

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.**

**Those present;**

**Parish councillors;**

**Mr J Eaves [chair]      Mr R Pitt      Mr C Bayford      Mr W Mason[Deputy-chair]**

**Mr M Winnington; [County/Borough Councillor] attended from 20.10hrs.**

**Mr D Jones [clerk]**

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

**2/ Apologies;** had been received from Councillors R Edwards & R Sutherland[Borough Councillor]

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

No members of the public were present.

**4/ Police Report;**

No reported incidents from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010 up to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**5/Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

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

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

Trees on Hyde Lea Bank; At the last meeting Councillor Sutherland promised to contact the County Council regarding progress. He was not at the meeting but Councillor Winnington undertook to follow up.

M6 Forum; Clerk had attempted to contact Councillor Allan by email and had also left a message on his voicemail. No response.

Dog fouling; clerk to remind Streetscene about providing a bin on the corner of Barn Bank Lane /Hyde Lea Bank.

Billington Fruit Farm; Councillor Winnington advised the meeting that he had called in the various planning applications so they will be considered by the Planning Committee. It is to be hoped that some form of wheel washing and/or cleaning of highways will be conditional on the applications being approved.

**7/Financial matters;**

**Payment of the following invoices was agreed;**

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| Clerk's salary & expenses-- | £409.45                          |
| Stafford Borough Council    | £73.00[civic amenity collection] |

**8/ Planning matters;**

Local Development Framework; Local choices- a response was made on behalf of the council , a copy attached.

Green lane; a letter from the enforcement officer was read to the meeting . copy attached.

### **9/Village hall matters;**

Nil report. It was suggested that the council be provided with copies of minutes.

### **10/ Correspondence;**

A list of all correspondence received since the last meeting was supplied to councillors; anyone wishing to peruse any item to contact clerk.

### **11/ Visit by Professor Takeoka from Sapporo University on 25<sup>th</sup> March**

The professor is staying in Stafford for a week and visiting other parish councils. The clerk has booked the village hall for 2 hours on 25<sup>th</sup> March so she can meet any councillors available and discuss parish matters with the clerk. Councillor Mason promised to unlock the hall.

### **12/Parish Council elections;**

The election is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> May. Clerk attended a workshop on the 15<sup>th</sup> February regarding the arrangements for the elections. A timetable of the key election dates was sent to all councillors and it was stressed that the nomination papers must be delivered by the deadline of noon on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk holds copies of the electoral register and will assist any candidate in finding out the information they need. It was pointed out that as the clerk is only available for 4 hours per week, the Elections Office at the Borough Council is manned during office hours and is a more immediate point of contact.

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

- Coppenhall, footpaths-the County Council are re routing a footpath in the Coppenhall parish and as it does not directly affect us no further action was planned.
- Bus Service; there is a weekly service on a Tuesday by the community bus that picks up from the village at 10.05 and returns for Stafford at 13.20.This is used by up to 4 residents but is this a viable number? Villagers to be encouraged to use this service or it may be lost.
- Community gang; visit on 18<sup>th</sup> March is postponed as they have been redeployed to potholes.
- Speeding, Highways were approached regarding the provision of repeater signs or road markings warning of the 30mph limit. This received a lukewarm response. The alternatives were discussed. Speedwatch that operates in other communities, but it was thought to be a problem locally due the small number of residents. Clerk asked to contact police and ask for a presence in the village on occasions to monitor traffic speeds
- Civic Amenity Visits; timetable attached .

### **14/ Clerk's salary review;**

The meeting agreed that the clerk's salary be adjusted to SCP 25[£11.185 per hour] effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

### **15/The next meeting will be the combined AGM and Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**This will be the first meeting after the May elections and councillors will be required to complete acceptance of office forms and decide on chair, deputy chair and other council representatives.**