

Hyde Lea 07/08

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 2008 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present; Parish Councillors

Mr J Eaves [chair] Mr W Mason [deputy-chair] Mr R Edwards Mr C Bayford
Mr M Winnington [County/Borough councillor] Mr D Jones [clerk]

one member of the public.

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

2/ Apologies; Received from Amanda Makin [parish councillor] and Mr R Sutherland [Borough councillor]

3/ Matters raised by the general public;

Mrs Ursula Dickinson handed out a leaflet advertising a website that is dedicated to saving energy. She also explained a movement called Peak Oil that was created to look at alternative energy when the oil reserves run out. She promoted a book titled the Transition Handbook, by Rob Hopkins founder of the transition movement, which covers the subject of moving from oil dependency to local resilience. During September/October she intends to hold an evening for local residents dealing with the subject and to explain the movement in more detail.

4/ Confirm minutes of the Parish council meeting held on 14th May 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;

There were no matters arising.

6/ Request from St Lawrence Church for grant aid.

A letter had been received from Mr Farnworth , church warden, asking for a grant from the council towards the cost of repair work. The meeting decided that as the letter was not detailed enough for any decision to be made the clerk write and find out more information.

7/ Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village festival;

At the last meeting it was agreed to ask the Air Ambulance if they could visit and man an exhibition, unfortunately they could not. It was also agreed that Bradley Garden Centre be approached and asked about supplying floral displays. The clerk did this and passed on the information to the organiser Mr Thorley and asked how many, what size and what sort of flora was required. Nothing was heard back from the committee, so when Councillor Mason realised that nothing had been done, he saved the day and obtained a number of pots of blooms from the garden centre on a loan basis.

8/ Financial Matters;

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| a) Invoices for payment; | Clerk's salary & expenses | £362.74 |
| | Mrs J Williams [audit fees] | £60.00 |

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| Air Ambulance [grant] | £1000.00 |
| Samaritans [grant] | £250.00 |
| Katharine House Hospice [grant] | £250.00 |
| Hyde Lea village hall [hall hire] | £120.00 |
| Seighford Parish Council [use of IT equipment] | £60.00 |
| Community Council [photocopying] | £4.56 |

b) **Annual return for the District auditor;** this was explained to the councillors and it was accepted and duly signed by the chairman. It was suggested that as the District auditor will query the large amount of funds in the deposit account [this is a regular event] that a brief note be placed in the Contact magazine and ask residents if they could think of anything that the community needed.

9/ Planning matters;

Thaxted; still under consideration but is possibly going in front of the Planning committee, Clerk to find out when.

Barn Bank Manor ; Mr Cope has been fined for non compliance with the planning inspectors ruling. He has submitted a fresh application for an agricultural building and track which was invalid and is currently being discussed by the agent and case officer.

Green lane; has been delayed due to sick absence by the enforcement officer. An email had been received explaining that the site had been inspected on 25th June 2008 and that consideration was being given for enforcement action. Clerk to monitor and find out which committee hearing it will be heard at.

Grammar School; Application for lighting on playing fields; is still under consideration by the planning dept.

10/ Correspondence received;

A list of all correspondence received was brought to the meeting.

The proposals on the local development plan were left with the councillors to read and comment on via the clerk by 1st August. However it looks as though Hyde Lea will not be too affected especially now it has lost its bus service

11/ Road, Highway & Footpath matters.

Highway maintenance agreement; is for £650.00 for the current financial year.

Footpaths; a letter from the grammar school was circulated to the meeting. It outlined the current progress on the footpaths and playing field project. The only comment was that the provision of "kissing gates" was not disabled friendly.

Neighbourhood watch; Councillor Eaves explained that he had attempted to obtain some neighbourhood watch signs for the village. However you now have to complete an application form and there are strict restrictions where the signs can be placed. He suggested that himself with Councillor Mason and Mr Jones[clerk] walk the village at a time to be arranged and look for suitable spots.

Water on Hyde Lea bank at junction with Barn Bank Lane; Severn Trent have been approached about this problem and have assured us that it is not a water main. The matter has now been referred to County Council Highways.

Vehicle Activated Signs; despite the parish offering to purchase and maintain these signs, the County Council have refused to sanction this. The funds have been earmarked for this which is why the comments under 8[b]. The councillors decided to raise this on a formal basis at the next Parish Forum scheduled for 4th September 2008.

Bus Service; has been replaced one day a week by Rural Link. This is due to go to tender with an October date for a new operator, possibly dial and ride.

M6 Forum; this was raised but was covered in the minutes of the 14th May item 5 Para 3

12 /Next meeting is on 10th September 2008-