

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2010 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

**Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair] Mr W Mason [Deputy-chair] Mr R Edwards
 Mr C Bayford Mr R Pitt Mr D Jones [clerk]**

Two members of the public and Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor]

1/ The Chairman welcomed those present and the meeting commenced at 19.30hrs.

2/ Apologies; had been received from County Councillor M Winnington.

3/ Matters raised by the general public; Burton Bank Lane and associated problems to be discussed at item 10

4/ Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2009;

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record, with the following amendment..

Item 10, para 2; Mrs & Mrs Bishton should have read Mr & Mrs Shenton

5/ Report on matters arising from the meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda;

- Neighbourhood watch signs; have been positioned, the one by the bus shelter has been vandalised. It was suggested that the council order 6 spare signs for such an eventuality. Councillor Eaves reported that he has been in touch with the co-ordinator, and understands that there is a meeting to be arranged shortly. He will ask for the date of the meeting and report to the council.

6/Hyde Lea Notice Board;

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the replacement board. It was eventually decided that estimates be obtained for either hardwood or plastic [artificial wood] to hold 8 X A4 sheets.

7/ Financial matters;

Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

- Clerk's salary & expenses-- £385.87
- Audit Commission[audit fees] £161.00

Precept for 2010/11; was discussed and the meeting agreed to keep the parish precept at £3600. This means that the parish rate has remained unchanged for the last 3 years.

8/ Planning matters;

- A list of all planning applications to date is attached to these minutes.

9/ Correspondence;

A list of all correspondence received since the last meeting was handed to councillors. A copy of the winter 2009/10 newsletter concerning the Local Development Framework was left with the chairman.

A leaflet from County Council Highways outlining their new approach to highway management was distributed to those present.

10/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

- Community gang; Next scheduled visit is on 3rd March 2010; suggested work through village, clearing verges and around bus shelter, also Barn Bank Lane cleaning of drain covers .Clerk requested that any other suggestions to him by 19th February
- Burton Bank Lane; this is the old road leading to Rainbow Bridge, known to the Highways Agency as Burton Bank Bridge. The bridge is owned by the Highways Agency so any measures to erect barriers to prevent bikers crossing it would have to be a joint project between them and the County Council. The problem of the loose balustrade was reported to both the Highways Agency and their managing agents Amey. The old road, Burton Bank Lane is bisected by the M6 , but enquiries have revealed that only the short stretch leading from Barn Bank Lane is in fact adopted, the remainder is not a public right of way. Clerk to write to Sports Club and advise them of this fact. The biker problem has been contained for now, but the bridge is used mainly during the summer months so a barrier would be a preventive measure. Clerk to write to County Council, copy to Mark Winnington.
- Sewage problems; Orchard Lane/Bradley lane. Has been resolved for now, Severn Trent have promised to add this section of the sewer to their summer cleansing programme.
- Grammar School parking. Clerk discussed the problem with PC Andy Heritage. School will not allow buses onto school grounds to unload/load pupils, on Health & Safety grounds although private cars are allowed. It is not an offence for PSV to turn in a public road, so police can do nothing. County Council will not support additional signage as there have been no accidents to date. Alternative for buses to turn in village not acceptable. Suggestion that council write to Chairman of Governors to express concern.
- Hyde Lea bank; the County Council have been approached a number of times about the condition of the trees overhanging the road and asked to cut them. They are waiting for outside contractors.
- Bus shelter; apart from the vandalism of the Neighbourhood Watch sign, there has been a great deal of litter recently. It was agreed to remove the seat until the Spring.
- Footpath 11, The Drumbles. A letter concerning the state of the footpath was received. Clerk to respond and contact County Council footpath section.
- Civic Amenity Visits; it was agreed to go for same number as last year and at similar dates if possible.

11/Items for consideration at next meeting which will be held on 10th March 2010;

Grant to St Lawrence church.

Bi-Annual Footpath survey