

# HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020.

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

Mr D Jones, clerk to the council

1. Chairman's welcomed those present and the meeting started at 7.30pm.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Borough Councillor Mr R Sutherland & County Councillor Mr M Winnington.
3. Councillor Pitt declared an interest in Item 8.
4. The Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were accepted and signed as a true record
5. The Clerk reported the following matters arising from the last meeting;

Footpaths on bank; He has had permission from Highways for us to employ our own contractor to carry out the work

New Defibrillator pads fitted, expiring in June 2022

6. Financial matters;

Payments of the following invoices was agreed

Clerks salary & expenses	£601.69	Cheque No 101150
PAYE	£136.80	Cheque No 101151
Autela Payroll Services	£47.08	Cheque No 101152
WEL Medical	£44.28	Cheque No 101153
Burntwood Road Sweepers	£666.00	Cheque No 101154
Village Hall	£96.00	Cheque No 101156

Precept for 2020/2021;

The financial status of the council was discussed. We have slowly used our reserves and are currently spending over a £1000 year more than our income. It was proposed by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Pitt that we request a precept of £6000 for the financial year 2020/21. RESOLUTION; request a precept of £6000 for the financial year 2020/21.

Councils grant to Contact.

The grant was discussed and it was agreed that a grant of £200 be given in the next financial year. RESOLUTION; agreed a grant to Contact in the next financial year.

To merge bank accounts;

The council operates 2 bank accounts, a deposit and current. The amount of interest per annum on the deposit account is minimal, so it proposed by Councillor Pitt and seconded by Councillor Edwards that the accounts be merged into one current account.

RESOLUTION; merge bank accounts into a single current account.

**7.** Parish website upgrade required as part of the Website Accessibility Regulations.

An Accessibility Audit report summary from Eric Roy Computing had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that he be asked to give a quotation for the work.

**8.** Planning Application 19/31603/HOU-14 Orchard lane, Hyde Lea, was discussed at the end of the meeting when Councillor Pitt had left. The councillors had no comments to make.

**9.** To consider any Highways matters that need action and to review any previously reported.

Community Speedwatch, an update; Councillor Pitt reported that they had not operated lately due to the weather.

Hyde Lea Bank, progress report; before Christmas, Councillors Edwards, Denney & Pitt, using equipment borrowed from Madders farms, spent time clearing debris out of the gullies on the bank. The council then hired a vehicle from Burntwood Road Sweepers at a cost of over £600 to finish the clearance and pressure wash the pipework under the road. A meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> January with Dianne Firkins, from Highways, to explain what had been done and request CCTV in one of the pipes that appeared blocked. She promised to arrange this and promised all the gullies in the village would be treated by August.

Planting of hedging /trees on Bridleway 10; the Woodland Trust offer trees to community groups; it was agreed that the council take advantage of this if possible.

Civic Amenity Visits for 2020; it was decided 2 visits in May and October. Clerk to arrange.

Barn Bank Lane; Madders farms have completed cutting the hedges and verges to a very high standard, a letter of thanks and comment in Contact are appropriate.

**10.** Defibrillator training; it was agreed to organise a training date in March. Clerk to arrange and residents will be informed in due course.

**11.** Correspondence; report on correspondence received since the last meeting.

The following have been received via email;

Staffordshire police, Newsletter.

SPCA bulletins, weekly.

Staffordshire & Voluntary Controlled School Admission Arrangement 2020/21-a consultation.

Support Staffordshire E Bulletin, monthly.

Local councillor training on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

**12.** Village hall matters; next committee meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January..

Next meeting is on -Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.