

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, 3rd October 2018.

Present

Councillors R Easton [Chairman], K Ansell and Mrs DM Easton.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P Ansell, Miss IJ Brown, Miss C Harvey, Mrs G Harvey and GN Molineux.

Mr PG Davies [Parish Clerk] was also present.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2018, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. PARISH HALL – PROGRESS REPORT

Hire Fee Income – Update

The Committee noted details of hire fee income for the month of September 2018 as compared with the same period the previous year.

SSE Energy – Electricity

The Clerk reported that the current contract with SSE would expire on 31st October 2018.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk contact Poptelecom to obtain comparative prices and that he liaise with the Chairman thereon.

CCTV – Further Enhancement

The Clerk reported the details of a quotation received from PAB Alarms to supply and install two new cameras on the exterior of the Parish Hall building.

RESOLVED

That the quotation from PAB Alarms for the supply and installation of two further cameras be accepted.

4. FINANCE REPORT

The Report of the Clerk, showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Hall as at 31st August 2018, was received for information and noted.

5. PROVISION OF GRIT BINS

The Chairman introduced, and welcomed, Mr M Keeling to the meeting. A résumé of the

discussion which ensued is set out below:-

- ✚ On 14th October 2018 – winter maintenance operations commenced concentrating on primary and secondary routes.
- ✚ A map was displayed showing the location of the County Council's grit bins within Brereton and Ravenhill. A review was underway by County Highways on the future of these bins and Mr Keeling undertook to keep the Parish Council informed.
- ✚ Mr Keeling commended Brereton and Ravenhill on being the first parish to participate in the icebusters initiative. Following a request from the Chairman, Mr Keeling indicated that he would arrange for the supply of salt to replenish all the Parish Council's bins.
- ✚ The Chairman requested the provision of two extra bins for Swan Close and Arthur Evans Close. Mr Keeling undertook to investigate whether there were any spare bins that could be made available to the Parish Council.
- ✚ Reference was made to the alleyway from Main Road to Sycamore Crescent. Mr Keeling undertook to investigate what action could be taken to improve access, including cutting back the tree which was blocking illumination from a nearby street light.
- ✚ The Chairman made reference to funding which had been secured for the purchase of a hedge cutter to be fitted to the Parish Council's tractor. The equipment would be used, amongst other things, for cutting hedgerows to facilitate improved access for pedestrians on public footpaths. Mr Keeling undertook to review current method statements/risk assessments for this ground-breaking initiative,
- ✚ In respect of the alleyway – Coalpit Lane to Swan Close, Mr Keeling would investigate further clearance work, including the removal of the two remaining bollards so as to enable the Parish Council to gain full access with its road sweeper.
- ✚ Mr Keeling undertook to liaise with the local County Councillor in the hope of securing funding for the provision of a grey box to monitor the speed and movement of traffic in both Birch Lane and Redbrook Lane.
- ✚ Mr Keeling would ascertain whether waste material collected by the Parish Council could be disposed of free of charge at the County Council's waste disposal sites.

The Chairman thanked Mr Mark Keeling for attending the meeting.

6. TENNIS COURT – RAVENHILL PARK

The Clerk reported that the new tennis courts at Hednesford were administered by the District Council and they remained open at all times. To date, there had been no instances of anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED

1. That subject to the tennis court in Ravenhill Park being locked at the end of October for the winter period, the facility would remain open at all other times.
2. That the Chairman arrange for the provision of a notice to be displayed on the tennis court stating that the facility was monitored at all times by CCTV.

7. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Committee noted that the Chairman and Clerk had met Mr D Lusty from Lighting Futures. The meeting had been helpful in securing the necessary assurances that 24 improved fixtures would be installed this year to comply fully with the terms of the contract.

The Chairman reported that if, in due course, the Parish Council wished to extend current provision to include Armitage Road, the cost per column would be approximately £500.00 [£243.00 for the electrical work and the remainder for the fixtures].

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on 7th November 2018, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]