

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair]-Mr R Edwards-Miss J Wilkes-Mr R Pitt-Mr R Mason.

Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor] from 20.10; Mr D Jones [clerk to the council];

01: Chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30.

02: Apologies; none received.

03: Matters raised by the public present; no members of the public were present.

04: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2013;

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

05: Report on matters arising from the meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda;

Feedback from the Parish forum held on 26th September; the minutes had been included in the Borough Council's December digest. Clerk had extracted the relevant pages and will enclose with the minutes.

Barn Bank Lane; the verges have been cut back and the council were pleased at the result Councillor Mason will personally thank the landowners concerned and clerk will put a note in CONTACT.

Hyde Lea bank; some trees are still shedding branches, clerk to advise Highways again and put a note in CONTACT.

Speed Indication Device; a request had been made for feedback from the last time the device was in the village, nothing heard as yet.

Defibrillator will be discussed again at the March meeting following response from Dunston with Coppenhall Parish Council.

06: Asset of Community value;

This was discussed at length with the possibility of the Crown Public House being placed on the register. Although the council favoured the idea in principle there is concern about possible financial risk to councillors. Clerk to investigate the position.

07: Financial matters;

A/ payment of the following invoice was agreed;-Clerk's expenses *£86.34*

B/Precept for 2014/5; clerk reported that the parish precept had been kept at £3600 since 2008 although the concurrent grant had gradually reduced. The parish outgoings averaged £5700 per annum, but the council's finances were cushioned by the large funds transferred from the previous Castlechurch parish council following the boundary change in 2004.

The council agreed unanimously to set the 2014/5 precept at £3600 and request the full concurrent grant.

08: Planning matters;

Councillor Sutherland reported that the outline proposal for the development in the Ash Flats /A449 area has been validated and will be presented to the planning committee in February.

Councillors were advised of a special meeting of parish councils to be held on Wednesday 5th February 2014 which will give an update on the plan for Stafford Borough and other topics. Clerk will email details but Councillors Mason and Edwards volunteered to attend on behalf of the council.

Clerk reported that he had advised the Planning department of the council's views on the proposal to submit future planning applications electronically and dispense with hard copy. They have promised to maintain the status quo for now.

09: Village hall matters;

Councillor Edwards reported that the new doors have been positioned and will be painted shortly and that quotations have been received for remedial work on the wall by the back entrance which has a damp problem.

10: Correspondence; the following correspondence had been received since last meeting;

Dates of Jeremy LeFroy's surgeries, a copy is on the parish notice board.

An invitation from the Mayor to attend a Scottish Night at the White Eagle club on 7th February

A poster giving details of how to contact Matthew Ellis, the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Notification from the County Council of enhancements to the website www.roadworks.org which details road closures and diversions.

Pride in your patch- a Borough Council initiative to reward members of a local community who carry out essential tasks in their neighbourhood. This was explained in more detail by Councillor Sutherland.

11: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Civic Amenity Visits; Letter from the Borough Council had been circulated with the agenda outlining cost for the next years collections.

The councillors agreed to request the same number of visits on similar dates to those in 2013/4.

Councillor Pitt suggested that householders should be encouraged to number their properties so that they could be identified easily. It was thought that this would be opposed in the majority of cases. However the Borough Council does have mapping of the village that shows the location of the properties.

The meeting also expressed their thanks to Councillor Pitt and Edwards for the work they did on the footpath at the Drumbles

The next meeting is on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall VH.

Meeting ended at 21.15 hrs.