

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

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

Mr D Jones, clerk to the council; no members of the public.

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

02: Apologies received from Mr R Sutherland, Borough Councillor.

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

04: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2018.

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

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

Clerk reported details of the meeting held on 7th August 2019 with Highways.

Present; Mr D Jones, Mr J Eaves from the parish council; Councillor M Winnington from Staffordshire County Council; Mr M Keeling and Mrs Dianne Firkins from County Council Highways. One resident of the parish.

Item 1; the water leak on the bank, this has been a problem for at least 3 years. The site was observed and the blocked gullies noted. Action was promised to investigate the underground pipework and empty the gullies.

Item 2; the overhanging tree halfway up the bank. This is in danger of falling or being dislodged. This has now been removed and Western Power have trimmed the trees around the street lights.

Item 3; 30mph signage; as this stretch of road is already in a 30mph zone the sharks' teeth on the road will not be repainted and should not have been there in the first place. Repeater signs were promised but a village gateway sign can be erected, subject to planning permission, but must not include speed restriction signage.

Item 4; HGV vehicles using unsuitable lanes. Vehicles cannot be banned from country roads but signage can be placed indicating that roads are unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. However, these would require traffic orders and be costly.

Road surface; is breaking up and needs surface dressing. Highways promised to find out when the next treatment is due.

06; Financial matters;

A] Current invoices to be paid

Came & Company [insurance policy renewal]	£302.85	cheque No 01143
Clerks salary & expenses	£560.28	cheque No 01144
P A Y E	£130.60	cheque No 01145
Stafford Borough Council [Civic amenity collection October]	£260.00	cheque No 01146

07; Planning; no current planning issues

08: Correspondence;

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

- Stafford Borough Council-items for the agenda for the annual parish forum on 26th September
- Remembrance Sunday parade on 10th November.
- SPCA bulletin; weekly
- Support Staffordshire E bulletin; monthly.

09; Village hall matters;

Councillor Denny explained that due to domestic commitments he was not able to attend Monday meetings of the committee. No one else expressed an interest in standing as a parish council trustee on the village hall committee.

10: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Footpath on Hyde lea Bank needs repair and cutting back to the edge of the tarmac from the entrance to Orchard Lane to the entrance to the Nursing Home.

Footpath 12 from Hyde Lea Bank is currently impassable and needs repair.

Speed watch; reported by Councillor Pitt is progressing well and now after 6 months of operation they can have permanent warning signs. It was suggested that Highways be approached about the possibility of placing “20 is plenty” warning signs on the approaches to the grammar school.

Skips at the pub are being used incorrectly with people prising open the tops and not posting items through the slats. Landlord is obtaining CCTV to help with the problem.

Councillor Edwards reported that a resident had received a warning notice from the Borough Council advising her to cut her hedge back as it was obscuring the footpath. It is noted that other properties hedges are blocking the pavement in places and need cutting. It is the responsibility of the householder to ensure that trees and hedges do not obscure public footpaths.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th November 2019.

Agenda to include schedule for next year’s meetings.

Meeting ended at.2100 hrs.