

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 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]**

**One member of the public.**

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

**2/ Apologies;** apologies had been received from Councillors Winnington & Sutherland.

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

Mrs Helen Garner, a resident of Coton Clanford, attended the meeting to voice her concern about the planning application for Billington Farm for the provision of poly-tunnels at various locations. The application was discussed in detail and the following conclusions were drawn; there were no planning grounds for the Council to oppose the application, although drainage of rainwater from the structures was cause for concern. The main point that Mrs Garner made regarding the damage to the roadside verges and infrastructure was accepted as a legitimate concern but was a Highway issue rather than a planning one. Clerk to write to Highways; copy to Councillor Winnington pointing out the damage caused by this company to roads and verges.

**4/ Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 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;**

Barn Bank lane; Mr & Mrs Shenton had spoken at the last meeting about the problems caused by individuals using quad bikes and other machines on the field opposite their house. Nothing further has been heard so hopefully the problem has been resolved with police intervention. Clerk to contact the Shentons and find out current position.

Neighbourhood watch signs; had been ordered and are held by Councillor Eaves. Police have been contacted to fit them, to be reminded.

**6/ SPCA Area committee;**

Currently the Parish Council is not a member of the Area Committee which was a cause of embarrassment to the secretary when he booked a recent meeting in the village hall. Normally member councils host these meetings and consequently pay for the hall hire and buffet. A brief discussion followed regarding whether or not we should join and attend the quarterly meetings. It was agreed that the clerk would circulate minutes of the last meeting held in Hyde Lea so that councillors could peruse them and decide if they feel we should join.

**7/ Website;**

A request was made to add times and dates of mobile library visits onto the site which was done. However it was decided not to extend the site at present. To delete Crown public house as it no longer has a web site of its own

## **8/ Financial matters;**

1. Payment of the following invoices was agreed;
  - Clerk's salary & expenses-- £377.99
  - Mrs J Williams [audit fees] £65.00
  - Stafford Borough Council [civic amenity visits] £142.00
  - Nick Jones[ planter outside village hall] £260.00
  - R Pitt[ compost and plants for planter] £57.00
2. Trent Grounds Maintenance [cleaning of road signs] £103.85; was paid in March 2009 but not shown on previous minutes, payment was approved by the council.
3. Barclays bank; Clerk reported further problems. The council decided to make one further attempt to get Councillor Edwards as a signatory to cheques and the appropriate form was signed.
4. Grants to local bodies; It was agreed the following grants be paid.
  - Hyde Lea Bridge Club- £150.00
  - St Lawrence Church- £350[towards new storage facility dependant on necessary approvals being granted.]
  - Contact magazine- £350.00
  - Citizens Advice Bureau-£350.00
  - Samaritans- £350.00
5. The annual accounts for 2008/9 were accepted by the council and the annual return was signed.

## **9/ Planning matters;**

- Green lane; storage of vehicles.- a letter from Planning Enforcement was read to the meeting and is attached for information.
- Billington farm-poly- tunnels, discussed at item 3

## **10/ 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.

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

- Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village hall; the Parish Council have funded a planter outside the hall which has been donated to the village hall committee who will be responsible for future maintenance and planting. The meeting expressed their thanks to Councillor Pitt who organised this and provided his labour free for the initial planting..
- Castlechurch Way-a request from Borough Council for old leaflets outlining the route.
- Orchard lane; nothing has been heard from the owners of the land. The question was asked if the Parish Council could make the area a village green
- Orchard lane/ Bradley lane; the meeting was advised of sewage problems in these locations , Severn Trent to be contacted.
- South Staffs District Council; Concern was expressed over possible development in Coppenhall and the impact on the parish. Clerk to ask South Staffs if we can be included on any planning matters.
- Footpath 15; Green Lane blocked by crops.
- Hyde Lea bank; tree cutting; the trees around the lights have been cut, but not the overhanging branches. Clerk to remind Highways.
- Traffic calming measures; As the VAS signs are no longer an option , it was suggested that Highways be contacted for advice on traffic calming measures on the main road through the village.

**12/Items for consideration at next meeting which will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009;**

Cheques for grants

SPCA area committee