

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 29th July 2020 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village hall. This was the combined Annual Parish Assembly & Annual Meeting of the Parish Council necessitated by the shutdown of council activities since March.

Due to the current health crisis the meeting was held under strict guidelines.

Present -Parish Councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair]-Mr R Edwards-Mr G Denny-Mr R Pitt.

Mr D Jones, clerk to the council. There were no members of the public present.

1; The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 7.30pm.

2; No interests were declared by councillors in respect of any agenda items.

3; Chairman's annual report;

The number of councillors has remained at 5 during the year. I am grateful to Councillor Denny for his survey on the location and condition of the roadside gullies in the area which we were able to discuss with highway engineers regarding work required. Three of the councillors' cleaned debris out of the gullies on the bank following which an outside contractor was employed by the parish council to clean other gullies and pressure wash the pipe system under the road on the bank. The County Council agreed to put a camera in the pipe under the road on the bank and report back, but have not yet done so.

The parish council received an invoice from the Borough Council for £2026 -56 for the contested parish elections in May 2019 which we agreed to pay over 4 year.

We are very grateful to the volunteer litter pickers in the village and Barn Bank Lane/Ash Flats. I am aware that one resident who I have provided with a high Viz Jacket and litter picker, Neil Simpkin is out most days collecting rubbish from Barn Bank Lane and the main road through the village. There are also two other people in Bradley Lane who keep the footpaths and grassed area tidy and I have thanked them for their help. 1 of the 2 also litter picks in the Dunston and Coppenhall area around the moat on a very regular basis.

The Borough Council accepted the nomination from the parish council to maintain the Crown Inn on the register of Assets of Community interest. This remains in place for a further 5 years from March 2020.

We have had some incidents of dog fouling and I am obtaining some more signs to display in the village. Unfortunately, the local council no longer have a dog warden. All villagers need to be vigilant and report anybody who does not pick up their dog waste.

Civic Amenity Visits have not taken place during 2020 but I hope that they will be reinstated in 2021. I would like to remind residents that councillors are here to help the residents wherever possible. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH. Finally, I would like to thank, Derek the Clerk; fellow parish councillors and County/Borough councillors for their continued support and advice during the year

4; The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2020 were accepted and signed as a true record.

5; The clerk reported the following events of interest that have occurred over the past 4 months.

- SPCA frequent bulletins.
- The Crown is now on the Community Asset Register.
- Civic Amenity Visits; have been cancelled but no plan has yet been made to reinstate them.
- Village hall website; is under construction
- Litter/Fly Tipping, an ongoing issue.
- Grange Farm Ash Flats; enforcement officer will visit when conditions are more suitable.
- Broadband; an issue in certain areas of the parish due to technical problems.
- Surface Dressing of the road through the village is planned for 2021/22.
- Training Courses are available for councillors.

6; Financial matters;

A] The following invoices were authorised & cheques issued

Clerks salary	£547.19	Cheque No 01162
PAYE	£136.60	Cheque No 01163
Autella Payroll	£49.75	Cheque No 01164

These were paid on the chairman's authority in May

C Heelis [audit fees]	£37.50	Cheque No 01165
Autella Payroll	£64.01	Cheque No 01166

B] Annual Accounts; had been circulated prior to the meeting

RESOLUTION; accounts were accepted unanimously

C] Annual Governance Statement; clerk explained the document and the council's responsibility.

RESOLUTION; councillors agreed the statement and it was duly signed

D] Accounting Statements for 2019/2020 were explained.

RESOLUTION; councillors accepted the statement and it was duly signed.

E] Certificate of exemption; clerk explained the basis for a council to apply for exemption from external audit.

RESOLUTION; council agreed unanimously to apply for Certificate of Exemption.

7; Planning applications; no current applications on hand.

Application 20/32222/FUI; Land West of Stallbrook Hall /Crossing Lane Derrington. This is part of Billington Farms and although the head office is in our parish, the impact of this application will be in Seighford Parish. The clerk advised the planning officer that any comments on this application should be made by Seighford and the documents referred to them.

8; Highways matters;

- Highways to be reminded about using camera on Bank under the road to establish the condition of the under-road drainage.
- The road through the village, especially gutters, need sweeping.
- Speedwatch restart; Councillor Pitt to find out when this will start again.
- Access to emergency vehicles; a recent incident revealed that access to the footpaths behind the Grammar School was a problem for the fire brigade. Suggested access via the gate at the end of Orchard Lane, but a new lock required.
- Neighbourhood watch alerts; are circulated by Councillor Eaves. Clerk had received an email from Gareth Higgins the local PCSO for this area reporting no problems and giving contact details of 2 other officers to contact.
- Defibrillator has been serviced by the Circuit.
- Footpaths survey; suggestion that the annual survey be undertaken.
- Litter; an ongoing problem.

9; Village hall matters.

The hall is currently closed except for the local church collecting contributions for House of Bread food bank and the Parish Council

10; The next meeting will be provisionally on Wednesday 9th September. The time of the starting of meetings was discussed and it was agreed to stay at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm.