

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chairman]- Mr R Pitt- Mr R Edwards-Mr W Mason [deputy-chairman].

Borough Councillor; Mr R Sutherland

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; one member of the public present.

01: The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30hrs.

02: Apologies; had been received from Parish Councillors Miss J Wilkes , Borough Councillor Mr S Leighton & County Councillor Mr M Winnington..

03; Matters raised by members of the public;

Mr Lloyd-Davies spoke on behalf of the resident living at 2 Ridgeway Close regarding the building work being carried out at number one. It appears that an extension is under construction with footings dug and filled with concrete. No planning permission is held by the Borough Council. Councillor Sutherland promised to take the matter up with Planning and advise the clerk.

04: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2015;

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

05: Report on matters arising from the meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda;

- NHT visited on 7th December; the council would like an outline of the work carried out.
- Gulley on Hyde Lea Bank was still overflowing after the recent heavy rain.

06; Report by Councillor Sutherland; he had nothing to report at the present time.

07: Financial matters;

A/ The council agreed to pay the following invoices;

<i>Stafford Borough Council [election recharges]</i>	<i>£83.97</i>
<i>SPCA [training course on 11/11/2015]</i>	<i>£20.00</i>

B/ Parish precept for 2016/7;

Clerk explained that the councils average spend in a financial year is £6100 which exceeds income by approximately £1500 per annum. This was discussed at length by the councillors who agreed that we currently have reserves to cover this shortfall for another few years, but we should start making economies now. The letter from the Finance officer at the Borough Council was somewhat confusing and the clerk promised to contact him for an explanation. The council agree that the precept for the coming financial year be kept at the same level as 2015/6, but financial pressure, as parishes will have to pay for more services, will lead to an inevitable increase in future years.

C/Grant to local bodies;

Following on from the discussion at item B, the councillors agreed that in future only grants will be paid to local charities. It was agreed that a grant of £200 be given to the Contact newsheet.

08: Planning matters; [this was discussed at the end of the meeting following Councillor Sutherlands exit as he had declared an interest]

Application 15/23352/FUL-The Old Farmhouse, Ash Flats lane. Although commented on by the council prior to the due date it has since transpired that there is no mains drainage serving the property, a fact that the clerk was asked to pass onto the planning officer.

09: Correspondence;

The following correspondence has been received, if any councillor requires more information please contact the clerk.

Community Council; information about this year's Best Kept Village competition.

Via email;

Staffordshire Great War Event at the National Memorial Arboretum which will be held on Saturday 5th March.

Rising Brook Managed Library; an event on 14th January at 19.00 hrs.

Stafford Borough Council; Newsleaf, the sustainability newsletter

10; Village hall matters;

Nothing to report from the last meeting

11: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Bring sites; the Borough Council had proposed to dispense with the collection skips at the Crown due to lack of use and increased costs. Councillor Eaves had put forward the parish council's objection before Christmas but complained that he had not yet had a reply. Councillor Sutherland promised to look into it.

Civic Amenity Visits; this year's programme was agreed. It was decided that the location for this year's collections would be the car park of the Crown public house with the agreement of the landlord.

The meeting thanked Councillor Pitt for litter picking Barn Bank Lane.

The meeting also thanked Madders Farms for cutting hedges on Barn Bank Lane.

Superfast Broad band; a resident has asked the question of when it will be rolled out in the village.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th March 2016.

Meeting ended at 21.00hrs.