employer Report
- Staffordshire Minor Employers Results Schedule
- Funding Strategy Statement 2016 [Draft]

The Committee noted that the Pool Contribution Rates for Minor Employers were due to rise from their current level of 21% to the following:-

2017/2018	22.2%
2018/2019	23.4%
2019/2020	24.6%

The Committee expressed some surprise at the level of increase, particularly as the Parish Council only employed two officers on a very small budget. Members were anxious to

receive the necessary assurances that the fund was being managed efficiently and effectively.

The Committee considered that if interest rates did rise over the coming months/years with resultant benefits to the pension fund, it should result in a consequential reduction in the contributions being made by minor employers.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk convey the foregoing views to the County Council as this Parish Council's response to the consultative process.

6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on 11th January 2017, at 8.00 p.m.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That in accordance with Section 1[2] of the Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as staffing matters were to be discussed.

8. MS ISABEL LLOYD – PART-TIME CARETAKER

The Clerk reported that Ms Isabel Lloyd was nearing the end of her six months probationary period with the Parish Council.

Members concurred that her overall performance had been most satisfactory and it was therefore

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be authorised to confirm the appointment of Ms Isabel Lloyd as Part-Time Caretaker.

[Chairman]