

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th March 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]; 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 8th January 2014;

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;

Hyde Lea bank; some trees still appear in a dangerous condition; clerk has advised Highways on previous occasions and will contact them again..

Speed Indication Device; two abortive requests have been made for feedback but nothing heard to date..

A Special Parish Forum to receive an update on the Local development plan was held on 5th February, attended by Councillor Edwards and D Jones, clerk. Both agreed that the meeting was difficult to follow and that the message was therefore unclear. They gave what information they could to the meeting.

Location map of properties in village was discussed mainly to ensure that emergency services could locate properties without delay. It was mentioned that if 112 is dialled the emergency services can locate the source of the call using GPS tracking and thus ensuring arrival at the correct location is prompt. The suggestion of a map of the village showing houses was discounted due to the work involved and cost effectiveness.

06: Asset of Community value;

Clerk reported that the Crown Public House had been placed on the Borough Council's register of community assets.

07: Provision of a defibrillator;

The council agreed unanimously to purchase a defibrillator and subject to approval by the trustees, to locate it at the village hall. Councillor Eaves offered to approach the trustees accordingly.

08: Financial matters;

A/ payment of the following invoices were agreed;-

<i>Clerk's expenses</i>	<i>£55.42</i>
<i>Clerks salary</i>	<i>£587.45</i>
<i>PAYE</i>	<i>£146.80</i>

<i>Stafford Borough Council</i>	<i>£102.00[civic amenity visits]</i>
<i>Trent Ground maintenance</i>	<i>£110.52[road sign cleaning]</i>
<i>Hyde Lea & Coppenhall VH</i>	<i>£96.00[rental]</i>
<i>Hyde Lea & Coppenhall VH</i>	<i>£100.00[donation towards new bunting]</i>

B/New bunting for village hall;

The councillors agreed unanimously to donate £100 towards new bunting which will be used for the July Fete. As members of the Village Hall committee, Councillors Eaves, Edwards, Mason & Wilkes declared a non pecuniary interest in this issue.

09: Planning matters;

The development in the Ash Flats /A449 area has been refused by the planning committee but the developer is rumoured to be appealing.

The Local Development Plan for the Borough is due to be signed off sometime in the next few months.

10; Village hall matters;

The annual fete will be held on 4th/5th/6th July, events will be advertised in due course. Clerk reported that the 2012/2013 accounts had been received from the treasurer.

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

An invitation from the Mayor to attend a Night of Musical Entertainment on 29th March

Smart water; the chair of Dunston & Coppenhall Parish Council had received a flyer from the police regarding the provision of smart water, a forensic marking agent for property. If enough residents are interested the cost will be minimal and a one off instead of an annual fee. The meeting agreed that an entry in CONTACT to establish public interest.

Stafford Borough Council had sent some leaflets for walks sponsored during 2014. A supply of "Walk Wise" leaflets were left in the village hall.

12; Electronic transmission of meeting agendas;

The clerk suggested that sending agendas via email would save time and cost due to the increased price of postage. The meeting agreed unanimously that future agendas and meeting minutes be sent electronically.

13: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

- Civic Amenity Visits; have been agreed as follows-
Orchard Lane; 10th May and 11th October from 10.00 to 12.00
Bradley Lane; 21st June and 22nd November from 10.00 to 12.00.
- It was requested that in future the first visit be arranged in April to allow clearance of spring gardening rubbish.
- Ash flats lane; Due to bridge work on the M6 will be subject to a closure notice from 1st April 2014 until 25th July 2014. Diversions will be signposted.
- Orchard lane; Councillor Edwards reported that Western Power are carrying out cable work from 7th to 10th April, so some disruption will be caused.

- Hyde Lea Bank leak; has been reported on 2 occasions to Severn Trent , but they have assured the clerk that it is not mains water involved and that is therefore a Highways matter. Clerk to contact the Highways to establish the position.
- Hyde Lea Bank; footpath needs sweeping, Streetscene will be contacted.
- Police report; the lack of contact from the local police is a concern and although there appears to be no crime in the area, attendance at one to the meetings or a report would be welcome. Clerk to pursue the matter.

14; Clerks hours;

Clerk advised the meeting that his hours had been increased to 5 per week to accommodate the extra work involved in dealing with PAYE matters .However now that PAYE was dealt with by a payroll bureau he was prepared to go back to his original hours of 4 per week. Any work in addition to his normal duties will be logged and paid separately. The meeting agreed.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th May 2014 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall VH. This will be the Annual parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council [AGM

Councillor Eaves, on behalf of the council, congratulated Councillor Sutherland on his selection as Mayor for Stafford Borough for the coming year. Councillor Sutherland expressed his thanks and gave a brief outline of mayoral duties.

Meeting ended at 21.15 hrs.