

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chairman] -- Mr R Pitt—Ms J Wilkes-Mr N Clarke.

Borough/County councillor; Mr M Winnington;

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]. 4 residents

Prior to the meeting proper the residents addressed the council. There is concern about a plot of land adjacent to their properties which no one seems to claim ownership of. The matter was discussed at length but it was decided that it was not strictly parish council business and that the residents contact the Land Registry to obtain a definitive ownership of the land in question.

01: The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 7.00pm. Apologies received from Borough Councillor J Rose.

02; No interests declared, or dispensations requested by councillors on any agenda items.

03: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2024;

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

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

- Crown Public House; to apply in March to renew the status of an Asset of Community value.
- Speedwatch; Councillor Pitt reported that trying to get signage positioned as required by law is proving virtually impossible. A contractor who can carry out work on Highways is required but no one is prepared to advise the Speedwatch group of the details.
- Rural bus services; to remind Councillor Winnington to research details
- Footpath issues; Councillor Wikes advised the council that a meeting had taken place between the Footpath Officer and the farmer in question.

05; Defibrillator;

WEL Medical have advised that as the apparatus is over 10 years old the warranty has expired. It was decided to leave replacing it until it starts to fail, especially as we have just fitted new pads.

06; Website;

Eric Roy our current webmaster is retiring this year so the council needs to find a replacement.

07; Councillor Winnington;

Explained that the current road works are funded by government grants and have a time limit for completion
The County Council will elect for a precept of 5% the maximum allowed.

08: Financial matters;

A; The council agreed to pay the following invoices;

H M Revenue & Customs	£184 60	Cheque No 101246
Clerks salary & expenses	£794.41	Cheque No 101247

B; Precept. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed unanimously to raise the parish precept by 1%

Resolution; to raise the parish precept by 1%

09: Planning matters; no current applications

10: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Civic amenity visits; have been booked for 12th April,19th July and 15th November. Details of new regulations will be on the notice board in due course.

Highways to be contacted about planned gulley emptying.

11: Correspondence;

Weekly bulletins from SPCA with occasional advice of training courses.

Weekly notes from Support Staffordshire.

Bulletins from Staffordshire Fire & rescue.

Staffordshire County Council announcing a project for mature road users.

12; Village Hall matters;

Councillor Clarke reported that various improvements are planned for the hall, i.e. new lighting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 12th March 2024, starting at 7.00pm at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Meeting ended at.8.20pm.