

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair]-Miss J Wilkes- -Mr R Mason-Mr R Edwards. Mr R Pitt from 2010.

County/Borough Councillor; Mr M Winnington;

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; a journalist from the Staffordshire Newsletter

01: The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 1930.

02: Apologies; none received.

03: Matters raised by the members of the public;

No members of the public present

04; Approve the minutes of the parish council meeting on 12th November 2014

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were accepted as a true record.

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

Defibrillator; has now been positioned on the wall of the village hall. A brief training session was held on Friday 14th November in the village hall which was only attended by 13 residents. A security light has now been fitted on the wall over the apparatus. Councillor Edwards has agreed to carry out the weekly check.

Notice board; manufacturers have replaced the rotten wood at no cost to the council and have been thanked for their assistance.

Ash flats- proposed development; the appeal has been rejected by the planning inspector.

06: Financial matters;

A/ payment of the following invoices was agreed;

Stafford BC [civic amenity visit] £103.00

Village hall [hall hire for 2014] £96.00

PAYE £117.60

Clerks expenses £35.86

Clerks salary £469.80

B/ Grant requests;

Requests, from the Stafford & District Stroke club and Staffordshire South West Citizens Advice Bureau, were discussed. It was agreed that the Stroke Club be awarded £500.00 & Citizens Advice £100. Both to be paid at the March meeting.

C/Precept for 2015/6;

The proposal from the Borough Council dated 17th November 2014, had been circulated with the agenda. The clerk outlined the council's average spend over the past 4 years and future trends. The meeting agreed to request a precept of £3584.50 including the Council Tax Support Grant of £120.22, and amount charged to residents of £3464.28.

D/New transparency code for smaller authorities;

Clerk outlined the changes to be introduced for authorities with a turnover of less than £25000 per annum, which includes this parish council. In future the annual accounts, Annual Governance Statement and other documents will have to be displayed on a web site. The council include most documents already but will need to update the website to comply with the new standards.

08: Planning matters;

Application 14/20789/FUL-Stafford Golf Club; an amendment to this was sent to the clerk's old address in August 2014 and only discovered recently. Contact with the Planning Department revealed that the case officers do not always confirm that the data held on ongoing applications has not changed. They will take steps to close this loophole.

09: Village hall matters; clerk reported that the annual accounts have been received.

10: Correspondence; received by email

Health watch Staffordshire; asking for details of recent experiences with health services.

Applications invited for this year's Best Kept Village competition

Community Council; concern about future funding from DEFRA. All interested parties have been asked to sign an e petition

Parish Council elections; there will be a briefing on 4th February 2014 starting at 18.30 in the Civic Centre. Clerk will attend on behalf of council.

11: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

The repairs have been completed to the various footpath issues identified at the recent surveys.

Neighbourhood Highways Team visited on 11th December 2014 and completed the various jobs satisfactorily. The 2015 programme has not yet been issued.

Barn Bank Lane; hedges have been cut to a high standard. The meeting expressed their thanks to the local landowner Mr Madders who carried out the work. It was agreed that a letter be sent from the council thanking him

Civic amenity visits for 2015; it was agreed that the service is again requested for the coming year; dates were suggested, clerk to liaise with the Borough Council

12; Review of clerk's salary.

Following the recent national agreement, the council agreed to increase the clerk's salary to SCP27 with effect from 1/01/2015. This is to cover two years, 2015 and 2016.

Next meeting is on 11th March 2015

Meeting ended at 2050 hrs.