

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2007 at Hyde Lea Village Hall. Meeting started at 19.30 hrs.

Those Present;

Parish Councillors;	Mr D Allan [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]-	from item 8

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

2/ Apologies; Apologies were received from Mr J Eaves.

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

4/ Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 2007

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;

The following matters were raised;

- The precept of £3600 has been accepted by the Borough Council and has been publicised.
- The Village Hall committee were written to and advised that the Parish Council will contribute 50% of the cost of the coming year's maintenance. Dunstan & Coppenhall Parish has contributed £75.
- The dates for next year's Civic Amenity Visits have been advised to the clerk and are attached to these minutes.
- The horse warning sign outside the village hall car park has finally been moved.

6/ Website;

The formal proposal from Eric Roy Consulting for the design of the parish website was discussed at length. A copy of the proposal had been sent to each councillor with the agenda. It was agreed unanimously to proceed with the proposals as laid out. It was also agreed that the clerk keep a record of time spent at the design stage to establish if more contract hours would eventually be required to manage the site and also for the councillors to decide if additional payment be made.

7/Financial matters;

Authority was given to pay the following invoices;

Clerks salary & expenses	£329.73
Eric Roy consulting [deposit for website design]	£150.00
Stafford Borough Council [civic amenity visits November 2006]	£64.00
Audit Commission [audit fees 2006 accounts]	£141.00
Zurich Municipal [additional premium]	£115.25
Ingestre woodworks [timber for styles]	£446.50
Jo & co [work on footpaths]	£702.00
T G M [cleaning road signs]	£100.35
Seighford Parish Council [annual rent of computer equipment]	£60.00

8/ Planning matters;

The following were discussed in detail;

- Barn Bank Manor; the appeal went against the developer, who has been instructed to remove the various unauthorized developments. Progress to be monitored.
- 06/06842; land to rear of Hill Cottage. This development was permitted despite Parish objections concerning various parking and access issues.
- 06/07373; land at Stoneleigh. Modifications to the original plans were permitted despite adverse comments by the Parish and Councillor Winnington "calling the development in"

It was announced at the meeting that when a development was objected to, the Development Control Committee was to invite the developer and any objector to appear before the committee and to briefly state their case. It is hoped that this change be implemented before the May election.

9/ Elections;

The clerk reminded the councillors of the procedures required in the forthcoming elections. A supply of application forms was issued to those present. Councillors Sutherland & Winnington offered to include a flier on behalf of the parish council advertising the elections when they deliver their own election literature. Clerk to compose a suitable sheet.

Any questions or problems concerning the election please contact the Elections Office at the Borough Council , telephone 01785 619424.

10/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.

11/ Road, Highway & Footpath matters;

- Details of the traffic surveys that have been taken in Hyde Lea had been received by the clerk and produced at the meeting. He is to continue to push the County Council to consider the provision of VAS equipment funded by the Parish Council.
- Annual footpath Survey; Footpath 11 & 14- the problems with these had been brought to the attention of the Footpath Officer at the County Council who is dealing. The work on the other sites has been completed.
- M6; Councillor Allan reported that there had been very little activity recently as they were still awaiting the governments proposals. However various other pressure groups had held public meetings in the interim. The group is still looking for a new chairman as he wishes to resign from the position.

12/ Items for consideration at the next meeting;

At the AGM;

- This will be the first meeting of the new council since the May election so all councillors will be required to complete a "Declaration of acceptance of office".
- The meeting will then be required to elect a chairman for the coming year and a note will be included in the minutes of those councillors who serve on other local committees.
- There will also be a requirement for the new council to complete fresh bank mandates.

13/ Next meeting is on May 9th 2007 and is the AGM and annual public meeting.