

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

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

Mr M Winnington, Borough/County Councillor; Mr D Jones [clerk to the council].

2 members of the public and guest speaker Michelle Shaker, Community Engagement Coordinator.

Michelle Shaker introduced herself and explained that she was employed as the road safety coordinator by Staffordshire Police. The discussion covered various road safety issues but mainly the community speed watch initiative that operated in the village. Currently there are 4 volunteers all residents of Hyde Lea. The placing of warning signs was raised as the cost was considered unreasonable by the council. Apparently, the signs can only be positioned and erected by approved highways contractors who are insured for the work, i e Amey. As the signs should ideally be positioned by a 30-mph warning sign some of the signage is in Coppenhall, but as there are no volunteers from that village the council were reluctant to pay for signage in their area. The matter to be raised with Dunston & Coppenhall council at the next meeting. Further adverts will be placed in Contact and other locations to try and attract more volunteers as the initiative has proved successful during 2022 with 11 % of drivers caught exceeding the speed limit through Hyde Lea village.

01: The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 7.15 pm.

02: Apologies; had been received from, Parish Councillors Mr W Mason and Mr G Denny and also 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 11th January 2023

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;

- Hyde Lea bank tree survey; a reply from Highways had been received but was far from satisfactory. The meeting agreed that the parish council had done what they could to highlight the problem any future problems with the trees is now the responsibility of the County Council. It was decided to monitor the trees over the coming months and report any problems to Highways.
- The Crown; members of the local community had met to discuss the way forward and to contact the brewery.
- Barclays Bank; further correspondence had been received threatening sanctions pending receipt of documentation However the bank have now ignored 3 letters from the council requesting information.

- Defibrillator training; a training event was organised by Councillor Edwards and carried out by 5 first responders from Gnosall. It was attended by 14 residents and the feedback was positive. Councillor Edwards also advised that our original defibrillator has been returned and is now back at the village hall. However, he has an additional 2 machines in his house awaiting collection by WEL medical.

06 Councillor Winnington;

Explained that the council tax was being increased both by the Borough & County Council. He pointed out that only 6% of the County Councils budget goes to Highways the majority goes on social care.

07: Financial matters;

The council agreed to pay the following invoices;

Mr R Edwards [defibrillator training];	£50.00 - Cheque No 101224
Clerks' salary/expenses;	£669.41- Cheque No 101225
PAYE	£153.60- Cheque No 101226

08; Planning matters;

No current planning issues.

09: Correspondence;

Routine emails from SPCA and other organisations such as Staffordshire Fire & Rescue.

10: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Footpath gates; gate by Orchard Lane had been damaged but has since been repaired. However, it appears that vehicles have been accessing school playing fields from Bradley Lane and Thorneycroft Lane.

Any such antisocial behaviour should be reported to the police on 101 or on their live chat

11; Election on 4th May. Details will be forwarded when available and it will be mentioned in Contact.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th May 2023 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall. This is the combined Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting ended at.8.55pm

Councillor Eaves thanked his fellow councillors and clerk for their efforts over the past 4 years. He also gave his appreciation to Councillors Winnington & Sutherland for their support to the parish over the same period. Councillor Winnington also thanked the parish council and added that this council was one of the more pleasant ones at which to attend meetings.