

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair]- Miss J Wilkes-Mr R Pitt-Mr W Mason-Mr R Edwards.

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; 3 members of the public.

01: The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 1930.

02: Apologies; had been received from Borough Councillors R Sutherland & S Leighton.

03: Matters raised by the members of the public;

Mr Paul Taylor from Thomas Taylor Planning Consultants, gave a brief presentation on the plans for the renovation of the Old Ashflats farmhouse. The plans were circulated to the meeting and he explained that the intention is to rebuild the property as a modern dwelling, and although it is near to the motorway, with the design and double glazing sound pollution will be kept to the minimum. He explained that as the property had been unoccupied for some time the planning officer requires a Certificate of Lawful use to be submitted to prove that it is still a dwelling. The consensus of the meeting was that the proposal was sound and that bringing a derelict property back into use could only be commended.

04: Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 13th May 2015.

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record. The clerk apologised to Councillor Mason for incorrectly referring to him as R Mason. There were no other matters arising.

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06: Report on matters arising from the meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda;

The proposed wind turbine at Billington farm; clerk explained that there was strong opposition to this application from some of the residents of Derrington and it had been called in before the planning committee.

Orchard lane; following the complaint by a resident about the rat problem, a brief article had been put in Contact drawing the attention of residents to the problem and possible solutions. It appear that some are not prepared to take any measures to help.

Footpath 10; Mr Madders ,who farms the land over which the footpath runs, reported that a new gate had been provided by the County Council and fitted by his staff. It was only when the work was completed that it was realised that it was the wrong width for a bridleway. However to date no one has complained.

Trees on Hyde Lea bank; have been dealt with by a tree surgeon who was organised by Mr Phil Mcvay, the owner of the nursing home.

Green Lane; Councillor Eaves reported that following a meeting between himself, Mr Madders and a representative of the Rights of Way Office , it was agreed that Madders Farms could carry out remedial work on the road .

07: Financial matters;

A/ It was agreed to pay the following invoices;

<i>Clerks salary</i>	<i>£512.47</i>
<i>Clerks expenses</i>	<i>£40.74</i>
<i>PAYE</i>	<i>£128.00</i>

08: Planning matters;

Manor House Nursing Home; application 15/22147/FUL has been permitted.

Ash flats; the appeal by the developer against the planning inspector's ruling has been turned down by the High Court.

Parish policy on planning applications. Since 2012 the parish has received 23 applications. The majority were straightforward with a minority being more complex. It was decided that in future straightforward applications will be dealt with by two or three councillors but the more complex ones will require the council meeting as a group to agree a suitable response.

09: Correspondence;

The following correspondence has been received, if any councillor requires more information please contact the clerk.

Staffordshire County Council; proposed changes to the Mobile & Travelling Library Service. Due to cost and lack of use the service provision is being reviewed. All interested parties are asked to complete an online survey at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries

Staffordshire County Council; new Minerals Plan for Staffordshire 2015-2030-final draft –June 2015

Staffordshire County Council; review of winter operations. A questionnaire for completion regarding requirements for gritting.

Stafford Borough Council; plan for Stafford Borough-part 2 Proposals & Community Infrastructure Levy Consultations.

Stafford Borough Council; walking for health posters.

10: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Clerk reported that following a reorganisation of the Highways Department the parish now comes under Gailey. He met with Simon Griffiths, the new Community Liaison officer, earlier in the day to introduce himself and to discuss the tree issue on Hyde Lea bank. The trees on the left hand side approaching from the M6 need attention and responsibility needs establishing. Simon Griffiths promised to research the issue and let us know.

Neighbourhood Highways Team are due in the parish on 27th-28th August. A list of work that they can undertake was circulated to the council with a request for ideas that can be advised to Highways. – one suggestion from a member of the public was the hedge on Thorneyfields lane.

Bricks on wall outside grammar school; Councillor Wilkes reported that some of the bricks appeared loose and a possible hazard.

Gulley on Hyde Lea Bank, although they have been emptied recently the 3rd manhole on left hand side approaching from Barn Bank Lane appears to be blocked and needs further investigation.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th September 2015 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall VH.

Meeting ended at 2050 hrs.

