

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2006 at Hyde Lea Village Hall. Meeting started at 7.30pm.

Those Present;

Parish Councillors; Mr J Eaves [Chair] Mr D Allen [Vice-chair] Mr W Mason

Mr C Bayford

Mr D Jones [Clerk] and one member of the public

1/ Welcome by Chairman;

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2/ Speed Monitoring; a presentation by Richard Holland of Radarlux;

Mr Holland demonstrated a Mini Visor 230 VAS speed monitoring system to the meeting. A specification was also handed out to the councillors.

The system can record speed; memorize up to 270000 vehicle movements; be set to show actual speed of passing vehicle or display a warning only ; can be activated for time of day or number of days in a week.

Has to be placed 2.8 metres above footway, is of steel construction and is therefore fairly robust and weather proof, although not 100% vandal proof. Runs on rechargeable batteries with a 7 day cycle before recharging is needed. Batteries have a 2 year life span,

Software comes with disabling system to be activated.

System is delivered as a self assembly kit with 12 months initial warranty.

Cost, system £2850- batteries £40 each- software £900- spare clamp £150- maintenance package £200 per annum.

Meeting agreed in principle to purchase a system for use in the village were there is a perceived problem with speeding traffic.

Clerk to contact County Council, Speed watch, Borough Council group for community safety and Dunston & Coppenhall Parish Council.

3/ Apologies;

Were received from; Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor] & Mr M Winnington [Borough/County Councillor]

A letter from Mr G Lawrence tendering his resignation from the Parish Council was read to the meeting.

4/ Matters raised by the general public;

There were no questions from the members of the public present.

5/ Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th January 2006

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

6/ Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda;

Website; a domain name and client account have been created.

Village hall; it has been agreed that all Parish Council meetings will be charged at £7 per hour with a minimum of 2 hours.

Clerk informed the meeting that the VAT refund covering the period from 1/04/03 to date has been paid.

The contractor has been asked to varnish the bus shelter and fix a rim to the notice board.

7/Financial matters;

Authority was given to pay the following invoices;

Stafford Borough Council [civic amenity visit 26/11/05].....£62.00
Mr J Williams [audit fees for annual returns 2004&5].....£30.00
Clerk's salary & expenses.....£333.34
Seighford Parish Council [use of computer equipment to 31/03/06]...£60.00

a [Audit Commission, annual returns; the returns for year end March 2004 and 2005 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk gave an explanation of the completion of section 1 and 2. The meeting agreed to accept the forms as presented and they were duly signed.

b [Additional work performed by the clerk; to the 31st March the clerk will have worked an extra 25 hours over and above his contract hours .This has included problems with Barclays Bank , completing outstanding annual accounts and audit returns and sorting the documents that were inherited from the previous clerk . The meeting agreed to pay the additional hours and a cheque for £195 was signed.

8/ Planning matters;

Ranmore House; nothing heard by the Parish Council, but as an Ombudsman case only the interested parties will be contacted.

Barn Bank Manor; a letter was sent to the Planning Dept on 1st March outlining the Parish Council response to this case.

Branston House; a further amendment to the plan was received on 8th March. This was left with the councillors to consider after the meeting and to advise the clerk of their comments.

9/Correspondence received;

A list of all correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated with the minutes.

10/ Civic Amenity Visits;

Arrangements for 2006 are as follows;

Orchard Lane -6th May &14th October -10.00 to 12.00

Bradley Lane- 3rd June & 25th November -10.00 to 12.00

11/ Annual Footpath Review;

Has been completed, a number of matters require attention. Clerk to deal.

12/ Road, Highway & Footpath matters;

The horse warning sign has been returned at the bottom of Hyde Lea Bank at the entrance to Barn Bank Lane.

The various matters outstanding with Highways were mentioned; clerk to carry on harassing John Sly.

13/ M 6 Forum;

On 7th February Councillors Allen & Eaves had attended a presentation by the Highways Agency on the 3 options being considered. A report to the residents of Hyde Lea had been circulated in the Contact magazine, and residents are to be encouraged to protest as individuals to add more weight to the arguments.

There is a meeting of the forum on Wednesday 15th March at Hyde Lea Village Hall.

14/ Items for consideration at the next meeting;

Review of clerk's salary and hours.

Cooption of new councillor.

14/ Roger Hinton Charity;

Councillor D Allen has been invited to attend a meeting of the trustees to appoint a new secretary.

15/ Date of next meeting;

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10th May at Hyde Lea Village Hall.

Unfortunately the clerk is on holiday from the 16th to 27th May so it is not possible to re-schedule the meeting.