

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Present; Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chairman] - Mr R Edwards- Mr W Mason- - Mr G Denny.

Borough Councillor Mr R Sutherland -County Councillor Mr M Winnington  
Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]. Mr S Beedles from Stonegate Pub Company and 45 residents of the parish.

The chairman welcomed those present and introduced Mr S Beedles for the Stonegate Pub Company who had been invited to explain the current situation regarding the Crown.

Mr S Beedles, Regional manager of the Stonegate Pub Company, addressed the meeting about the future of the Crown Public House. He appreciated the concern of the residents as the premises had been empty since August. However he assured the meeting that the company were making every effort to find a new licensee to take on the pub . There is no intention of closing the pub at the present. He explained the process and the various monetary incentives to encourage a new tenant and has been interviewing over the past few weeks. The meeting asked a number of questions about the pub, in particular the outside appearance that appears run down. Mr Beedles explained that the company intends to decorate the outside in the spring as the decoration would last longer whereas decorating now would have a shorter life, but he agreed that it currently lacked kerb appeal. It was also pointed out that a number of beer kegs had been outside since the previous tenants left, which he promised to get removed. Also concerns about the car park, should it be blocked to prevent unauthorised parking. He promised to keep the parish council up to date with developments.

01: The meeting proper then started at 8.00 pm.

02: Apologies had been received from Councillor Pitt.

03: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

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

04 Report on matters arising from the meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda;

Defibrillator; has gone back to supplier for software update and new battery. A temporary replacement has been provided. Councillor Edwards is trying to organise a training session and is looking for a suitable instructor.

Alleged footpath between Footpath 11 and public bridleway. This has been ongoing since 2006 and many of the original complainants are no longer alive. A response from Council Denny outlining the parish council objections was sent to County Council Legal Department.

05; Councillor Sutherland; pointed out the local plan consultation was now open for residents to comment. This takes future development of Stafford Borough up to 2040.

06; Councillor Winnington was reminded about the tree situation on the Bank.

07; Financial matters;

A; The council agreed to pay the following invoices;

Autela Payroll Services                      £53,28    Cheque no 01220

B; A letter received from Barclays Bank was passed to Councillor Edwards for him to contact the bank and establish what they wanted.

08; Planning matters;

Application 22/36581/Westleigh Farm Ash Flats-conversion of farm building to residential dwelling. No comments from the councillors

09: Correspondence;

Via email;

SPCA weekly bulletins.

Support Staffordshire E bulletins.

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue bulletins.

Advice of Stafford Local Plan consultation.

10: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

- Speedwatch is not functioning currently due to lack of volunteers. Councillor Sutherland suggested we contact Staffordshire Speed partnership for advice on methods of restricting speed.
- Streetscene be contacted to request 2 civic amenity collection next year.
- Bradley lane; two residents spoke of their concern about an apparent unowned patch of land being “adopted” by a resident who has planted trees. It was suggested that they get some professional assistance as this can be a complex subject.

Meeting ended at 8.50pm.

2023 MEETINGS; ALL AT HYDE LEA & COPPENHALL VILLAGE HALL starting at 7.pm

WEDNESDAY; JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>

WEDNESDAY; MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>

ELECTION; THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY

WEDNESDAY; MAY 10<sup>th</sup> – [AGM & Annual Parish Meeting]

WEDNESDAY; JULY 12<sup>th</sup>

WEDNESDAY; SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

WEDNESDAY; NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>