

## **BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

### **Present**

Councillors Mrs G Harvey [Chairman], K Ansell, Mrs P Ansell, Miss IJ Brown, Mrs DM Easton, R Easton, H Farnath, PA Fisher, Miss C Harvey, TA Jones and Mrs HJ Southwell.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors GN Molineux and N Parton and District Councillor D Foley.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **3. POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Shaun Nicholls reported that an arrest had been made in respect of the several burglaries that had taken place in Brereton and Ravenhill and the surrounding area.

Members were pleased with the increased Police presence in the parish and very much hoped this would continue.

The Police undertook to monitor and take action, as necessary, in respect of parking at the bottom of the Redbrook Lane Industrial Estate.

The Clerk undertook to send a 'Get Well' card to PC Lee Turner, extending to him the best wishes of the Parish Council for a speedy recovery.

### **4. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY SECTION 106 AND PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACT 2002 CONTRIBUTIONS TO STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE FUNDING**

Councillor TA Jones referred to correspondence he had sent to the Police regarding accessing money from developers as part of the Community Infrastructure Levy Section 106. A satisfactory explanatory response had not been received.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Clerk write to the Police and Crime Commissioners for Staffordshire, Leicestershire and Thames Valley requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on how much money had been received between 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 under each of the following:-

1. The Community Infrastructure Levy
2. Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
3. The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

**5. HOB HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL – DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

The Headteacher of the school had advised that he would ask property colleagues about the potential involvement of the Parish Council. He added that it was the intention to retain existing teaching spaces whilst the new build was in progress, then temporarily move some classes whilst remodelling was completed.

**RESOLVED**

That when work commences at the school, the Clerk include an item on the Parish Council Agenda to enable Members to review the situation.

**6. DEFIBRILLATORS**

The Clerk reported that he had submitted a bid for funding for a defibrillator and cabinet and was now awaiting the response of the British Heart Foundation. The bid had been supported by the West Midlands Ambulance Service.

**7. THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE PARKS AND GREEN SPACES**

The Rural Access Manager at the County Council had advised that the Parish Council's comments on the above would be submitted to Cabinet. He confirmed, however, that there were no proposals to sell off any of the countryside sites within the scope of the Review, including Cannock Chase Country Park.

**8. POWER STATION**

The Clerk circulated a letter and enclosure he had received from the Station Manager.

**RESOLVED**

That in thanking the Station Manager for his response, the Clerk re-iterate the concerns of the Parish Council regarding the dispersal of particulates from the Power Station and enquire as to what would be the effect on animal welfare if the 'large deposits reaching the ground' were then consumed by animals, with some subsequently entering the food chain.

**9. DRAFT AIR QUALITY UPDATING AND SCREENING ASSESSMENT**

The Pollution Control Officer at the District Council had advised that he was not currently in a position to say whether or not the Parish Council's request for particulate monitoring in the parish could be granted. He undertook to notify the Parish Council if this option became feasible.

The Parish Council noted the results of monitoring for Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulphur Dioxide from the Power Station's Stile Cop monitor. From previous air quality exercises, the District Council advised that this represented the area of the district most likely to experience the highest levels of emissions reaching ground level from the stack. They added that the levels of both pollutants were well within the relevant air quality objectives.

Members re-emphasised comments previously made and added that it was quite apparent that, despite the height of the stack, particulates were falling on a fairly frequent basis on houses and cars in the residential part of Brereton and Ravenhill. Given that the stack was next to the residential area, there was no reason to believe that PM10 particles were not in the atmosphere. Members of the public remained

genuinely concerned as these unseen particulates damaged lungs as well as cars and property.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk, in conveying the foregoing views to the District Council, re-emphasise the need for particulate monitoring equipment to be provided in the residential part of the parish as a matter of urgency.

**10. PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME AND PROPOSED LIMITED WAITING – WHEELHOUSE ROAD AND POWER STATION ROAD**

The Clerk circulated a letter and plans which had been received from the County Council.

**RESOLVED**

That the County Council be informed that the Parish Council agrees with the permanent restrictions as shown in red on the plans but would request that in respect of the limited restrictions shown in blue, the following should be excluded from the provisions of the Order:-

Saturdays/Sundays/Bank and Public Holidays

**11. LICENCES ISSUED BY CANNOCK CHASE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk write to Cannock Chase District Council to request them to inform the Parish Council as to whether, in the light of the decision of the Supreme Court in R [Hemming] v Westminster City Council, they charge for licences for [1] sex establishments and [2] amusement arcades and venues licence fees that in total cover the full costs of administering the licensing system, including the costs of enforcement proceedings against both licensed and unlicensed operators.

**12. REDBROOK LANE/BRICK KILN WAY**

The County Council had advised that, at this time, there were no plans to reduce the footway provision in order to carry out carriageway widening at the above location. The County Council would continue to monitor the site and might consider introducing restrictions if problems persisted.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk arrange for this matter to be included on the Agenda in three months' time when the position would be reviewed.

**13. ARMITAGE ROAD – 30 MPH SPEED LIMITED**

The Clerk reported the contents of a letter from the County Council in which they advised that reducing the speed limit on the Armitage Road from the A51 island to the existing 30 mph was a scheme which had previously been supported. The request remained on the Local Members Divisional Highway Programme and it would be raised at their next meeting in December with Councillor Dudson. The financial year's priorities were already in progress and this scheme could be investigated from April 2016 but would be dependent on other competing priorities. The County Council undertook to keep the Parish Council updated.

**RESOLVED**

That this matter be considered further at the May 2016 meeting of the Parish Council.

**14. REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

The Clerk invited Members to update their Register of Members Interests. Copies of each declaration was available at the meeting, or alternatively Members could view the declarations on:-

<https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/council/parish-councils/register-interests-parish-and-town-councillors>

**15. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PRESENTATION**

**RESOLVED**

That the Dementia Action meeting be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016, at 7.00 pm at the Parish Hall.

**16. THE FORMER ULTRA ELECTRONICS SITE – MAIN ROAD**

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Barratt West Midlands for representatives of the Company to address the Parish Council at its next meeting on proposals for the development of the above site.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk arrange for representatives of the Company to address the Parish Council at its next meeting and, in so doing, he make reference to Maurice Buckmaster and his key role in the Second World War as Leader of the French Section of the Special Operations Executive, with a view to a road on the development being named after him.

**17. CPI BID 2015/2016**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's bid for CPI funding in the sum of £1375.00 had been successful.

**RESOLVED**

That further consideration be given to this matter at the next meeting when Members would decide on the location for the new Information Board, including design and permissions.

**18. PUBLIC TELEPHONE – BIRCH LANE**

Councillor Mrs DM Easton had requested that this matter be included on the Agenda.

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by District Councillor A Dudson that because the telephone box was in a very dilapidated condition, he had asked BT to remove it. BT were in the process of carrying out a consultation exercise before proceeding further.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Clerk write to BT requesting an assurance that they would be carrying

out a thorough consultation exercise and that they would act upon the wishes of the local community.

2. That the Clerk request BT to inform the Parish Council of the outcome of their consultation in due course.

**19. WAR MEMORIAL**

District Councillor A Dudson had advised that he was arranging for the re-surfacing of the War Memorial. The scheme had been agreed with Brereton Royal British Legion. He was also making arrangements for four bushes in front of the War Memorial to be taken out and replaced with metal ornate fencing with appropriate wording. He undertook to consult the Royal British Legion on this initiative.

**20. BUS SERVICE – X70 BRERETON TO WOLVERHAMPTON**

Councillor Mrs DM Easton reported that several complaints had been received from parishioners regarding the necessity for passengers to show to the driver travel cards / tickets at the various fare stages of their journey. This was causing confusion, particularly for the elderly.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk seek clarification of the position from Arriva.

**21. HIGHWAY WINTER OPERATIONS**

The Parish Council noted the contents of a letter from the County Council, a copy of which had been circulated.

**RESOLVED**

That, in thanking the County Council for their letter, the Clerk point out that Brereton and Ravenhill was the first Council to participate in the Ice Buster Scheme and to seek their assurance that grit would be available, as required, throughout the winter period.

**22. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, be approved.

**23. PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Hall Management Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, be approved.

**24. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, be approved.

**25. DATES OF MEETINGS - 2016**

**RESOLVED**

That Parish Council meeting in 2016 be held on the following dates commencing [unless otherwise indicated] at 7.30 pm at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park:-

5<sup>th</sup> January

2<sup>nd</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> March

5<sup>th</sup> April [followed by the Annual Parish meeting at 8.30 pm]

3<sup>rd</sup> May [Annual Parish Council meeting]

7<sup>th</sup> June

19<sup>th</sup> July

6<sup>th</sup> September

4<sup>th</sup> October

1<sup>st</sup> November

6<sup>th</sup> December

**26. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

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[Chairman]