

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 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 M Winnington [County /Borough Councillor**

**Mr D Jones [clerk]. 35 members of the public for item 3**

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

**2/ Apologies;** received from Councillor R Sutherland.

**3/ Public discussion about matters in the parish questionnaire raised the following;.**

1. Speeding through village; various ideas were discussed; including illuminated signs to show actual speed, signs to shown 30MPH. Speed Reduction Partnership to be asked to help with occasional visits by camera van. It was also suggested a sign on the Bank to indicate a sharp bend .
2. Motorbikes; these have again become a nuisance, not just in the Barn Bank Lane area, but in other parts of the village. Residents were urged to phone the police as soon as possible to advise of any anti social behaviour. The more residents who contact the police means that, as all calls are logged, statistics will highlight this as a major problem.
3. CONTACT; it was pointed out that the magazine was a church magazine produced by volunteers with limited resources and distributed by volunteers. This meant the cost were minimal.
4. Public footpaths; the style that has been cut in Ash Bank was in South Staffs District but still comes under the auspices of the County Council . The complainant was encouraged to contact the Footpath Section of the County.
5. Broad band speed; Councillor Winnington explained to the meeting that the County council had a programme to bring fibre optic cabling, and thus a faster speed, to 90% of Staffordshire by 2015. The cost will be £100 million, some of which will be recouped by increased revenue and the rest by grants from various bodies.
6. Condition of roads; the road surface through the village is not in a very good condition despite resurfacing work last year. It is breaking up, ridged and could be potentially dangerous in places.
7. Grammar school parking; clerk read the latest communication received from the school relating to the coach parking. However various residents complained that pupils were now parking on the Bank and other roads despite the school claiming to have adequate parking for vehicles in the grounds.
8. Land for housing; a rumour had circulated that land had been sold for housing development in the village. No one on the council had any knowledge of this. John Mills, of Bostock Estate, explained that his meeting with the Planning Department had ruled out any large scale housing development on estate land, just barn conversions. He has a further site meeting with a planning officer to discuss other developments which will probably be industrial units.

9. Bus service; apart from a Community Bus once a week there is no other public transport. The cost of subsidising public transport, which would be sparsely used, would be prohibitive. However 16 residents had indicated on the questionnaire that they would be prepared to help on a voluntary basis by using their own vehicles. They will be asked to come forward and volunteer.
10. Rubbish on verges; is a problem in most areas of the village. A resident who has collected rubbish from the verges explained that he is no longer able to do so. Streetscene will only collect fly tipping so it was suggested that residents be asked to volunteer to organise a weekly litter pick to keep the village environment clean.
11. Dog fouling; is an ongoing problem. Leaflets asking owners to clean up will be displayed in various parts of the village which might help to alleviate the problem.
12. Essential telephone numbers; it was requested that they be put routinely in CONTACT.

#### **4/Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

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

Item 8; para 4-should have referred to Fox's Croft

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

Enterprise inns have been contacted regarding the appearance of the Crown and have promised to paint shortly.

#### **6/Financial matters;**

##### ***A/ Invoices for payment***

<b><i>Clerk's salary &amp; expenses</i></b>	<b><i>£764.38[includes additional expenses relating to the questionnaire]</i></b>
<b><i>PAYE</i></b>	<b><i>£168.19</i></b>
<b><i>TGM</i></b>	<b><i>£119.28[cleaning road signs]</i></b>
<b><i>Village Hall</i></b>	<b><i>£ 500.00[grant]</i></b>
<b><i>Samaritans</i></b>	<b><i>£ 250.00[grant]</i></b>
<b><i>Air Ambulance</i></b>	<b><i>£ 250.00[grant]</i></b>
<b><i>Stroke Club</i></b>	<b><i>£250.00[grant]</i></b>
<b><i>Community Council</i></b>	<b><i>£22.00[annual membership]</i></b>

#### **7/ Planning matters;**

Green lane; clerk reported receipt of an email from a Borough Council Enforcement Officer which explained that discussions were ongoing with Mr Tatton, the site owner, regarding the various issues. Further site visits will be made in April to check progress. The County Council have said that Green Lane is a public right of way but they were not taking any action in respect of cars on the verges as they did not take over the whole footpath.

Crown Public House- amended plan was discussed but the original remarks still stand. The Environmental Officer is still dealing with noise and other issues.

Planning seminar- the clerk reported that he attended a seminar which dealt with the proposed changes to the planning laws. He is in possession of a disc which summarises the evening's discussions if any councillor is interested.

Bostock Estate; as reported in item 3, John Mills confirmed that the Planning Office would not sanction a significant development on the site, just a couple of barn conversions. He is meeting a planning officer shortly to discuss future developments which will probably be industrial units.

**8/Village hall matters;**

The committee meets next week. This year's festival is in May /June

**9/ 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.

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

- Civic amenity visits; schedule of planned visits attached to these minutes.
- Community gang-suggested work included; Ash Flats lane, Barn Bank Lane drain covers, Hyde Lea Bank footpath from where they finished last time and around bus shelter.
- Grammar school; parking by pupils on Hyde Lea bank and other roads is to be taken up with the school.
- Rubbish Skip broken in pub yard; Borough Council have been reminded and will be contacted again.
- Notice board; the rear section is coming detached from the main board. The manufacturer has been contacted and has promised to repair it at no cost to the council.

**11/The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and will be the Annual Parish meeting and AGM.**

**The annual accounts will be circulated prior to the meeting.**

**Meeting ended at 20.55 hrs.**