

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th July 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]-from 20.00 Miss Jane Wilkes

Borough Councillor; **Mr R Sutherland –from 20.20.**

Mr D Jones [clerk]. 5 members of the public, including Mrs G Cox Deputy –chair of Seighford Parish Council.

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

2/ Apologies; received from Mr M Winnington [County Councillor].

3/Matters raised by the public present;

No matters were raised by the public present.

4/Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2012

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;

1. Condition of roads; will be resurfaced as soon as weather conditions permit. Clerk to enquire if it will be a total resurfacing or just spot repairs.
2. Community transport; a request was passed to Coppenhall & Dunstan Parish Council for them to raise this idea with their residents.
3. Skip in pub yard; has been replaced.
4. Extra waste bins; to be taken up with Streetscene .Suggestions were made for various locations in the village including one outside the grammar school.

6/Financial matters;

A/ Invoices for payment

<i>Clerk's expenses</i>	<i>£67.61</i>
<i>Instaprint</i>	<i>£215.76[Neighbourhood watch signs]</i>
<i>J Eaves</i>	<i>£18.00 [Day glow vests for litter pickers]</i>
<i>Stafford Borough Council</i>	<i>£200.00[Civic Amenity Collections]</i>

7/ Planning matters;

The Plan for Stafford Borough –Strategic Policy Choices. Was discussed and a reply formulated for the Forward Planning Group.

Crown Public House-extractor fan; planning application 12/17392/FUL was handed to Councillors Edwards & Mason to consider and comment.

Bostock Estates; Mr John Mills, manager of the estate, had spoken informally to Councillor Pitt about the plans for the land off Hyde Lea Bank. He has been unable to obtain planning consent for the various proposals that he had suggested, so the owners have instructed him to offer it for sale.

8/Village hall matters;

This year's Village fete was a successful and profitable enterprise. The floor of the village hall is to be replaced during August.

9/ Correspondence;

Recent correspondence received was advised to the councillors. Clerk advised of the Localism Act 2011 and its impact on the council, i.e. new code of conduct will be required.

10/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Litter picking; has been successfully working for 2 months and the impact on the environment is noticeable. The meeting expressed their appreciation to all those involved.

Strimming of grass verges on Hyde Lea Bank and Barn Bank Lane; the verges are quite overgrown and the County Council only strim the area immediately adjacent to the road. This matter to be considered at the September meeting with a view to employing our own contractor to do the work.

Planters; the suggestion to position planters at either end of the village was rejected by the meeting.

30mph signs; adhesive signs have been obtained and distributed for residents to stick to the sides of their wheelie bins.

Hyde Lea Bank; it was reported that tree branches are still falling, possibly due to the heavy rain. Situation to be monitored..

Hyde Lea Bank; weeds by grammar school are again a problem.

Footpaths; problems with footpath 17 & 15 have been reported to County Council. Councillor Mason promised to discuss with the farmers involved the problem of crops overgrowing the footpaths in certain areas. The new style erected at footpath 26 has been removed by persons unknown. The Drumble is also a problem which has been caused by the heavy rain. It was suggested a site meeting with the Footpath Officer to discuss the problem.

11/Review of clerk's hours.

It was agreed that the clerk's hours be increased to 5 hours per week with immediate effect, with a review in March 2013.

The next meeting will be held on 12th September 2012.

Meeting ended at 21.00 hrs.