

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2013 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present; Parish councillors;

Mr J Eaves [chair]-Mr R Edwards-Miss J Wilkes.

Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor]from 19.55 –Mr M Winnington [County Councillor] from 19.50

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; &5 members of the public.

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

2/ Apologies; had been received from Mr W Mason & Mr R Pitt, Parish Councillors.

3/Matters raised by the public present;

Asset of community value; the question was asked about the Crown Public House being made a community asset. This was discussed and Councillor Sutherland outlined briefly the procedure and commitment by the local community. It was decided to discuss this in more detail at the November meeting when more information is available.

4/Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th July 2013;

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;

- Barratt Homes; information received [as yet unconfirmed] is that the company are not proceeding with the planned development on the area bordering Ash Flats.
- Neighbourhood Highways Team [NHT] visit; took place on 29/30th August ,clerk to establish what they actually did.

6/Financial matters;

A/ payment of the following invoices was agreed.

<i>Clerk's expenses</i>	<i>£80.98</i>
<i>Clerk's salary</i>	<i>£581.62</i>
<i>PAYE</i>	<i>£145.40</i>
<i>Grant to Stafford & District Bereavement</i>	
<i>Support Service;</i>	<i>£500.00</i>
<i>Eric Roy;</i>	<i>£110.00[hosting web site]</i>
<i>Autela Payroll Services</i>	<i>£61.20[annual service fee]</i>
<i>Came & Co</i>	<i>£265.00[insurance premium]</i>

B/ To consider grant to Stafford & District Bereavement Support Services

Councillor Sutherland explained what exactly the charity did and for whom. He declared an interest as a director and offered to leave the meeting while the request was considered. The councillors declined his offer and agreed a grant of £500 to the charity.

7/ Planning matters;

- Application 13/18824/FUL; new access to Bank House farm submitted by Bostock Estates; has been permitted by the Planning Department.
- Barn Bank Manor; clerk to establish current position.
- Manor House Nursing Home; clerk to establish current position.
- Local Development Framework update; Councillor Sutherland explained that it has been completed and a report from the Secretary of State is expected in January 2014. However in the meantime any planning application for development will be considered under the current legislation, meaning that applications for land not on the LDF could well be applied for by developers.

8/ Village hall matters;

On 8th October the WI are holding an open meeting at which a talk will be given by a member of the police control staff.

9/ Correspondence; the following correspondence had been received;

Advice of the Parish Forum to be held on Thursday 26th September at the Civic Centre , Stafford.

Advice that Chief inspector Jane Hewitt is the new local Policing Team Commander for the area .

Staffordshire Playing Fields Association; invitation to the AGM on 16th October 2013

Community Council of Staffordshire; invitation to the AGM on 7th October 2013

Booklet advising the services offered by VAST, the organisation that supports voluntary organisations, community groups, charities & social enterprises in Staffordshire.

10/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

- Footpaths; following complaints made at the last meeting about some footpaths over agricultural land being obscured by crops, Councillor Mason had offered to discuss the problem with the farmers concerned. However in his absence no report on the outcome of these meetings was available.
- Trees on bank; council have approached an arboriculturist, but are still awaiting contact. Councillor Winnington explained that grass verges bordering fields are the responsibility of the landowner.
- Speed Indication Device [SID]; in answer to a comment by a member of the public it was explained that the siting of SID was down to the Staffordshire Road Safety Partnership.
- Road issues in Hyde Lea; a meeting was held on 3rd August between representatives of the council and 3 members of the Highways Department to discuss various issues. There is no prospect of resurfacing the road through the village but the situation will be monitored and if any further deterioration occurs the matter will be subject to further discussion. The white lines will be remarked in the near future; a full report of the meeting was in the September issue of CONTACT;
- Next NHT visit will be on 9th December.
- Heart Start Course will be held in the village hall on 26th September.

11/Clerk's salary review;

National Association of Local Councils had agreed a salary increase to all clerks of 1% effective from 1st April 2013. The councillors agreed unanimously that the clerk be granted this rise effective from the 1st April. Clerk is now on Spinal Column Point 25. Clerk also volunteered to monitor his hours worked for report to the council in March 2014.

The next meeting will be held on 13th November 2013;Items for discussion; Best Kept Village; Community Asset; Footpath issues.

Meeting ended at 21.05 hrs.