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HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 14th May 2008 at Hyde Lea Village Hall. As there were no members of the public present it was decided not to convene the Annual Parish Meeting.

Those present; Parish councillors

Mr J Eaves [chairman] Mr C Bayford
Mr R Edwards Mr W Mason.[deputy-chairman] from item 7

Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor] and Mr D Jones [clerk]

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

2/ Apologies were received from Parish Councillor A Makin and County Councillor M Winnington

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

4/ Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2008

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

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

- Clerk's laptop, provision has been agreed in principle by Seighford Parish Council and the clerk will look for suitable models and software as soon as practicable.
- The footpath at Billington Farm which appears to be blocked by caravans has been reported to the County Council. It is understood that the Borough Council is currently pursuing enforcement action for the removal of these caravans.
- M6 Forum; as Councillor Allan no longer serves as a parish councillor he can no longer be involved with the M6 forum. He will call a meeting in due course and seek the election of a successor.

6/ Civic Amenity Visits;

Will take place as follows-Orchard Lane; 10th May and 11th October
Bradley Lane; 7th June and 22nd November.

7/ Hyde Lea and Coppenhall Village Festival

A letter has been received asking for assistance with the festival. After a brief discussion it was decided that the council would;

- Arrange with a local garden centre to provide floral tubs during the period of the festival in the proximity of the village hall.
- Ask the Air Ambulance if they could provide an exhibition for some period during the festival .

8/ Financial Matters;

Payment of the following Invoices was agreed;

Clerk's salary & expenses -	£ 360.31
Stafford B C [elections expenses]	£ 69.20
Community Council [annual membership & photocopying] -	£ 22.74

Annual accounts; These were accepted by the councillors.

Grants; The meeting discussed grants to the village hall, the church and local charities. It was decided to donate the following amounts to local charities;

Air Ambulance-£1000.00- Samaritans-£250.00- Katharine House-£250.00

9/ Planning matters;

The position regarding current planning applications is as follows-

07/08989/COU-Thaxted, 4 bed detached plus garage-pending

07/09200/FUL-Elm Court-pitched roof-permitted

08/09695/FUL-Stafford Grammar School- floodlights –pending

08/09825/FUL-The Knoll-garage extension –pending

08/09887/COU-Lease farm-gas tankage-pending

08/09975/FUL-Land at rear of Hill cottage- detached dwelling with garage-pending.

Barn Bank Manor- Mr Cope is due in court on 23rd May regarding non compliance with enforcement notice.

Land at Green Lane is being used for vehicle storage – no progress as yet due to absence in Borough Council enforcement team but matter is in hand.

10/ Correspondence received;

A list of all correspondence was given to those present and the clerk asked if anyone wanted anything to peruse further to let him know.

11/ Road, Highway & Footpath matters.

- Speed monitoring sign; the history was given briefly. The parish council had allocated £6000 for the purchase of two Vehicle Activated Signs [VAS] for use on the main road through the village. However the County Council flatly refused to sanction this. The County Council in turn purchased a number of portable VAS and have been positioning them in various localities to monitor and obtain statistics of traffic flow. One such was placed at the top of Hyde Lea bank without any reference or discussion with the parish council. This has now been removed and may be returned later in the year .The clerk has asked Gailey Highways to liaise with him before any such sign is returned to the village.
- Trees on Hyde Lea bank; appear to have been cut down by a resident without any due care or compliance with Health & Safety regulations. The remains of the cut timber have now been removed
- Water on Hyde Lea bank has been reported to Severn Trent.
- Concern has been expressed about the Grammar School's activities on footpath 11.
- Councillor Eaves told the meeting that he had requested 12 neighbourhood watch signs for positioning in the village.
- Councillor Eaves reported that he had asked British Telecom to clean the public telephone box.

12/ Items for consideration at the next meeting which is on 9th July2008;

Completion of annual return for district auditor
Cheques for local charities