

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

Present: Cllrs Alderman R Easton (Vice Chairman), K Ansell, Alderwoman Mrs P A Ansell, Mrs J Brown, Mrs M Easton and T A Jones

In attendance: Mrs S Gibson – Clerk

There was a presentation by HS2 concerning job opportunities and apprenticeships

Public Participation

up to 15 mins.

Resident 1 spoke about the parking problems on Redbrook Lane on a Saturday, a Sunday and at school times, particularly causing an obstruction outside no 50 Redbrook Lane. Cars have been parking right where a bus stop is and even though there are double yellow lines, they still park there and the car owners seem to think that that is okay as long as the cars are wholly on the pavement. The resident wanted to know if the council could do anything in these circumstances. The Clerk to write to both the District Council and Highways to see if a parking attendant could visit the area regularly

Resident 2 spoke about the problems with the trains and buses because of the reduced service. Residents may be able to get into Rugeley but they cannot always get back. The lady has a mobility scooter and she finds this very difficult and she asked the council if provision could be made in Rugeley by the bus station, for people to securely park their mobility scooters for up to one hour at a time. The Vice Chair to talk to the District Council and this will be followed up by a letter from the council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of interest

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Fisher, Mrs W Fisher, J Harvey and Mrs G Harvey, Mrs C Hodgkiss, D Johnson, Mrs L Johnson

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February be approved and signed as a true record. The Minutes were then signed. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs M Easton. SECONDED by Cllr T Jones

4 BUS SERVICE

The Clerk reported that she had had no reply from J B Henderson, the CEO of Staffordshire County Council (SCC) or from the MP Mrs Amanda Milling although the Clerk had been in touch with her Constituency Office and had ascertained that Ms Milling had contacted D&G Buses after a communication from Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council in December. D&G Buses had told her that they had no plans to increase the current provision and so she then contacted J B Henderson. The Clerk was advised to send chasing letters and also to ask what had happened to the extra funds that were supposed to be devoted to public transport. Promises of extra funds had been made by SCC and by the government as part of its levelling-up agenda.

5 POLICE MATTERS

There was no police presence and although there was promise of a report, it was not sent

6 TO CONSIDER THE REGULARISATION OF THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES

All the problems to do with PAYE and HMRC have been sorted out and all the associated paperwork is now correct. The Council was very appreciative of all the help that had been received from the Chairman of Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council and it was decided that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks to him.

7 TO CONSIDER EARMARKING SOME RESERVES FOR BOTH THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH HALL GOING FORWARD INTO 2022/23

RESOLVED:

To earmark the following reserves, going into 2022/23:

Amount in £'s	Purpose
10,000	Elections
3,000	Bus shelters
2,000	Grit bins
3,000	Footpaths
2,000	Notice boards
10,000	Tennis court fund
13,000	Christmas Lights
2,000	Street cleaning machine

8,000	Street cleaning machine replacement fund
1,000	Allotments
1,000	Tractor maintenance and running costs
500	The defibrillator
1,000	The Mining Memorial and Remembrance Sunday
2,000	CCTVs
58,500	TOTAL

There was a recognition that there has to be at least £25,000 in the General Reserve which represents 25% of the council's running costs.

The RESOLUTION was accepted by all Councillors present

8 COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

To accept the minutes from the Finance and Management Committee on 3 February 2022. PROPOSED by Cllr R Easton. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs M Easton

To accept the minutes from the Parish Hall and Property Management Committee on 3 February 2022. PROPOSED by Cllr R Easton. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs M Easton

To accept the minutes from the Planning Committee on 1 February 2022. PROPOSED by Cllr T Jones. SECONDED by Cllr R Easton

9 MEMBERS' ITEMS

Ukraine

Cllr R Easton raised the possibility of putting up a Ukrainian flag alongside the flag that is flying outside the Parish Hall

A letter of support

Cllr Jones advised the council to write a letter of support and respect to Hawkins Logistics because of the generous offers that they have made to Ukrainian drivers in this country

The Queen's Jubilee

The remainder of the Members' Items came from Cllr C Hodgkiss who had sent in a note to be read out, as follows.

- Has anyone thought about obtaining a book of condolences in the event of the Queen's death? It was thought that one such book could be obtained at the time
- There will be cream teas and a flower festival plus celebrations at St. Michael's Church on the 28th and 29th May and the 5th June

- There will be a meal for the elderly paid for by Brereton Millions
- There will be street parties on the various estates
- There will be a scarecrow festival during the Jubilee celebrations. If people want to go on a scarecrow trail they will be able to tap into a QR code at each scarecrow to tell them where the next one is. People will be displaying their scarecrows on the 3rd and 4th June with the judging taking place on the 4th June
- There will be a food share with the church attending the housebound
- She asked about Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council's plans
- Brereton Million will produce a leaflet telling people what events are going on around Brereton
- Brereton Million have secured the jubilee torch but need somewhere to store it. So was hoping to be able to use the tennis courts as they are locked.

Miscellaneous items from Cllr Mrs C Hodgkiss:

- There are concerns locally about possible parking problems outside the micro-brewery. It was thought that if such a planning application comes to the council (it has already come in as a licence application) that that matter will be dealt with at that stage
- Cllr Mrs C Hodgkiss is worried about stray dogs. The Clerk to write to the District Council to ascertain its policy on stray dogs and to write to Cllr Mrs C Hodgkiss for more details

10 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present at this point

11 NEXT MEETING

This would be held on 5 April 2022.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Signed:

Dated: