

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.**

**Those present;**

**Parish councillors;      Mr J Eaves [chair]      Mr R Pitt      Mr R Edwards**

**Mr W Mason [Deputy-chair]      Miss Jane Wilkes**

**Mr R Sutherland; [Borough Councillor], from 20.15.**

**Mr D Jones [clerk]. 7 members of the public.**

**1/ Chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30.**

**2/ Apologies;** Non were received

**3/ Matters raised by the general public;**

No issues raised by the members of the public present.

**4/Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

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

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

- Tree branches overhanging on Hyde Lea bank; was raised with Highways, who did not see an immediate problem, but the situation will be monitored.
- Crown Public House; the outside looks shabby and needs painting. Clerk to write to Enterprise Inns.
- Footpath and road need sweeping; appropriate bodies will be contacted.

**6/Parish questionnaire;**

157 were issued, 82 returned which is a 52% response rate and quite a high result for any survey. The meeting expressed their appreciation to the residents who had responded. It was decided to take the following action;

- Send a copy of the initial results to all parish residents.
- Invite the residents of the parish to attend the March meeting, which will start at 19.00, to discuss the results and help the council to decide on what future actions to take.

**7/Financial matters;**

***A/ Invoices for payment***

Clerk's salary & expenses-	£391.17
Stafford Borough Council	£65.14[election expenses]
Village hall	£88.00[hall rental]
Stafford Borough Council	£78.30[civic amenity visits]
Community Council	£6.60[photocopying]

***B/Grant to village hall ; Councillors Eaves, Mason, Edwards and Wilkes declared an interest in this item..***

A request had been received for a grant towards the cost of the replacement windows in the village hall. The total cost was £4600 and grants amounting to £1500 had been received or promised. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the council would match the grant from Dunstan & Coppenhall Parish Council up to a maximum of £500.

***C/Grants to local organisations;***

After a brief discussion it was agreed to pay grants as follows;

Samaritans                    £250.00.

Air Ambulance                £250.00

Stroke Club                    £250.00

***D/Precept for 2012/3;***

Clerk explained to the members of the public the precept and concurrent grant in relation to parish finances He reported to the meeting that the concurrent grant has been reduced from to £363 a 20% reduction from last year, but the council was still in ample funds. It was agreed that the precept for 2012/3 be kept at the same level as this year i.e. £3600.

**8/ Planning matters;**

- Green lane; the scrap yard is subject to an Enforcement order. Clerk is monitoring progress but action is dependent on the Borough Council Legal Department who have quite a significant backlog of work..
- Crown Public House- is still being dealt with by the Environmental Health Officer.
- Grammar School; application 11/16217/FUL for the provision of portakabin modular classrooms was discussed. This had been called in and considered by the Planning Committee who had agreed to permit the application. As no account had been taken of the traffic problems, it was agreed that the school be contacted and invited to a meeting with the council and residents to discuss the problem and agree an amicable solution.
- Mirror on wall opposite Foxhollow; resident has a problem exiting his property and would like a mirror on the land opposite. Planning Department to be contacted on his behalf to see if permission would be needed.
- Bostock Estate; John Mills was invited to explain to the meeting the proposals for the future development of redundant farm building adjacent to Hyde Lea bank. The parish survey indicated that some form of housing would not be too unacceptable so it was suggested that he discussed any proposals he had with a planning officer before committing the estate to any action.

**9/Village hall matters;**

Nil report

**10/ Correspondence;**

A list of recent correspondence received was given to the councillors. If any councillor wishes to peruse any of the items please contact the clerk.

### **11/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;**

- Footpath Survey; had been completed and was discussed. Clerk to contact the County Council regarding the various problems identified.
- Road salt; a meeting has been arranged with representatives from the Parish Council, Councillor Mark Winnington and Highways on 27<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the provision of salt on Hyde Lea Bank.
- Civic amenity visits; although the cost has increased it was agreed to request the same scale of visits as in previous years as this is a well used facility.
- Rubbish Skip broken in pub yard. Borough Council to be contacted.

**12/The next meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012and will start at 19.00 to allow public discussion on points from the survey.**

**Meeting ended at 21.05hrs.**