

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 Tuesday, 28th February 2023.

Present

Alderman R Easton [Chairman], Alderwoman Mrs P Ansell, Councillors K Ansell, Mrs DM Easton and Mrs L Johnson.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor DR Johnson.

Mrs R Davies [Clerk to the Committee] and Mr J Smith [Administrator 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. NEWMAN GROVE ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that the structure erected by Mr Ghuman on the footpath, which was a public Right of Way, had not been removed even after a letter had been sent to him from the Parish Hall and Property Management Committee. Members all concurred that the public Right of Way should not be blocked in view of the fact that the pathway was used by members of the public.

Meeting with Mr Simms from Cannock Chase District Council

A date had been set for Mr Simms to meet with Alderman Easton at the Newman Grove Allotments.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2023, be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Road Sweeper

An email had been received from Councillor Arduino regarding the road sweeper belonging to Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council. It transpired that a member of the public had seen the sweeper in the Parish and had asked Councillor Arduino to find out why the Parish Council were getting rid of it. It was concluded that the road sweeper seen by the parishioner belonged to the District Council.

The Parish Council's road sweeper had been out of action for some considerable time because it needed extensive repairs.

A reply had been prepared by the Clerk to the Parish to Councillor Arduino pointing out the parishioner must have seen the District Council's sweeper. Alderman Easton indicated that the matter would be dealt with at the next full Council meeting.

The Committee suggested that the reply should contain the following:-

- A request to find out the name of the person that had been in touch with Councillor Arduino so that the Parish Council could respond.
- To publicise that the Parish Council's sweeper was beyond economical repair and that there were no voluntary drivers.
- That previous repairs to the sweeper had been paid for by Alderman Easton.

Alderman Easton had suggested that no action be taken with regard to the letter until the matter had been brought to the attention of the full Council meeting.

6. PARISH HALL PROGRESS REPORT

Hire Fees

The Clerk to the Committee reported on the total amount of hire fees for the month of February, which amounted to £1,153.65.

The total hire fees from 01.04.22. to 28.02.23. 2023, amounted to £13,755.25.

7. FINANCE REPORT

The report presented by Mr John Smith, showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Hall as at 28th February 2023, was submitted for information and noted.

8. BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk to the Committee confirmed that she had sent a letter to Sue Merriman [Brereton Million] in respect of the bus shelters, one of which had a missing panel. A telephone call from Sue Merriman had been received. The Clerk had suggested that it would be beneficial for a representative from Brereton Million to attend the full Council meeting on 6th April to discuss the issues with regard to the bus shelters.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 4th April 2023, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]