

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [Chair]-Miss J Wilkes--Mr W Mason [Deputy-chair] - Mr R Edwards-Mr R Pitt.

Borough Councillors Mr R Sutherland & Mr S Leighton-County Councillor Mr M Winnington [from 19.50.]

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council];

01: The chairman welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19 30.

02: No apologies received;

03: Matters raised by the members of the public; No members of the public present.

04: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th September 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;

Bring sites; the two Borough Councillors were asked if there had been any developments but they nothing further to report. Concern was expressed that charges at the County recycling site on St Albans road could generate more fly tipping.

06: Report by Borough Councillors Mr R Sutherland;

He recently had attended a collaboration group meeting between a number of parishes and the County Council which he found quite informative. Clerk said he would find out more details and let councillors know as it would be in the parish's interest to become involved.

07; Report by County Councillor Mr M Winnington;

Broadband is now available throughout Hyde Lea village but residents have to contact their supplier.

Potholes are being tackled by the new Roadmaster, which unfortunately cannot function if the weather is too wet or cold.

He pointed that the County Council is short of money a situation that will gradually worsen over the next few years with the government grant being reduced to nil by 2020

The charges on the waste site will be reviewed if there is a significant increase in fly tipping.

08; Financial matters;

A/ It was agreed to pay the following invoice;

Autela Ltd [payroll services]-£28.91

B; Annual Governance statement, comments by Grant Thornton; clerk reported that he had made two clerical errors on the form, which although had been discussed over the phone with the auditors, had still resulted in a lengthy letter.

C; Financial matters; clerk reported that the councils bank accounts at 30th October stood at £13422.06

D; Precept; the current precept is £3978.50, which is composed of £3495.28, the parish rate, £120.22, council tax support grant & £363.00, concurrent grant. Both grants are paid by The Borough Council and Stafford is one of the only one in the County to do so. If these grants were stopped it would have an adverse effect on the parish finances .Both of the Borough Councillors confirmed that they had heard nothing as yet regarding these grants being cut.

E; Grants received; clerk reported that a grant of £250.00 had been received from the Environmental & Countryside Department towards a new kissing gate on Green Lane. A grant of £430.00 had also been received from NALC towards new I T equipment.

09: Planning matters;

Application 16/24802/FUL- The Old Farmhouse, Ash Flats has been allowed

Birchmuir, Green Lane- Planning enforcement contacted the clerk about a possible breach of planning regulations concerning dormer windows but nothing heard about using agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes.

Manor House Nursing Home; Councillor Sutherland confirmed he had “called in “the application 16/24877/REM for consideration by the Planning Committee.

10: Correspondence;

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

Staffordshire County Council; Highway update [via email]

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association-invitation to their AGM on 5th December

Stafford Borough Council [Mayor’s Office]; invitation to Panto gala evening on 12th December November 2016.

Community Council of Staffordshire-advice of forthcoming press release concerning Smart Meters.

11; Village hall matters; there will be no fete in 2017

12: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;

Speed Indication Device is currently in the village. Results have been promised after it has been removed.

Gritting of Hyde Lea bank and salt box at top; Highways to be asked if the bank is on their gritting schedule and to top up the salt bin.

Civic amenity visits; if they are to be continued next year, the council felt the current timetable is adequate.

Phone box; will be removed by BT; the council considered purchasing it to use as a notice board for a village map.

Kissing gate on Green lane; a grant has been received towards the cost of installing one

Footpath issues; a visit was made by a ranger to look at footpath problems, unfortunately as short notice was given no councillors were available to meet with him.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall VH.

**Other Meeting dates for 2017; - 8th March- 10th May [annual parish assembly and AGM]
12th July- 13th September- 8th November**

Meeting ended at 2040hrs.