

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2010 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 Sutherland [Borough councillor]-Mr D Jones [clerk] and three members of the public-

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

2/ Apologies; had been received from Councillor R Pitt and Councillor M Winnington [County/Borough councillor]

3/ Matters raised by the general public;

The members of the public present did not raise any issues.

4/ Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2010;

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;

- Trees on Hyde Lea bank; Some of the trees appear to form part of the boundaries of some of the adjacent properties and as such are the responsibility of the owners. Concern was raised about some of the trees whose branches are overhanging the road and could become potential hazards. Councillor Sutherland offered to speak to Highways about this problem as the meeting considered a site visit appropriate to establish which trees were on private land and which were not.
- Councillor Eaves reported that he had received the invitations to the Local Council Day planned for 4th October. He and Councillor Mason will be attending.
- The new Parish Council notice board has been positioned. The meeting thanked Councillors Eaves and Pitt who actually erected it. The hedge around one side is to be replaced, it was agreed that the Parish Council would cover the cost.

6/ Website;

A request had been received from Eric Roy to continue to host and maintain the council website. The meeting agreed unanimously to accept his offer and ask him to continue the work.

7/Financial matters;

a. Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

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| • Clerk's salary & expenses-- | £391.26 |
| • Eric Roy | £110.00 [website maintenance] |
| • Audit Commission | £141.00 [audit fees] |
| • Village hall | £300.00 [grant] |

b. Insurance;

Clerk explained the position regarding Local Council Insurance. There had only been 2 companies offering the service which had meant that price comparison was difficult. Recently he had become aware of a broker working for Aviva [Norwich Union] offering a competitive package and had taken advantage of this for Seighford Parish Council. The new package offered increased cover at a lower premium and had been accepted. Following this the broker had been contacted to give a quotation for the Hyde Lea insurance which is due for renewal on 15th October. The quotation was for £262.50 which is cheaper than the current premium with Zurich and will probably therefore be cheaper than the renewal. The meeting agreed in

principle to accept the quotation from Aviva, conditional on their cover being similar if not improved compared to the present insurance. It was noted that the Village hall had recently changed their insurance to Aviva.

8/ Planning matters;

Application 10/13989/FUL [land to rear of Hill cottage] was objected to by the council but was allowed by the Borough Council on 27/08/2010.

Councillor Sutherland in his role as Chair of the Planning committee reported that the planning department is being restructured to improve the service to the public The work should be completed by the end of the year.

Barn Bank Manor; it was noted that the property is for sale by the bank. The question was raised regarding the various outstanding planning problems that were ongoing when the previous owner vacated the premises .This would be a Borough Council planning issue but it was decided to keep a watching brief if the property is sold..

9/Village hall matters;

Councillor Edwards reported that the last planned meeting had been postponed at short notice so there was nothing to report at this stage. However he understood that the recent Village festival had be a success and made a profit of £2200.

10/ Correspondence;

A list of all correspondence was supplied to councillors; anyone wishing to peruse any item to contact clerk.

Clerk reported that he was attending a meeting with the Boundary Commission on 15th September regarding the Electoral Review of Staffordshire and would report to the next meeting..

11/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

- M6 Forum; Councillor Dave Allen is the current chairman and despite reminders has not called a meeting for some time. A resident of the parish has frequently contacted the chairman about this. As the M6 is not going to be widened the question is should the forum be continued or wound up, and the money in their bank be disposed of. Councillor Sutherland promised to have an unofficial word with Dave Allen.
- Burton Bank Lane; the barriers installed by the Highways Agency are ineffective. Mr Shenton explained that bikes can drive through them without hindrance and showed photos to prove it. Councillor Sutherland promised to speak to Councillor Winnington who had undertaken at previous meetings to pursue this matter with Highways.
- Footpaths; the County Council have been contacted to carry out the repairs identified by the recent footpath surveys. Councillor Edwards has still not been successful in meeting the footpath officer regarding the Drumbles but will persevere.
- Dog fouling; notices have been displayed requesting dog owners clear up after their pets. However it was pointed out that there are no Fouling Bins in the vicinity of Barn Bank Lane /Hyde Lea Bank. Clerk to take up with Streetscene. It was explained that Streetscene also clear fly tipping and other rubbish from roads. Contact number 61900.
- Police; had promised to either attend meetings or send a report of recent problems. As this was not being done clerk to write to Inspector at Stone LPU.
- The new number for County Council services is 0300 111 8000.

12/ The next meeting will be held on 10th November 2010;

Meeting Dates for 2011:-

12th January. 9th March. Elections on 5th May 11th May

13th July 14th September. 9th November.