

BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

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

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

Mrs R Davies [Clerk to the Committee], 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 3rd February 2022, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matter arising.

4. NEWMAN GROVE ALLOTMENTS

Alderman Ray Easton addressed the meeting of the Committee with regard to the area outside the gate at the Newman Grove Allotments. He had contacted Cannock Chase District Council on more than one occasion but the matter had not been resolved. Alderman Easton had approached Councillor Paul Fisher to see if he could be of assistance in the matter.

The Clerk to the Committee was asked to send a letter to the District Council to ask permission for the Parish Council to provide a more stable surface to the area outside the gate to the allotments.

Plot 12

The Clerk to the Committee confirmed that Mr Leech was the new tenant for Plot 12.

5. PARISH HALL PROGRESS REPORT

✚ Hire Fees

It was reported that hire fees were steadily rising now that groups had come back to the Parish Hall after a long absence due to Covid.

✚ Estimated Hire Fees to 31.03.22.

The Clerk to the Committee estimated that hire fees to 31st March 2022, were estimated to amount to £11,565.52 for the financial year 2021/2022.

✚ Water Rates

Alderman Ray Easton reported on the latest bill for the water rates, which had amounted to over £1,000.00. He had checked the meter reading which was extremely difficult to do because the meter had been covered in mud. South Staffs Water would be coming to investigate what could be a leak somewhere in the system. The bill has been held in abeyance until March.

✚ Bar

Discussion ensued regarding the bar facilities in the Parish Hall. The pipes that had been used when the Miners Arms were coming into the Parish Hall to provide bar facilities were not in a fit state to be used. The Committee considered providing pipes and pumps so that, in the future, it would be possible for the Parish Council to provide bar facilities at parties, weddings, etc. Alderman Easton had looked at costs and to provide the whole of the bar equipment, it would be approximately £800.00. The cost would be cheaper if the Miners Arms didn't need to have the cooler [which was in a reasonable condition] returned to them. If they did, it was suggested that the Parish Council offer a nominal sum of money to keep it.

RESOLVED

1. That the Miners Arms be contacted regarding the cooler.
2. That in the event that the Miners Arms removed the cooler from the bar, Alderman Easton be instructed to purchase the whole of the items needed to set up the bar.

All Members present were in agreement with this.

6. 'THROUGH THE STAGE DOOR'

Natalie, the Group Leader, had contacted the Clerk to the Committee to request a discount for a fundraising event the group were hoping to do to raise money to support students who would be participating in the 'Summer Showcase'.

RESOLVED

That a discount of 15% be offered to the group.

7. FINANCE REPORT

The report, showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Hall as at 28th February 2022, was submitted for information and noted.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, 7th April 2022, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]