

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2013 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

Parish councillors; **Mr J Eaves [chair]-Mr W Mason [deputy-chair]- Mr R Pitt –**
Mr R Edwards- Miss J Wilkes-
Mr D Jones [clerk] and 2 members of the public.

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

2/ Apologies;

Were received from Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor] & Mr M Winnington [County/Borough Councillor]

3/The meeting welcomed 2 guest speakers;

Dr L Jones explained the working of a defibrillator and how and when it could be used. It is mainly for case of cardiac arrest and improves response time for the patient prior to arrival of the emergency services. They cost approximately £1500 and are secured in a locked vandal proof box fixed to a building. One receipt of a 999 call the emergency operator alerts the paramedics and advises the necessary code to open the box. There was much discussion on the advisability and practical use of such a device and a possible location. Eventually it was decided to ask the West Midlands Ambulance Service to run a series of Heart Start courses in the village to assess public interest and take the issue of the defibrillator further.

Jackie Atkins from the County Council Rights of Way Department gave a summary of the Department's responsibilities and roles. She is responsible for the southern part of the county including Hyde Lea. She explained that the landowners are responsible by law for repair and maintenance of styles etc. The County will work with landowners to keep routes open and the County is responsible for the actual surface of the footpath. The County Ranger Service has the power to approach landowners regarding problems and they walk all the routes in their area once a year. She gave out a leaflet and handout which explains these points in more detail. She is available for contact on immediate problems, which Councillor Edwards promised to do regarding the Drumbles.

An interesting and informative talk which was well received.

4/Matters raised by the public present;

Mr Shenton apologised for the rubbish on Barn Bank Lane as there has been an increase in litter being dropped recently and he has not had much time to litter pick. Style on the lane has been destroyed; the meeting therefore decided not to replace but leave the space open.

5/Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2013;

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;

Car sharing; no response has been received from Dunstan & Coppenhall Parish Council.

Community speed watch; no response from Dunstan & Coppenhall Parish Council

Community bus service; a notice is now in the bus stop and details of the service have been notified in Contact.

Land adjacent to Grammar School and Manor Nursing home is believed to have been resold to various parties.

7/Financial matters;

A/ Invoices for payment;

<i>Clerk's expenses</i>	<i>£54.43</i>
<i>Clerk's salary</i>	<i>£580.95</i>
<i>PAYE</i>	<i>£159.62</i>
<i>Trent Grounds Maintenance</i>	<i>£119.28[cleaning road signs]</i>
<i>Stafford Borough Council</i>	<i>£100.00[waste collection]</i>
<i>Community Council</i>	<i>£22.00[annual membership]</i>

8/ Planning matters;

Green lane; is still a matter for the Planning Enforcement officer who is asked for regular updates

9/Village hall matters;

During the severe weather the committees asked for a salt bin. They were advised that this must come from their own resources as the Highways Authority only provides them on public roads where there is a skid risk.

10/ Correspondence;

The following correspondence had been received;

- Details of lobbying by the haulage operators to have rural speed limits raised for HGV vehicles
- Community paths initiative; request from the County Council for any local initiatives involving Rights of Way that parishes might require a grant for.
- Came& Co- spring insurance matters newsletter.
- Roadwork's web tool showing new road works via www.staffordshire.gov.uk/roadworks
- Items wanted by the Community Council for the village festival diary
- SPCA newsletter

11/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

- Road surface; surface is now so worn it is dangerous and a skid risk. White lines need replacing and it needs sweeping again especially the junctions with the other roads where the chippings have collected.
- Bradley Lane potholes by cottages are increasing in size.
- Speed of traffic through village. Discussed again. When the results from the Speed Indicator Device have been analysed the council will look at the problem again with a view to considering various traffic calming measures. Councillor Wilkes explained that the SAT NAV operators may be adding to the problem by showing the village roads as a through route.

- Parish recycling scheme ; organised by the Community Council were the parish collect used clothing and are paid by the salvage company so much per ton Although the parish council were not interested it was asked if the village hall could be involved .
- Police report; the only incident reported since the beginning of January was a vehicle hitting a wall on Hyde Lea Bank. No crimes reported.

The next meeting will be held on 8th May 2013.

Items for discussion;

Grant aid to local charities.

Revisit the parish questionnaire.

Meeting ended at 22.10 hrs.