

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.**

**Those present;**

**Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair]- -Miss J Wilkes-Mr R Pitt-Mr R Mason.**

**Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; 4 residents of the parish & a journalist from the Staffordshire Newsletter**

**01: Chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30.**

**02: Apologies;**

From Parish Councillor R Edwards, Borough Councillor R Sutherland & County Councillor M Winnington

**03: Chairman's report**

I am again pleased to report that the council is up to quota of 5 parish councillors, and with the clerk continue to meet bi-monthly. Minutes of the meetings are available on the parish council web site and a summary is included in the local parish magazine

The council agreed to purchase a defibrillator which will be sited on the external wall of the village hall. 2 relevant courses have already been run during the last 12 months and further can be arranged if there is a demand.

The council was requested to and agreed that The Crown public house be registered as an Asset of Community Value. The borough council agreed and the registration was completed. This will ensure that the council is consulted if there is any proposal to dispose of the property and land.

The safety of the trees on the bank is again causing concern and the county council has been approached to re access the situation.

Work was undertaken at 'The Drumble' by councillors Bob Edwards and Bob Pitt and thanks are due to them for undertaking this work. However some persons or persons unknown have recently dismantled part of the structure. This will be rectified as soon as practical.

I would like to again thank all those who are helping to keep the village tidy by being involved in litter picking in the parish area.

Last but not least we had a serious case of fly tipping in Barn Bank Lane. This involved a large quantity of asbestos being disposed of. However thanks to the vigilance of a neighbour the perpetrators were disturbed albeit at some considerable health risk to himself. Fortunately he was not seriously injured but could have been. Police investigation is continuing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for support during the year and Derek Jones the clerk for his due diligence to the duties of the post.; Thanks is also due to the county and borough councillors for valuable advice and support.

**04: Borough Councillors report; not present**

**05: County Councillors report; not present**

**06: Village hall report;**

The 2013 annual fete was well supported, this year's will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> July .Lettings were up by 30% at the end of the year due mainly to increased social events.. A new floor costing £10000 had been laid and new drainage had been installed. The current maintenance project is repair of the exterior wall. The village festival was well supported.

**07; Other village issues;**

Members of the public raised the problems with footpath markings, direction indicators and signage. In some areas they are damaged or nonexistent.

*Meeting ended 2005hrs.*