

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 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.**

**Borough councillor; Mr R Sutherland**

**Mr D Jones [clerk to the council] and one resident.**

**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**

The County Council have decided to withdraw the subsidy for the community bus serving Hyde Lea to Stafford, which costs £36 per week. This service will therefore cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. A lengthy discussion followed at which assorted options were discussed including obtaining grants from various sources and approaching the grammar school and see if one of their mini busses could be available for this service.

**05: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 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;**

Phone box.BT confirmed that they will only sell the modern boxes for use as storage for a defibrillator. It was discussed and decided not to pursue the issue and let the phone box go.

General data protection regulations. clerk reported that he had attended a seminar about these new regulations which come into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. There will be an impact on the council but will report at the next meeting when more information should be available.

Footpath work is still unfinished, Councillor Wilkes is monitoring the situation.

**07; Councillor Sutherland raised the following issues;**

Planning application 17/27543/FUL for Billington farm was considered by Hyde Lea parish who saw no problems and the planning officer was advised accordingly. However, the impact of this proposed work would affect Derrington and apparently Seighford PC had not received advice of this application. Clerk reported that he had had recent contact from the clerk for Seighford PC, but this was the first time he had realised there was a problem, he had assumed that they would have been contacted as a neighbouring parish.

He also complained that he was not receiving agendas and minutes and wondered if the correct email was being used.

**08: Financial matters;**

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

<i>Autela Payroll Services</i>	<i>£31.50- cheque No 101101</i>
<i>Stafford Borough Council [ road works]</i>	<i>£144.00 cheque No 101102</i>
<i>Hyde Lea Village hall [hire fees]</i>	<i>£96.00 cheque No 101103</i>

*B; Barclays bank; clerk reported that as no bank statement had been received since September 2017 he had contacted the Leicester office and obtained temporary statements. He had prepared another letter notifying change of address [the third] which was signed by two authorised signatories.*

*Precept. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed unanimously to raise the parish precept by 4.75% .*

**09: Planning matters;**

Clerk reported that application 17/26604/FUL -a new storage unit for the village hall was approved  
Application 17/26604/HOU-new access for Lavender House was refused  
A new application 17/27764/HOU-for rebuilding work at Desford was left with the council to consider.

**10: Correspondence;**

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

Local councillor training course on 6<sup>th</sup> February

National village halls week 22-25<sup>th</sup> January

Voluntary role as a community connector

Mayors charity appeal curry buffet on 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Best kept village competition. notification for this year's competition.

**11; Village hall matters;** it was noted that the wall had sustained some damage and tenders were being obtained for repair.

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

Road sign cleaning; council decided to carry on with this service. Clerk to obtain quote.

Civic amenity visits; council decided to bid for 2 visits per annum in May and October

Barn Bank Lane has been cut by Madders Farms and an excellent job made of it. Clerk to write and thank him on behalf of the council.

**The next meeting is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

**Meeting ended at.21.00 hrs.**

**For discussion at next meeting- to consider a footpath survey;**