

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair]-Mr R Pitt-Mr W Mason [Deputy-chair] –Mr R Edwards.

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; 2 residents of the parish.

County Councillor; Mr M Winnington.

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

02: Apologies received from; Parish Councillor Miss J Wilkes& Borough Councillor Mr S Leighton.

03: Chairman's report

See Chairman's report attached

04: Borough Councillors report; neither in attendance.

05: County Councillors report;

Councillor Winnington- reported that superfast broadband was gradually being extended throughout the county, 95% of the county will be covered by June 2016. However some councillors complained that in certain parts of the village the speed was incredibly slow. He suggested that the clerk writes to him so he can take the matter further.

HS2, the County Council are still pressing for a link from the proposed route into Stafford.

Staffordshire is a growth area with new industry, housing and other planned development. The current infrastructure is being upgrade which is causing road and other disruption, but will be worth it in the long-term. One project is the planned link in Stafford from the Newport to the Stone Road.

Potholes are still the most high profile problem and the County Council are reviewing their contract with Amey to see what is causing the backlog.

06: Village hall report;

The bookings have been steady this year although we have lost the U3A woodcarvers who have moved the larger premises. Two new groups are now using the hall, U3A Creative Writing and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The 2015 Festival gave us a profit of £1918 and as the years profit was only £644 we would have been in the red without this income as well as an enjoyable festival.

The gable wall was insulated and resurfaced at a cost of £7461 and thanks for the grants received from Mark Winnington [£750], Mark Sutton [£750], South Staffs District Council [£525] and Staffordshire County Council [£3730].

Received from Hazel Jones, secretary to the village hall.

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07: Other village issues;

Nothing raised

Meeting ended 19.55hrs.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

11TH MAY 2016

The council has continued to meet on a bi-monthly basis during the last year, with special meetings called as required. The criteria for dealing with planning applications within the area has been clarified and confirmed that single domestic dwellings would be dealt with by 2 councillors. Multiple dwellings; grammar school and nursing home applications are to be dealt with by the full council. This does not prevent the 2 councillors from requesting full council consideration of an application if they consider it appropriate.

The county council Neighbourhood Highways Team has visited the area on a planned programme basis and undertakes work requested by the parish council. The visits are for 2 days and undertake minor works from a schedule. We understand that visits will be reduced to 1 day.

The council is very grateful to the volunteers who continue to litter pick to help to keep the village tidy.

The council reduced charitable donations for 2015/16 and decided that they would only be given to local causes that benefit parish residents. A donation was given towards the production of the 'Contact' village magazine in which the council includes information on a monthly basis

The council is grateful to a local farmer who has improved the hedgerows and entrances to footpaths in some areas.

The civic amenities visits are now sited on the car park of The Crown and the visit in April was well attended. 3 of the 4 annual visits are paid for by the parish council and 1 by the borough council.

Finally I would like to thank Derek our Clerk, my fellow parish councillors and county and borough councillors for their continued support during the year.

John Eaves