

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chairman] - Mr R Edwards- Ms J Wilkes-Mr R Pitt-.

Borough Councillor; Mr R Sutherland; County Councillor Mr M Winnington; PCSO Pat Wright.

Mr D Jones, clerk to the council; 4 members of the public.

Mr S Hocking, Environmental Enforcement Officer for Stafford Borough Council.

01: The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30hrs.

02; Mr Saul Hocking, Stafford Borough Council Environmental Enforcement Officer;

Gave a presentation on the dog fouling initiatives he has organised on behalf of the Borough Council and the success achieved in other communities. Although most dog owners are responsible and clear up after their dog, a few irresponsible owners cause the problem by not bothering. It is an offence to leave dog faeces lying uncleaned in a public place, besides being anti-social, the waste can carry a number of harmful bacteria, the most dangerous being toxocariasis. Leaving waste uncollected in open country is also not acceptable as the waste can be picked up in silage and end up being fed to livestock. A number of initiatives have been tried, including stickers on lampposts, waste bins etc, and free dog poo bags are issued by the Borough.

Increased dog ownership and darker evenings increase the problem. The latest initiative is to involve local communities, educate dog owners and encourage responsibility. There have been 8 such campaigns which last approximately 6 months and all have had various measures of success.

The community would have to identify hot spots within the area before the campaign started and set up a working party to liaise with the Borough Council.

It was agreed that the parish council look into this and set up a working party to take matters forward.

03: No apologies received.

04; No interests declared or dispensations requested on agenda items.

05; No matters raised by members of the public present.

06: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2018.

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

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

Green lane residents meeting; following an approach from a resident a meeting was called to discuss the state of the road and possible repairs. It was pointed out that any work on the road surface would be governed by strict conditions imposed by the County Council as the highway authority. The meeting was attended by 4 councillors, 6 residents and 2 other interested parties. After an involved discussion it was agreed unanimously to leave the lane exactly as it was and take no further action.

Community Transport; An update of usage and current financial position of the Shoppers Service was presented to the meeting. However, it appears that no steps have yet been taken to apply for grant funding for the financial year 2019/20. This can only be applied for by Community Link as the information required will have to be provided by them. Councillor Wilkes volunteered to assist if required.

08; Councillor Sutherland; There is a Parish forum on 27th September. A recent peer group review of the council and its services, processes and staff has been carried out and a brochure issued.

09; Councillor Winnington explained that due to the decline in Central Government grants the County had a £35 million black hole in its finances for 2019/20. To concentrate on social care there will be further cut backs in such areas as grass cutting.

10; PCSO Pat Wright reported the various reported incidents in the village area over the past 3 months. This information is also available on the police web site.

11; Financial matters;

A] To confirm payment of the following invoices paid in July on the chairman's authority.

P A Y E	£ 130.60 cheque No 01117
Clerks salary & expenses	£ 546.93 cheque No 01115
Autela Group	£ 46.80 cheque No 01116

B] Current invoices to be paid

Came & Company [insurance policy renewal]	£291.20 cheque No 01118
Eric Roy [web site hosting]	£110.00 cheque No 01119
Stafford Borough Council [Civic amenity collection November]	£260.00 cheque No 01129
Clerks salary & expenses	£545.49 cheque No 01121
P A Y E	£130.60 cheque No 01122
R Mahal[painting of bus shelter]	£220.00 cheque No 01123

12: Planning matters;

Councillor Edwards commented on the work being carried out at No 7 Ridgeway Close which he received notification of this morning Application 18/29228/NHP. Enquires to be made of Planning Officer.

13: Correspondence;

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

- Stafford Borough Council-nominations for community awards
- Invitation to the Mayors Charity Appeal Indian Dining on 22-10-2018
- Remembrance Sunday parade on 11th November.

14; Village hall matters; No meetings have been held recently.

15: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Speeding traffic through village is causing concern. More warning notices to be obtained.

Fly tipping in Barn Bank lane 10 bags of asbestos waste were recently removed.

Hyde Lea bank weeding; weeds around the central reservations and on the footpath outside the grammar school need attention.

Drumbles; footpath is partly filled in.

16; Clerks salary revision;

It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services national agreement.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th November 2018.

Meeting ended at.21.20 hrs.