

## *HYDE LEA PARISH COUNCIL*

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall.**

**Those present;**

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

**Borough Councillor; Mr R Sutherland [from 2040].**

**Mr D Jones [clerk to the council]; 2 members of the public.**

**01: The meeting started at 2010 following on from the Annual Parish Assembly.**

**02: No Apologies received;**

**03: Election of Chairman;**

Councillor Eaves was elected unanimously to serve as chairman and duly signed the Declaration of Office

**04: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017;**

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record. Proposed by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Pitt

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

A brief report was made on the Collaboration meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Nothing was resolved as the interested parties are still waiting for the County Council to list the services that they are cutting back on.

**06: Financial matters;**

**A; payment of the following invoices was agreed; -**

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| TGM[road sign cleaning]               | £81.24  | cheque No 101082 |
| Autela[ payroll services]             | £28.91  | cheque No 101083 |
| WEL Medical[Defibrillator pads]       | £44.88  | cheque No 101084 |
| SPCA [annual membership]              | £144.00 | cheque No 101085 |
| Centrewire[kissing gate]              | £229.20 | cheque No 101086 |
| C Heelis [audit fees]                 | £37.50  | cheque No 101087 |
| Community Council [annual membership] | £25.00  | cheque No 101088 |

**B; Annual accounts;** had been circulated prior to the meeting. The council accepted them unanimously.

**C; Annual Governance Statement;** Clerk explained the document to the meeting and the council's responsibility. The councillors agreed the statement and it was duly signed.

**D; Accounting Statements** for 2016/7 were also duly signed.

**E;** The council have been frequently challenged by the auditors regarding the large reserves held. it was agreed that Grant Thornton be advised that the funds are held to cover work needed in the parish that will no longer be carried out by the County and Borough councils.

#### **07: Planning matters;**

Proposed Development on the garden at The Glint [ this was discussed at the end of the meeting when the members of the public had left].

#### **08: Village hall matters;**

Planning application for the replacement shed will shortly be submitted. Councillor Pitt informed the meeting that he will shortly be planting the box outside the hall/

#### **09; Correspondence;**

Staffordshire County Council- Community Paths initiative; bids invited for 2017/8

Letter from Josh Armitage seeking support for initiative concerning Staffordshire Youth Parliament.

Highways England Smart Motorway programme being delayed until 2018

Community Council; details of bulk oil buying scheme.

#### **10: Roads, Highways& Footpaths;**

Gulley on Hyde Lea bank is still overflowing despite Severn Trent's efforts. A discussion by the meeting felt it could be water from the land but that would need further investigation. Clerk will contact Highways again and ask for the water board to have another look the problem.

Complaints about grass cuttings left on the pavement outside the grammar school after work by their grounds man.

Gulleys in Bradley lane need emptying-Highways to be contacted

Fly tipping on Green Lane [ builder's rubble and Barn Bank Lane [ asbestos]-Ray Sutherland to take up with Streetscene.

List of volunteers who do litter picking needs updating.

Following the meeting proper when the members of the public had left, the councillors discussed the proposed development at The Glint; Councillors Pitt & Wilkes declared an interest as their properties bordered the land in question. The concern was that if this was approved it would lead to other building in the village. The clerk read an email from the Planning Department in which it stated that as Hyde Lea is not a Key Service Village as outlined in the Spatial Principle 3 & 4 of the Stafford Borough [2014] adopted policy no further development is envisaged as the homes outlined in the policy classed as "Rest of the Borough" have already been delivered. It was concluded that Mr Maddick be informed accordingly.

**The next meeting is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall VH.**

**Meeting ended at 20.20 hrs.**