

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 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] Miss J Wilkes.

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; three members of the public.

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

02: Apologies; had been received from, Borough Councillors Mr S Leighton & Mr R Sutherland.

03; Matters raised by members of the public;

Mr Lloyd-Davies referred to correspondence he had had with Jeremy Lefroy our local MP regarding the UK membership of the European Union. It was confirmed that nothing has been heard from either the Borough or County Councils on this subject.

04: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2016;

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;

2 Ridgeway Close; concerns had been raised about building work on an adjoining property. A visit by a planning officer had confirmed that the work complies with legal requirements.

Bring sites; this refers to the skips on the car park of the Crown. The Borough Council contacted the parish before Christmas to advise that these will be withdrawn as a cost saving exercise. The clerk understands that nothing has yet been decided but consultation will be made with the 2 ward Borough Councillors and a questionnaire will be sent to residents.

Broad band; an email was received which was circulated regarding broadband provision. Residents have to apply to their service provider and pay the additional cost, it is not automatically provided.

Stoneleigh Court/Harptree; it appears that there is a dispute over the boundary between the two parties. As the parish council cannot get involved in such disputes it was suggested that the respective residents consult the deeds to their properties which should clarify matters.

06: Financial matters;

The council agreed to pay the following invoices;

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| <i>TGM [road sign cleaning]</i> | <i>£83.94</i> |
| <i>SPCA [guides]</i> | <i>£18.00</i> |
| <i>Hyde Lea & Coppenhall VH [rental for 2015]</i> | <i>£96.00</i> |
| <i>Stafford Borough Council [civic amenity visit on 24/10/15]</i> | <i>£105.00</i> |
| <i>Clerks salary & expenses</i> | <i>£566.07</i> |
| <i>PAYE</i> | <i>£128.20</i> |
| <i>Contact magazine</i> | <i>£200.00</i> |

07: Planning matters;

Application 15/23352/FUL-The Old Farmhouse, Ash Flats lane. Has been withdrawn by the applicant.

Application 16/23654/HOU –Burhmuir, Green Lane Hyde Lea. The parish council had no objections and the Planning officer advised accordingly.

Application 15/22084/HOU-the Manor House Nursing Home. Has been permitted by the Planning Department

08: Correspondence;

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

An invitation to the Mayors Charity dinner on 27th April.

Clean for the Queen Campaign to be organised in support of the monarchs 90th Birthday.

Community Paths initiative –bids invited for projects in 2016/7

Auto-pensions enrolment; clerk explained that he had been in correspondence with both the Pensions Administrator and Autela [our payroll provider] about the implications of this legislation. He is not personally liable for enrolment due to age and earnings limit, but the parish council has to be registered. This was dealt with towards the end of 2015 but following a phone call received by Councillor Edwards it appears that the documents went astray in the post. These have since been redone and posted.

A commemorative medal has been issued in respect of the Queens 90th birthday and a sample enclosed for the councillor's consideration. It was considered more suitable for schools and of no interest to the council.

09; Village hall matters;

Nothing to report from the last meeting. However it is noted that there is a new booking secretary.

10: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Footpath No 5; Councillor Edwards reported that it appear that some residents have moved the boundaries of their gardens and have encroached onto the footpath. The clerk had been made aware of this and had reported matters to the Rights of Way Officer for investigation.

Hyde Lea bank; the gully is still overflowing and needs investigation as to whether it is blocked. Clerk to liaise with Highways.

Community paths initiative; it was agreed that a grant be requested to replace the style on Green Lane onto Footpath 13 with kissing gate.

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The next meeting is on Wednesday 11th May 2016. This will encompass the AGM & Annual Parish meeting.

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Meeting ended at.2050 hrs.

