

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2006 at Hyde Lea Village Hall. Meeting started at 19.30 hrs.

Those Present;

Parish Councillors;	Mr J Eaves [Chair]	Mr D Allan [Vice-chair]	Mr W Mason
	Mr C Bayford	Ms A Makin	
Mr D Jones [Clerk]	Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor]		
	Mr M Winnington [Borough/County Councillor]		

1/ The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30 hrs.

2/ Apologies; No apologies had been received.

3/ Matters raised by the general public; There were no members of the public present.

4/ Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2006

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

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

At the last meeting concern had been expressed about the conditions that the itinerant workers were perceived to be living in at Billington Fruit Farm. The Borough Council Environmental Health Officer had been contacted about these concerns and his response was read to the meeting. Subsequently an inspection had been carried out by Environment Health and no problems were identified, all health & safety conditions appeared to have been met and those interviewed on site appeared quite content with their conditions. No further action to be taken at this stage.

6/Web site;

Peter Bickerstaff had been contacted and work on designing the site was underway. The clerk showed the meeting the outline of the site and a discussion was held concerning other items to be included. The meeting agreed to meet the initial cost of £500 for the web design and asked the clerk to advise the councillors if more funding was required. It was suggested that Dave Wesley of Stafford Borough Council be contacted to see if any grants towards this initiative were available as the central government is encouraging public bodies to make use of the internet.

7/ Arriva bus service;

A new timetable had been obtained from the County Council and circulated prior to the meeting. Residents had been advised, but the issue of the display of the timetable in the appropriate notice board in the village bus shelter was still unresolved. Clerk to pursue.

8/Financial matters; Authority was given to pay the following invoices;

Clerks salary £293.55]-expenses [£41.63].....	£335.18
Stafford B C[civic amenity visits 6 th May &3 rd June].....	£128.00
Zurich Municipal [annual insurance].....	£205.00
M6 Forum [grant].....	£100.00
Citizens Advice Bureau [grant].....	£50.00

NB the insurance at present does not cover fixed assets, i.e. bus shelter and two notice boards. The conclusion of the meeting was that replacing these would cost approximately £4000, Zurich insurance to be contacted

- **Grant request from St Lawrence Parochial Church Council;**

Councillors Mason & Makin withdrew for this item as they are on the Parochial Church Council. The meeting agreed an initial grant of £500 for this financial year. However the PCC was to be advised that future grants relied on them being more proactive in the quest for funding. It was suggested that they approach County Councillors Mark Winnington and Veronica Downes for funds from the members initiative grant for the next financial year. They would also be encouraged to seek other sources of funding such as lottery and to organise local fundraising events

9/ Planning matters;

A list of current planning applications was produced at the meeting. It was noted that the Parish Council have objected to application 06/06842/OUT due to poor access and proposed turning area, but a further observation at the meeting concluded that the access road could be unsuitable for emergency vehicles.

There was also concern expressed about the development on the land adjacent to Branston House, 06/06170/FUL, as the garage appeared to be on a position that was not indicated on the original plan. Clerk to ask the planning officer.

10/M6 Forum;

Dave Allan advised the meeting that he was no longer the chairman of the group, he was now treasurer. The post of chairman remains unfilled at present. The forum is writing to the minister to try and establish what exactly is planned; especially now that hard shoulder running is on trial on the M42. The clerk had received a letter from the Highways Agency regarding the progress of this project and was asked to copy to each councillor.

11/Correspondence received;

A list of all correspondence received since the last meeting was read out and is attached. If any councillor wants to see any of the correspondence they are to contact the clerk.

12/ Road, Highway & Footpath matters;

Annual footpath review; Councillors Makin & Bayford volunteered to do this and report to the January meeting. Traffic issues; clerk reported that no response had been received to the various requests about a traffic survey in the village. Councillor Winnington offered to take up with County Council.

Highway maintenance agreement was signed and witnessed at the meeting.

Horse riding sign by village hall needs moving approx 1 meter to enable access to car park to be enlarged.

Bollard on Hyde Lea bank is broken.

Corner of Green Lane is churned up by buses turning, Councillor Winnington to pursue with Highways.

13/ Items for consideration at the next meeting; Meeting dates for 2007

14/ Date of next meeting; The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th November 2006 at Hyde Lea Village Hall.

NB ; please note that the clerk will be on holiday from 26th September to 7th October.