

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.**

**Those present;**

**Parish councillors;**

**Mr J Eaves [chair]      Mr R Pitt      Mr R Edwards**

**Mr W Mason [Deputy-chair]      Miss Jane Wilkes**

**Mr R Sutherland; [Borough Councillor]. Mr M Winnington [Borough/County Councillor] from 2055.**

**Mr D Jones [clerk].**

**1/ Chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30.**

**2/ Apologies;** none received

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

No members for the public were present

**4/ Police Report;**

No report received.

**5/Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

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

Item 2/Councillors to represent the Parish Council on the Village hall committee -should have read Councillors Eaves and Edwards.

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

- Trees on Hyde Lea Bank; clerk met with a local farmer who rents the land from Stadco, who agreed to cut back the foliage as a goodwill gesture but on this occasion only. The question is still unresolved as to where the boundary between hedge and highway lies and who is ultimately responsible..
- Neighbourhood watch signs – clerk still trying to find a new supplier as the previous one is no longer trading.

**7/Financial matters;**

***A/ Invoices for payment***

Clerk's salary & expenses-	£381.96
PAYE	£183.16
Stafford Borough Council	£156.60[civic amenity collection]
Came & Co	£265.00[insurance]
Eric Roy	£110.00[website maintenance]
Audit Commission	£144.00[audit fees]

**B/ Clerk reported that the Annual Governance statement has been accepted by the District Auditor.**

**8/ Planning matters;**

Green lane; the matter is still with the Planning Enforcement Officer, no progress to date. Clerk to remind and request future copies of emails be copied to Councillor Sutherland.

Crown Public House- has installed a new extractor fan for the kitchen. This is more powerful and therefore much noisier than the previous one. Planning application 11/15966/FUL, relating to this, was discussed and it was decided that the Parish Council would object on the grounds of excessive noise, that it was visually obtrusive and had a detrimental effect on the neighbourhood.

Local Development Framework for Stafford Borough; the document was left with the councillors to circulate. A list of locations of planned exhibitions by the Borough Council will be displayed on the parish notice board. It was decided to hold a brief meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October to discuss and formulate a council reply.

**9/Parish questionnaire; draft for discussion.**

The draft had been previously circulated and was agreed with a number of amendments. The time scale is to despatch in October with a 3 week return time and discuss the findings at the January meeting. [*revised draft attached, any further comments by 30<sup>th</sup> September* ]

**10/Village hall matters;**

A recent meeting discussed the replacement of the floor and the windows in the village hall. The format for next year's village fete was also raised but not resolved. It was also agreed that due to yet another problem with accessing the hall before the meeting the clerk would ask for a key to be made available for the council.

**11/ Correspondence;**

A list of recent correspondence received was given to the councillors. If any councillor wishes to peruse any of the items please contact the clerk.

**12/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;**

Community gang; the next visit is due on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Footpath- Green Lane; in addition to planning problems there is also the question of the ditches being filled with rubble. Clerk is still awaiting a reply from Paul Rochfort of the County Council on this issue and will remind him.

Footpath Survey; it was agreed that nominated councillors will undertake the bi-annual survey and report to the November meeting.

Footpaths in Coppenhall; there were no objections to the advertised diversions.

Street light S10 on the bank is faulty.

**13/The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

Items for discussion-to decide on grants to local bodies.

**Meeting ended at 21.20hrs.**