

## **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, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### **Present**

Alderman R Easton [Chairman], Alderwoman Mrs P Ansell, Councillors K Ansell, Mrs DM Easton, Mrs G Harvey and JC Harvey.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms C Hodgkiss, DR Johnson and Mrs L Johnson.

Mrs R Davies [Clerk to the Committee] and Mr J Smith [Finance Officer and Caretaker] were also present.

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest given at the commencement of the meeting.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

As listed above.

### **3. DEATH OF THE MONARCH**

All Members and staff stood for 1 minute's silence in respect of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who had sadly passed away.

There would be a book of condolence put in the Parish Hall foyer for anyone wishing to sign. All present agreed that Her Majesty had been a brilliant ambassador for Great Britain and she would be sadly missed. Thoughts would now be with King Charles III. God save the King.

### **4. NEWMAN GROVE ALLOTMENTS**

An invitation to attend the meeting had been extended to Mr Craig Royall [Housing Maintenance Manager – Cannock Chase District Council].

As Mr Royall failed to attend the meeting, the Clerk was asked to contact him to express the disappointment of the Committee especially as he had been given the date in advance.

Mr Jim Cusack [Allotments Superintendent] had also been invited to attend the meeting.

Councillor John Harvey and Alderman Ray Easton had visited the allotments and concerns were raised about the state of the path the other side of the fence which was very overgrown.

### **5. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **6. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**7. PARISH HALL PROGRESS REPORT**

The Clerk reported on the hire fees for July and August 2022, which amounted to £1,993.60. Total hire fees to date for this financial year amounted to £6,329.61. She reported that fees for July/August did differ from other months because groups did not fully use the hall as they did in school terms. Nevertheless, hire fees were improving.

Comments from hirers of the Parish Hall were always very favourable – many remarking that the hall always looked very clean and tidy.

**8. FINANCE REPORT**

The report presented by John Smith, showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Hall as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, was submitted for information and noted.

Christmas Lights

All paperwork had been submitted regarding the lights.

Discussion took place between Members of the Committee regarding the amount of days that lights should be left on in view of the cost of electricity. A suggestion to leave the Christmas lights on from 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 was considered.

This action was proposed and seconded.

**9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED**

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022, at 7.30 p.m.

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[Chairman]