

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2008 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall.

Those Present;

**Mr J Eaves [chair]- Mr W Mason [Deputy-chair]- Mr C Bayford- Mr R Edwards.
Mr D L Jones [clerk].**

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

2/ Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Ms Amanda Makin

3/ St Lawrence Church;

A letter dated 4/8/08 requesting grant aid, and copies of recent accounts, had been received from St Lawrence Parochial Church Council. Mrs Cantrill and Mr Farnsworth, representing the Parochial Council, addressed the meeting and explained the request in more detail. Their finances were discussed and concern was expressed that any money given by the Parish Council might not directly benefit St Lawrence as the Parochial Council also covered the affairs of the church at Dunstan. Various other ways of raising funds were discussed and it was felt that more pressure should be applied to Dunstan & Coppenhall Parish Council to provide a grant or an explanation as to why they could not. The meeting agreed in principle to consider funding specific projects, such as storage shed for the garden tools or a sound system. This would mean that Parish funds were spent on specific items and did not disappear into the general pot. If any councillor wishes to see the accounts referred to please contact the clerk.

4/ Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 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;

- A letter of thanks had been received from the Village Hall for the Parish Council providing the flower tubs during the village festival in July.
- Water on Hyde Lea Bank; was reported to the County Council Highways who confirmed that it was a water leak and have also reported it to Severn Trent.

6/ Financial Matters;

- Invoices for payment; Clerk's salary & expenses - £352.21
Stafford B C [Civic amenity visit- £136.61[*paid 31/07/08*]
Jo & Co [footpath work]- £625.00
E A Roy [website maintenance]- £120.00
- It was agreed to transfer £2000 from the deposit to the current account. Councillor Eaves agreed to contact Barclays as an authorised signatory.

7/ Feedback from Parish Forum;

A presentation was given by the Planning Department of the Borough Council regarding the Local Development Framework and the current position. The council are still gathering evidence for potential development sites and despite reports in local papers nothing has yet been decided. Once the sites have been identified more discussion will take place with parishes and other interested parties before a final decision is made. The meeting insisted that before any large scale development took place in Stafford Borough the infrastructure must be in place first i.e. a bus station. Feedback will be given to parishes

