

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.**

**Those present;**

**Parish councillors;    Mr J Eaves [chair]    Mr W Mason [Deputy-chair]    Mr R Edwards**  
**Mr C Bayford [from19.50hrs]            Mr R Pitt [from20.25hrs]**  
**Mr D Jones [clerk]**

**5 members of the public- including [Mr & Mrs Shenton, 2 representatives of Burton Manor Sports Club and P. C. S Bishop, community officer for Burton Manor.**

**1/ The Chairman welcomed** those present and the meeting commenced at 19.30hrs.

**2/ Apologies;** had been received from County Councillor M Winnington & Borough Councillor R Sutherland

**3/ Matters raised by the general public;**

Burton Bank Lane /Burton Bank Bridge – clerk gave an update He has contacted Highways Agency, who presumably own the bridge, regarding the problem with it being used by individuals to access the field on the parish side of the motorway for illicit purposes such as the riding of motor bikes. There has been a meeting between the Highways Agency and the County Council regarding ownership of the bridge, and what action to take next, but nothing yet to report. The problems of the last 18 months were discussed, and although the police have been very helpful and have seized a number of bikes, it takes them time to respond to an emergency. The problem is not going away and it is anticipated to increase during the lighter summer evenings. It was noted that footpath signs and styles had already been vandalised on the adjacent public footpaths numbers 24&26. The representatives from the Sports Club confirmed that they owned the field but not the old road that runs from the adopted portion adjacent to Barn Bank Lane to the bridge. The field was bought by the club but is now an embarrassment as they do not have funds to develop it following the clubhouse fire last year and rebuilding costs, although they have reinstated the fence. The Shentons are in the front line as it is them who call the police and have therefore suffered verbal abuse and broken windows. A lengthy discussion then took place covering the various problems encountered by the Shentons and the Sports Club and what to do next. It was agreed that;

- The clerk would contact John Mills, the agent for Bostock Estate, and establish if they owned the portion of road in question.
- Contact the County Council and apprise them of the meeting's discussion regarding the problem and the suggestion of providing of a turnstile gate. [Copy to Councillor Winnington]
- Contact the County Footpath officer and advise him of the broken signs and stiles.

**4/ Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010;**

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

**5/ Report on matters arising from the meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda;**

- Neighbourhood watch; a meeting has been promised shortly, feedback will be reported to the next council meeting.

- Grammar School parking; a letter had been received from the chairman of the governors which was read to the meeting and is attached for reference.
- Trees on Hyde Lea bank; one side has been cut; clerk has asked Highways when the other side will be cut.

#### **6/Hyde Lea Notice Board;**

An estimate had been received from Greenbarnes Ltd for a new hard wood board at a cost of £1348.84[VAT inclusive] .The councillors agreed unanimously to accept this quotation

#### **7/ Financial matters;**

- a. Payment of the following invoices was agreed;
  - Clerk's salary & expenses-- £422.95
  - Stafford Borough Council[civic amenity visits]- £71.01
- b. Grant to St Lawrence church towards cost of storage shed. Councillor Mason declared an interest in this item. The church had received all the necessary planning and other consents. After a brief discussion the meeting agreed to donate £100. *[NB-the parish council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009 agreed a grant of £350 dependant on necessary approvals being obtained. Item to be reconsidered at May meeting]*

#### **8/ Planning matters;**

- Stafford Borough Local Development Framework- February 2010. A lengthy document outlining progress to date was handed to the Chairman for circulation amongst the council. Any comments by 7<sup>th</sup> April.
- South Staffs Local Development Framework- clerk reported that he had received a lengthy email on this subject. The main thrust of future development would be Penkridge and other large village such as Perton and Codsall. The only development foreseen in Dunstan and Coppenhall would be infilling within village boundaries and such matters as conversion of existing buildings.

#### **9/ Correspondence;**

A list of all correspondence received since the last meeting was handed to councillors.

#### **10/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;**

- Community gang; visit delayed until 12<sup>th</sup> March due to weather conditions. Agreed that they be asked to clear Barn Bank Lane gullies and also litter along lane and Hyde Lea bank. If time permitted the stretch of Thorneyfield Lane from the middle of the M6 Bridge to the Borough Boundary needed the kerbs cutting back.
- Footpath 11, The Drumbles. Clerk has discussed with County Council footpath section. To follow up.
- Civic Amenity Visits; dates attached to these minutes.

#### **11/Items for consideration at next meeting which will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010; this is the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM.**

- Elect chairman and deputy for next 12 months- there will be a Parish Council election in May 2011
- Agree parish council representatives on local bodies.
- Agree annual accounts [if completed]
- Bi-Annual Footpath survey
- Report on Neighbourhood watch meeting.
- Decide on grants to local bodies, including St Lawrence church.