

# *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 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 R Pitt                    Mr D Jones [clerk]**

**Mr M Winnington [County/Borough Councillor] -plus five members of the public.**

The first item of business was to elect the Chairman & Deputy-chairman for the coming year.

Councillor Eaves agreed to stand as Chairman and Councillor Mason agreed to stand as Deputy-chairman. This was proposed and agreed by the councillors present.

Councillors Bayford & Edwards agreed to represent the Parish Council on the village hall committee.

**1/ The Chairman then welcomed** those present and the meeting commenced at 19.30hrs.

**2/ Apologies;** no apologies had been received.

**3/ Matters raised by the general public;**

- I. Barn Bank Lane; Mr & Mrs Shenton who live on the lane had already emailed the clerk with details of their problems with bikers using the land opposite their house. They explained to the meeting the lengthy aggravation they and other residents had been receiving and up to recently the police had done nothing claiming the problem was on private land. The farmer has now given permission for the police to go onto the field and deal with the problem, so hopefully matters might improve. In the interim it was agreed that the Parish Council write to the police at Stone and point out the problem and ask for action.
- II. Barn Bank Lane; since the resurfacing it was being used as a racetrack. Highways to be approached and asked for provision of weight restriction signs [again] and for the 30mph limit to be extended.
- III. Orchard Lane; two residents spoke at their concern about the proposed allotments in the old orchard. They felt it would cause parking problems to the residents and there is no proper access. The clerk explained that he had been in communication with the agents for Ascertec Engineering the land owners, regarding the Parish Council possibly leasing the site. However nothing had yet been agreed and before any decision was made proper consultation would be made with the residents via the residents association.
- IV. Orchard Lane; problems with the sewage system was discussed. System overflows on occasions and appears to be inadequate due to overload on the pipes.. Severn Trent to be approached and asked if the sewage on the lane and in Hyde Lea generally can support any more development.

**4/ Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009;**

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

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

- Neighbourhood watch; clerk promised to remind the Planning Department about the approval sought for the placing of notices on appropriate places.
- Green Lane; owner of the site on which vehicles are stored illegally had been given 3 months to remove them expiring on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to follow up.
- Barn Bank Lane, water leak; was in fact a spring which has been resolved by the Highways.
- Councillor Eaves reported that the damaged telephone box had been repaired.

## **6/ Financial matters;**

- I. Payment of the following invoices was agreed;
  - Clerk's salary & expenses-- £376.71
  - Jo& Co [notice board replacement] £385.00
  - Community Council [copying- £3.82
  - SPCA [ annual membership]-- £141.00
- II. Barclays bank; Clerk reported further problems regarding returned mail, which it turned out was the fault of the Royal Mail and not the bank. The council decided to make one further attempt to get Councillor Edwards as a signatory to cheques and the appropriate form was signed.
- III. Grants to local bodies; the decision on donations to local charities was deferred until the July meeting.
- IV. Clerks hours; the clerk reported that he had kept a strict record of hours worked against contract hours of 4 per week. The balance over an 11 month period was negligible so no further action was to be taken at present.
- V. Draft accounts ; the accounts are at present with the internal auditor so it was decided to delay formal acceptance until the July meeting.

## **7/ Planning matters;**

Planning approval for the storage container at the Village hall had been given and it is now in place.

Billington Fruit farm; approval has been granted for the caravans housing seasonal workers with strict conditions. It appears that planning approval will now be needed for the poly-tunnels..

## **8/ Correspondence;**

A list of all correspondence received since the last meeting was handed to councillors. If any councillor wishes to peruse any item, please contact the clerk.

## **9/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;**

- Local Development Framework; South Staffs District Council held a series of meetings and exhibitions. Councillor Mason attended the one at Penkrige on 25<sup>th</sup> March and reported to the meeting the various facts he had learned. Most of the development in South Staffs that could affect the parish will be around Penkrige and between Acton Trussell/Dunstan and the Cannock Road A 34. The impact on the parish will be minimal.
- Pothole problems; clerk reported a series of emails from a resident of Coppenhall regarding the state of some roads and damage inflicted on vehicles by the potholes. It appeared that the roads concerned were in the Dunstan& Coppenhall parish area so he advised them of their parish clerk's details for them to apprise their parish council of the ongoing problem.
- M6 Forum; a reply from Councillor Allan was read to the meeting. Membership of the forum is restricted to serving Parish Councillors only. He is no longer a parish councillor so he intends to call a meeting of the forum as soon as practicable to resolve the question of his successor.
- Community Bus; runs on Tuesdays and is currently under used. If usage is not improved it could possibly be withdrawn on cost grounds.

## **10/Items for consideration at next meeting which will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009;**

- Consider Grants to Contact magazine, St Lawrence Church, Samaritans, Citizens Advice Bureau, Hyde Lea Bridge Club and any other local group.
- To accept Annual accounts and sign Annual return for District Auditor,
- 30mph roundels on road through village to help with speeding problems

NB; please note the clerk will be on holiday from 13<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June