

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall, This was be the combined Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Present; Parish Councillors-Mr J Eaves [chair]-Mr G Denny- Mr R Pitt. Clerk to the council Mr D Jones;

No residents of the parish were in attendance.

Prior to the meeting the 3 elected councillors signed Acceptance of Office forms

Part 1; Annual parish assembly.

1; Chairman's welcome those present and the meeting started at 7.00pm.

2; Apologies for absence received from County Councillor Mr M Winnington.

3; Chairmans report on last year's council activities.

The number of councillors has remained at 5, although 2 did not stand for re-election in May 2023. As the quorum require is 3 it will be necessary to co-opt at the first meeting of the new council on the 10th May.

Parish councillors have been very proactive during the year, particularly in reporting highway issues and where necessary meetings with county council officials. Discussions have included drainage on the main road and condition of trees on the bank

The 2 Civic amenity visits a year are very well used and positive feedback from residents suggests this practice should be continued in the coming year.

The parish council provided the defibrillator situated on the external wall of the village hall and one of the councillors continues to undertake weekly checks on condition and status of the equipment.

We continue to rely on walkers to report any problems with footpaths to the Clerk or one of the councillors.

No report would be complete without thanking Derek, the Clerk of the council, and fellow councillors for their support during the year.

Part 2; Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

1; Election of chairman; Proposed by Councillor Denny, seconded by Councillor Pitt, Councillor Eaves was confirmed as chair for the coming year. It was agreed that Bill Mason & Bob Edwards be written to and thanked for their long service and support during their membership of the parish council.

2; No interests declared or dispensations required relating to items on the agenda.

3; Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 8th March 2023 were accepted and signed as a true record.

4; Matters arising.

Nothing further heard about Community Speed watch signage.

5; Financial matters;

A] payment of the following invoices was approved.

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| M Kidd | £50.00 | Cheque No 1227 |
| Stafford BC [waste collection] | £153.00 | Cheque No 1228 |
| Autela Payroll | £71.58 | Cheque No 1229 |
| SPCA | £155.07 | Cheque No 1230 |
| Stafford B C | £506.56 | Cheque No 1231 |

B] The annual accounts for 2022/2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting
RESOLUTION; accounts accepted unanimously

C]The Annual Governance statement for 2022/2023.The clerk explained the document and the council's responsibility
RESOLUTION; councillors agreed the statement and it was duly signed.

D]The Annual Accounting Statement for 2022/2023 was explained to the meeting.
RESOLUTION; councillors accepted the statement and it was duly signed.

E] The clerk explained that as the council's turnover was less than £25000 for the year ended March 2023 the council can consider themselves exempt from external audit.
RESOLUTION: councillors agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption.

In view of the changes in the make up of the council new mandates were required to sign cheques. The councillors agreed to be on the mandate and the clerk will also be included so that queries with Barclays can be resolved more quickly.

6; Planning issues; no current planning applications.

7; Highways matters;

Councillor Denny undertook to research Speed Indication Devices and report to the next meeting.

8; Correspondence.

Weekly SPCA bulletin which is circulated.
Bulletins from Staffordshire Fire & Rescue.
Weekly notes from Support Staffordshire
Copies of Borough Council press release.

Meeting ended at 7.50pm.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 12th July 2023, starting at 7.00pm.

Derek Jones, clerk to the council

