

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Thursday, 3rd February 2022.

Present

Councillor Mrs DM Easton [Chairman], Alderman R Easton, Councillors K Ansell, Mrs P Ansell, Miss C Hodgkiss and DR Johnson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs G Harvey, JC Harvey and Mrs L Johnson.

Mrs R Davies [Committee Clerk], Sylvia Gibson [Parish Clerk] and Mr J Smith [Caretaker] were also present.

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 6th January 2022, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Bank Mandate

The Clerk to the Committee gave out the Bank Mandate for completion, which would also include the new Parish Clerk.

Bank charges had been introduced on the Parish Council accounts some months ago and it had been suggested that an alternative bank might be able to offer the Parish Council a better service.

All agreed that for the present time the arrangements with HSBC would stand until an alternative solution could be found.

A suggestion was made with regard to banking with Unity Trust. The Parish Clerk would bring more information to the March meeting.

4. ENERGY MANAGEMENT

It was noted that there was a sum of money in the Parish Council's budget to update the heating and lighting system in the Parish Hall. This would be considered at a later date.

Discussion took place regarding the heating in the Conference Room, which was not adequate - radiators were not functioning properly. The Chairman stated that she would contact the plumber to see if the situation with the radiators could be resolved.

5. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

A schedule of accounts for payment was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

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

6. FINANCE REPORT

The report showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 31st January 2022, was submitted for information and noted.

Alderman Easton thanked Mr J Smith for his efforts on producing the report.

7. ITEM OF EQUIPMENT

Scissor Lift

The purchase of this item at a cost of £3,000.00 plus VAT was also reported at the Parish Hall and Property Management Committee.

It had been agreed that the Scissor Lift be purchased and that the action taken be ratified at the full Parish Council meeting in March.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, 3rd March 2022, at 8.15 p.m.

[Chairman]