

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Hyde Lea Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2009 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village hall.

Those present;

Parish Councillors; **Mr J Eaves [chair]** **Mr W Mason [deputy- chair]**
 Mr C Bayford **Mr R Edwards** **Mr R Pitt**

Mr M Winnington [Borough/County Councillor], & Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor].

Mr D Jones-clerk.

1/ Chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.35 hours.

2/ Apologies; There were no apologies received.

3/ Co-option of new councillor to fill vacancy;

Mr R Pitt was welcomed to the meeting and it was agreed unanimously that he be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The necessary documentation was then completed.

4/ Matters raised by the general public;

There were no members of the public present.

5/ Confirm minutes of the Parish council meeting held on 12th November 2008

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

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

- Neighbourhood watch signs; an email from Mr Garrett was read to the meeting. The suggestion was that the Parish Council order the signs and arranged the fitting. Clerk to contact Community Engagement Officer.
- Green Lane; progress on enforcement action on the premises storing motor vehicles; Councillor Winnington promised to follow up.
- Barn Bank Manor- various rumours are in circulation regarding Mr Cope and the future of the business/property. To date nothing substantial is known.
- Orchard Lane – the position of the orchard was indicated on a map so the clerk can approach the Land Registry to establish ownership.
- Grammar School parking- letter from the Bursar had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to monitor situation for now, clerk to contact the school subsequently and ask for progress report
- Green Lane, replacement sign; Jo & Co to be reminded to complete work.
- Vehicle Activated Signs ;no response to Clerk's letter to the County Council; reminder to be sent copied to Councillor Winnington.

7/ Financial Matters;

1. Invoices for payment;	Clerk's salary & expenses –	£400.71
	Audit Commission-	£138.00
	Community Council-	£2.90
	Stafford Borough Council-	£68.30

2. Precept for 2008/9- It was agreed that the precept for 2009/10 be set at £3600.00, which means that the parish rate has now remained unchanged for 3 years. The meeting also agreed that the full concurrent grant for £574 be requested.
3. Clerk's annual salary review; the Council agreed that the Clerk's salary should be adjusted to Spinal Column Point 21 effective from April 2008.

8/ Planning matters;

- Thaxted appeal; notifications of appeal received. It was agreed that the Parish Council could add nothing to the original objection to this development.
- 8 applications for Billington Farm phased development had been received during the holiday period; these were given to Councillors Mason & Edwards to consider and respond as appropriate.

9/ Correspondence received;

A list of all correspondence received since the November meeting was given to those present. .

9/ Roads- Highway & Footpath matters.

1. **Community gang-** suggestions for work included
Orchard Lane to M6; the footpaths to be cleared of weeds and verges cut back.
Barn Bank Lane; drain grids to be cleared of weeds and debris.
Debris and mud to be cleared from centre of Hyde Lea Bank in proximity of traffic bollards.
Barn Bank Lane ; remove road signs that have been left after road works.
2. Barn Bank Lane; rubbish dumped
 potholes
 water leak
 lane is now used extensively by traffic and HGVs are also using it. As the lane is not suitable for them can we have signs to prohibit unless delivering .
3. Hyde Lea Bank; trees on bank, some branches are overhanging road and need cutting.
 rubbish on verges.
4. Civic Amenity Collections for 2009/10; it was agreed that the council required them and would like a similar time scale to last year.
5. Footpaths review; as these have been completed regularly it was agreed that in future the inspection programme would be undertaken bi-annually. Any problems that come to the councillor's attention to be given to clerk.

10 /Next meeting is on 11th March 2009-