

HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.

Those present;

**Parish councillors; Mr J Eaves [chair]-Mr R Pitt-Mr W Mason [Deputy-chair] –
Mr R Edwards-Ms J Wilkes.**

Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; 7 residents of the parish.

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

02: Apologies received from; Borough Councillor Mr R Sutherland[who attended the following meeting]

03; Issues raised by a member of the public;

Mr Maddick, a resident of the parish, addressed the meeting regarding a dormer bungalow he wished to build in his rear garden. He had approached the Borough Council who recommended that he discuss his proposals with the parish council. No comments were made by the councillors at this stage, and he was thanked for his time.

04: Chairman's report

The council has continued to meet on a bi-monthly basis. Additional meetings are called as required if any issue arises between meetings requiring councillor's attention. We have met with the Chief Exec and ; Architect of the nursing home together with a borough councillor to discuss planning issues and the matters were resolved at that meeting.

Some councillors have attended training courses during the year on "Planning – The basics" and Local Councillor training.

The defibrillator sited outside the village hall continues to be checked by a councillor on a regular basis and recently the pads were replaced due to the expiry date

During the year we have been attending meetings of the Stafford Area- Collaboration Group. County Councillors; Borough Councillors and council officials attend and provide input on various matters concerning parishes. There is no doubt that services to parish councils will be reduced and responsibility for many issues passed down by both the county and borough councils. The county council Highway Maintenance Team visits have ceased and it is unlikely that any additional financial assistance will be available to undertake this work.

The civic amenity visits have been retained at 4 visits per year. This service proves popular to residents. We must all be vigilant and report any fly tipping to the appropriate authority.

The parish councillors are very grateful to the volunteers who continue to litter pick to help to keep the village tidy.

Finally I would like to thank Derek, our Clerk; my fellow parish councillors and county and borough councillors for their support during the year.

05: Village hall report;

Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall had another sociable and profitable year with just short of £3000 profit. Although we did not have a Summer festival in 2016, we had an enjoyable time supporting the Church fete .We had a number of social events; Jazz Night, Wine Night,60's Night, Quiz Night, and Rock & Roll Night. The loft was boarded and loft ladder fitted for £620 and we received a grant from Staffordshire County Council through the Capital Grants Scheme.

06: Other village issues;

Concern was raised about the ongoing leak of water on Hyde Lea Bank and fly tipping. These to be discussed in more detail at the Annual Parish meeting.

Meeting ended 20.05hrs.