

## **BRERETON AND RAVENHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Ravenhill Park, Brereton, on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

### **Present**

Councillor TA Jones [Chairman], Alderwoman Mrs P Ansell, Alderman R Easton, Councillors K Ansell and Mrs DM Easton.

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

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

No declarations were given at the commencement of the meeting.

### **2. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### Pavements in the Parish

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had reported the state of the pavements to Mark Keeling [Staffordshire County Council] – the most urgent for repair was the raised pavement in Lodge Road.

#### HS2

The Chairman informed Members that he had met with representatives from HS2 and had been informed that funding was only available for main roads, ie designated lorry routes. It was suggested that Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council continue to press for funding for Brereton Road.

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

### **5. POLICE MATTERS**

There were no Police Officers in attendance at the meeting.

### **6. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Chairman reported that he had obtained the 'road closure' notice and had organised marshalls and notices for lampposts. Alderman R Easton was thanked for obtaining the yellow jackets and notices for the parish notice boards. Wreathes had been ordered. Brereton Corp. of Drumming was to lead the procession. Brereton Brownies would also take part and would be in the procession.

### **7. PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE**

The Chairman reported that he had not received a reply from Nigel Ferguson [Website Manager]. Members agreed to give notice to Mr Ferguson. The following resolution was put forward and unanimously passed:-

*“Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council, in the light of his persistent, serious and fundamental breaches of contract:*

*terminates the contract with Nigel Ferguson for provision and updating of a website;*

*authorises the institution of legal proceedings in the County Court against Mr Ferguson for breach of contract for damages [including but not limited to any penalties and the value of time spent], interest and costs;*

*in the event of non-cooperation [including delay] with the provision of necessary information to transfer operation of the website to the Parish Council or their appointee, authorises the institution of proceedings in the County Court against Mr Ferguson for an injunction and for any resulting damages together with interest and costs;*

*authorises each and every Parish Councillor to speak on behalf of the Parish Council to draw attention to the failures of Mr Ferguson in respect of his contractual obligations.”*

## **8. BUS SERVICE PROVISION, INCLUDING EQUALITIES IMPACT AND CONSULTATION**

It was reported that there was not a bus service around Setterfield Way. The Chairman agreed to write to Staffordshire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act regarding this matter. Alderman R Easton reported vandalism on unused bus shelters which may have to be taken down – three shelters were affected – Coulthwaite Way, Setterfield Way and Talbot Road

## **9. THE CASTLE INN SITE**

The Chairman reported that Cannock Chase District Council have made a resolution to grant planning permission.

## **10. LAND BETWEEN THE COLLIERS ROUNDABOUT AND THE CANAL, INCLUDING FLY-TIPPING, DOG WASTE AND TRIPPING HAZARDS**

Bollards were missing from this area. The Chairman has been in touch with Staffordshire County Council regarding this – there has been no reply as yet. Cannock Chase District Council to be contacted regarding fly-tipping.

## **12. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022, be approved.  
Moved and seconded.

## **13. PARISH HALL AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Hall and Property Management Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022, be approved.  
Moved and seconded.

## **14. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022, be approved.  
Moved and seconded.

**15. PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

**16. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK**

No response to date regarding the advertisements for Parish Clerk. It was agreed that a secretary would be useful and the applicant should be interviewed. If suitable, the applicant to be employed on a six months trial.

**17. MEMBERS' ITEM**

It was agreed that Parish Council vacancies would be advertised on the parish notice boards and within the Parish Hall.

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

**RESOLVED**

That the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, at 7.30 pm.

**19. FUTURE MEETINGS - 2023**

All agreed that the full Council and Planning Committee meetings would take place on the first Thursday of the month and that the meetings of the Parish Hall and Property Management Committee and Finance and Management Committee be held on the previous Tuesday with effect from January 2023.

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[Chairman]