

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.**

**Those present;**

**Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chairman] - Mr R Edwards- Ms J Wilkes-Mr R Pitt-Mr W Mason.**

**Mr D Jones [clerk to the council].**

**01: The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30hrs.**

**02: Apologies;** had been received from, Borough Councillor Mr S Leighton.

**03; No interests declared or dispensations requested on agenda items.**

**04; Matters raised by members of the public present-no public present.**

**05: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017;**

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

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

Health Watch Consultation-this was aimed at users of health services to gather experiences and opinions on health & care services throughout the county. Councillor Edwards raised the issue of slurry on farms generating offensive odours and possibly noxious gases. There is currently legislation with Parliament to control this but nothing is yet on the statute book.

Subsidised bus review- a letter from a resident was read to the meeting but unfortunately no residents attended to put their point of view. The subsidy on the weekly mini bus service from Hyde Lea to Stafford and return will be withdrawn by the County council next year. This was discussed at length and the council's comments will be sent to the County.

HGV vehicles using Ash Flats Lane-Following the clerk contacting Highways about this issue they accept that although there are existing "Unsuitable for HGV" signs at both ends of Ash Flats Lane, the signs off the A449 [Junction 13 side] are in the wrong place as they cannot be seen off the A449 and therefore HGV's would have to drive up to Ash Flats Lane prior to being notified that the road is unsuitable. Relocation of this signage is being considered.

Gulleys in village; following pressure from the Parish Council, they have finally been emptied.

SID details-as the statistics are no longer available from the County Council due to software problems, it was suggested that the Parish Council purchase their own so that details of the information held can be obtained.

Footpath work is still unfinished, Councillor Wilkes to follow up with Rights of Way officer.

**07: Financial matters;**

***A; The council agreed to pay the following invoices;***

***Came & Company [insurance renewal]***

***£280.00 cheque No 101093***

***Eric Roy [website maintenance]***

***£110.00 cheque No 101094***

*Clerks expenses/salary*

*£541.59 cheque No 101095*

*HMRC[PAYE]*

*£130.60 cheque; No 101096*

*B; Clerk reported that Grant Thornton had signed off our Annual Governance Statement.*

**08: Planning matters;**

It was confirmed that the Old Farmhouse on Ash flats lane was granted planning permission on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**09: Correspondence;**

The following correspondence has been received, if any councillor requires more information please contact the clerk.

Community Council of Staffordshire; advice of their AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

Advice from Stafford Borough Council of the Parish forum to be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 starting at 19.00hrs in the Civic Centre.

Sainsbury's have started a new initiative using tokens that can be redeemed for food which has been trialled in Sheffield City Council;

SPCA advising of a training seminar on Budgets, Precepts & Annual Returns which will be held at 19.00hrs on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Website redesign; Eric Roy, our webmaster, has been revamping some parish websites to accommodate I Phones and tablets. This was discussed but the councillors decided that the current website was quite adequate.

Good councillor guide; new print is available, but the councillors agreed that the one they already hold is sufficient.

**10; Village hall matters; No meetings have been held recently.**

**11: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;**

The future maintenance of the Highways in the parish area was discussed. Until further guidance is received from the County Council no decision can be taken as to our future plans, but it was agreed to keep a register of possible contractors.

Thorneyfield Lane is to be closed for an extended period to allow work on the M 6 bridge.

Clerk read a request from a resident of Coppenhall requesting a series of benches though the village at intervals so he could walk to the bus stop in John Amery Drive. Although sympathetic the council decided the cost would be prohibitive and the various bodies involved such as residents and Highways would not agree.

Way marker on Hyde Lea Bank for footpath No 12 needs repair.

**The next meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

**Meeting ended at.20.50 hrs.**