

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2013 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present; Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair]-Mr R Edwards-Miss J Wilkes-Mr R Pitt..

Mr R Sutherland [Borough Councillor] from 19.50–Mr M Winnington [County Councillor] from 20.15

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; 3 members of the public, including Mr I Collard Parish Councillor for Dunstan & Coppenhall.

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

2/ Apologies; had been received from Mr W Mason, Parish Councillor.

3/Matters raised by the public present;

Nothing was raised at this point; discussion on planning issues was opened for public comment[item 9].

4/Confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th September 2013;

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;

- Best Kept Village competition 2014; an item had been included in CONTACT inviting interested parties to contact the clerk. As no response had been received it was decided to not pursue the matter.
- Feedback from Parish forum held on 26th September; the clerk gave a brief synopsis of the contents of the meeting and will circulate the minutes when received.
- A letter of thanks had been received from Stafford & District Bereavement Support Services for the council's grant of £500.

6/Asset of Community value;

Councillor Sutherland gave an explanation of the procedure to be followed. However it depends on local support for the asset, i.e. the Crown, because if the owners decided to sell, it would be offered to the community for purchase at an open market value. Clerk to discuss with Stafford Borough Legal Section and report to January meeting.

7/Feedback from recent Heart Start course;

This was again well attended and the question was raised about the provision of a defibrillator at the village hall. This will be discussed at the March meeting following approaches to Dunstan & Coppenhall Parish council.

8/Financial matters;

A/ payment of the following invoices was agreed.

<i>Clerk's expenses</i>	<i>£37.89</i>
<i>Clerk's salary</i>	<i>£598.69</i>
<i>PAYE</i>	<i>£149.63</i>

B/ the annual return had been signed off by Grant Thornton. There is no charge for audit fees as the turnover of the council is below certain limits.

9/Planning matters

- Manor House Nursing Home; planning application 13/19442/FUL submitted in respect of various unauthorised work done, but not yet released for comment.
- Application 13/19524/OUT; land between Ash Flats and the A449-this is an application submitted by Millwood Homes for outline permission to develop the land and construct up to 320 dwellings. This was discussed at length and the members of the public attending the meeting were invited to comment. It was agreed that the clerk would prepare a draft response on the application and circulate to the councillors for comments prior to submission to planning.

10/ Village hall matters;

There are several functions planned during the coming months. There are also structural problems with walls which are being monitored with repairs scheduled for the spring. Councillor Winnington reminded the meeting that County Councillors have limited funds available for help in such cases.

11/ Correspondence; the following correspondence had been received since the last meeting;

- **Staffordshire Parish Councils Association;** Inaugural edition of SPCA gazette-Annual report and accounts 2012/3
- **Stafford Borough Council;** Invitation to Borough Carol Service –Sunday 22nd December 2013; response by 2nd December.
- **Staffordshire County Council;** Invitation to superfast broadband event on 22nd November [by email]-
The County are seeking individuals to become involved with the School Admissions Appeal panel.[by email]
- **Staffordshire Archive & Heritage Service ;**Autumn newsletter
- **Local government Commission;** Electoral review of Stafford –comments on proposed changes invited by 7th January 2014.

12/ Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

- Footpaths; Councillor Mason was not in attendance, so no report was available. However it is understood that Mr John Mills has offered to cut the verges on Barn Bank Lane.
- Trees on Hyde Lea Bank; concerns have been reported to Highways. The potential hazards with some of the trees will be looked at by their Technical Review Officer. Any street lights obscured by foliage should be reported to the “Highways Hotline” on 0300 111 8000 or directly on the Highways portal at <http://apps.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportfault/>
- Speed Indication Device [SID]; has been in operation recently ,clerk will obtain feedback
- Road issues in Hyde Lea; Bradley Lane has been resurfaced to a high standard and the white lines have been repainted on the road through the village.
- Next Neighbourhood Highways Team visit will be on 9th December.- suggested that they continue strimming the bank.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall VH.

Meeting ended at 21.25 hrs.