

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Tuesday, 17th July 2018.

Present

Councillors R Easton [Chairman], K Ansell, Mrs P Ansell, Ms IJ Brown, Mrs DM Easton, Mrs G Harvey, TA Jones, GN Molineux and N Parton.

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

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 5th June 2018, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed PCSOs Andy Highman and Natalie Baggott to the meeting.

The Clerk circulated the following:-

-  a letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding policing in Brereton and Rugeley;
-  an e-mail from PC Martin regarding the damage to the flag pole fronting the Parish Hall.

In respect of the e-mail from PC Martin, Members expressed concern that an officer had been asked to liaise with a member of the public rather than the Parish Council in deciding what further action was considered appropriate and proportionate. PCSO Highman undertook to bring these comments to the attention of PC Martin and also endeavour to ascertain whether the eighteen year old suspect was working in order that the Parish Council could seek some recompense for the damage that had been caused to the flag pole.

The Parish Council was pleased to note that the police post in the Parish Hall would shortly be re-opened. Appropriate publicity would be given to opening times.

The police undertook to give particular attention to The Levels where there were currently instances of both nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

The Chairman thanked the two officers for attending the meeting.

4. CANNOCK CHASE LOCAL PLAN

The Chairman introduced, and welcomed, Glen Watson, Development Services Manager to the meeting. Mr Watson gave a short presentation on the Local Plan Review. A copy of the key points in his presentation was circulated at the meeting. He also circulated a

summary report on the Key Issues and Scoping Consultation.

In respect of the Power Station site, Mr Watson reported as follows:-

- ✚ a demolition contractor had been appointed;
- ✚ the work of demolition and clearance would take a minimum of three years;
- ✚ following clearance, there would be a period to allow full decontamination of the site;
- ✚ it was likely to be the early part of the next decade before any development took place;
- ✚ further uncertainty had been added due to a decision which was pending from HS2 as to whether they would use the Power Station site to power the line.

A Member pointed out that there would be strong support for a park alongside the River Trent.

Mr Watson confirmed that the 500 houses built in Lichfield, on the border with Brereton and Ravenhill would count towards the allocation of dwellings in Cannock Chase District. This was not the case in respect of the development in Stafford Borough which was situated immediately adjacent to Rugeley.

The Chairman thanked Mr Watson for attending the meeting.

5. MINING MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that copies of the Deed of Variation had been received from Cannock Chase District Council.

RESOLVED

That authority be given for the Chairman and Clerk to execute the deed on behalf of the Parish Council.

6. SECTION 106 AGREEMENT HAWKESYARD: PA/03/00627/OUT

The Clerk reported that the Cabinet at Lichfield District Council had approved the following allocation of funding:-

Canal towpath improvements - £218,280.00

The Parish Council noted that this decision was due to be ratified by the full council on 17th July 2018.

A letter from Amanda Milling, MP, setting out her support for the project was circulated at the meeting. The Clerk also informed the Parish Council of a further letter from the MP confirming the decision of Lichfield District Council.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council place on record its thanks to Councillor TA Jones for the work he had done in securing this funding for Brereton and Ravenhill.

7. LICENSING APPLICATION FOR EVENTS – FOUR OAKES FARM – FMD EVENTS UK LTD

The Parish Council noted that following consultation with the Chairman and Councillor TA Jones, a letter of objection had been submitted in respect of this application.

The Parish Council noted that the event organiser had withdrawn the application following other objections which had been submitted, including one from Natural England.

8. ROTARY COMMUNITY LIBRARY, BRERETON – OFFICIAL LAUNCH - 20th JULY

The President of the Rotary Club in Rugeley had invited Members to attend the official launch of the library on 20th July, 2018, at 2.00 pm.

Councillor Parton indicated that he would be attending the launch.

9. HS2 ROAD SAFETY FUND

The Parish Council had been advised that more than £8 million of extra funding had been allocated to HS2 for road safety measures and new woodlands. This funding had been extended to Phase 2a to help deliver traffic calming measures, safer pedestrian crossings or safer junctions for cyclists, pedestrians and drivers.

RESOLVED

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

10. CANNOCK CHASE AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

The Clerk reported that the Annual Conference of this organisation would be held on Friday, 14th September 2018, at the Aquarius Ballroom in Hednesford.

Councillor Mrs P Ansell indicated that she would be attending the conference.

11. COUNCILLOR MRS HJ SOUTHWELL

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Mrs HJ Southwell dated 17th July 2018. Mrs Southwell had served for over 25 years on the Parish Council but due to ill health, could no longer continue as a Member.

Members expressed their sadness that Councillor Mrs Southwell had found it necessary to resign from the Parish Council. All present paid tribute to her long service and loyalty to the Parish Council.

In extending their very best wishes to Mrs Southwell, it was

RESOLVED

1. That the Clerk write to Mrs Southwell echoing the sentiments outlined above.
2. That notice of the vacancy be given in accordance with statutory requirements.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 5th June 2018, be approved.

13. PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Parish Hall Management Committee held on 6th June 2018, be approved.

14. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 6th June 2018, be approved.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 4th September 2018, at 7.30 pm.

16. PUBLIC FORUM

Following concerns raised by a parishioner, the Clerk undertook to write to County Highways in respect of the following:-

- ✚ the trees on private land off Main Road which had grown to a point where they presented a danger to the public highway. The risk had significantly increased in the last two years;
- ✚ the need for a 'Keep Clear' road marking to be painted on the highway in the vicinity of the turning head at the top of Sycamore Crescent. This would help to alleviate current problems where delivery vehicles were unable to use the turning head due to vehicles parking in this space.

[Chairman]