

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 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

Mr D Jones [Clerk] Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor]

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

2/ Apologies; received from Parish Councillor. Ms A Makin & Mr M Winnington [Borough/County Councillor]

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 13th September

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record subject to the following amendments.

- Item 9- relating to Branston House- should read original plan and not approved plan.
- Item 12 –annual footpath survey – half of the footpaths would be surveyed by Councillors Makin and Bayford , the other half by Councillors Eaves and Mason.

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

- Web site; clerk reported no further progress but he was chasing Peter Bickerstaff to get things moving.
- Arriva bus services; official notice in the bus shelter, clerk to continue chasing the County Council to get Arriva to supply and fit one.
- Insurance policy; clerk had received correspondence from Zurich explaining that the council was covered under a limited policy that did not cover fixed assets. The meeting agreed that was not acceptable and the correct policy applicable to the Parish Council's activities should be requested.

6/Financial matters;

- **Authority was given to pay the following invoices;**

Clerks salary & expenses	£319.95
Grant to St Lawrence Church	£500.00
Community Council	£10.70

7/ Planning matters;

A list of current planning applications was produced at the meeting.

- The outline application for construction in front of Thaxted [06/06635/OUT] was discussed. The Parish Council have already objected to this.
- A further appeal has been lodged by the owner of Barn Bank Manor against the refusal to allow the access, hard standing and driveway serving the dwelling.
- The house being built adjacent to Branston House [06/06170/FUL] is being monitored by the planning officer and a further planning application has been requested.

- Green lane; land has been used for storage of materials and equipment and a 1.8 meter fence and double gate have also been constructed. The material and equipment have been removed but the fence and gate do not require planning consent as the land is adjacent to an unclassified road.

8/M6 Forum;

Councillor Allan informed the meeting that as yet a new Chairman had been found for the group. A letter from GAME has been received by the clerk.

9/Correspondence received;

A list of all correspondence received since the last meeting was circulated to those present. If any councillor wants to see any of the correspondence they are to contact the clerk.
Councillor Eaves had received a letter from the Chair of Dunstan & Coppenhall Parish Council regarding the late delivery of post to the village area. As Hyde Lea council have not received any complaints it was decided no action was relevant at this stage.

10/ Road, Highway & Footpath matters;

- Annual footpath review; this is to be reported to the January meeting. Councillor Eaves asked that all “kissing gates” be looked at with a view to replacing them with a more user friendly version especially for disabled users. The council have the funds to cover this work.
- Traffic issues; clerk reported that no response had been received to the various requests about a traffic survey in the village. Councillor Winnington had offered to take up with County Council at the last meeting but nothing has yet been heard.
- Highway maintenance agreement was signed and witnessed at the last meeting but an additional copy was required which has since been signed and despatched, clerk apologised for this oversight as he had not read the letter from John Sly correctly.
- Horse riding sign by village hall needs moving approx 1 meter to enable access to car park to be enlarged. This has still not been done.
- Mud on roads; is a problem on Hyde Lea bank as a farmers is leaving mud on frequent occasions. The last time the chairman contacted the police and the mud was eventually cleared. Clerk to establish who is actually responsible for this and should the clearance of the road be done without cost to the tax payer.
- Hyde Lea bank; leaves are falling and the road and pavement are covered and slippery. Clerk to try and get regular sweepings.
- The trees on the bank are also in need of cutting as they are obscuring the street lights. Again who is responsible?

11/ Items for consideration at the next meeting;

Precept
Report on footpath review.

12/ Meeting dates for 2007; were agreed as follows;

January 10th
March 14th
May 9th [AGM & annual parish meeting].
July 11th
September 12th
November 14th

Councillor confirmed that these dates had already been booked with the Village Hall.