

# *DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL*

## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall.**

**Present;** Parish Councillors; - Mrs G Diggett [chair] - Mr G Pliva-Mr J Bagnall-Mr J Richardson-

**Clerk to the council;** Mr D Jones-one member of the public.

**01; Chairman's welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30**

**02; Apologies had been received from;** District Councillor Mr L Bates-County Councillor Mr M Sutton

**03; No interests were declared or dispensations requested by the councillors in any agenda items.**

**04; Current Councillor Vacancies;**

The resignations of Councillors Thompson & Collard were noted and accepted, this means that the council now has 3 vacancies, but with 4 members, it is still quorate and can conduct council business.

Councillors undertook to look after the interests of Coppenhall residents until the ward vacancies are filled.

Clerk to advise South Staffs District Council of the vacancies.

In the circumstances, it was decided not to elect a Deputy Chair but agree a chairman for a meeting as and when required in the absence of Councillor Diggett.

**05; Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017;**

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

Item 08; relating to standing orders should read "*It was agreed by resolution to accept the Hyde Lea version suitably amended.*"

**06; Report on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

Fly tipping in the bus stop has finally been removed

Following representations from a local resident, Jeremy Lefroy MP, had walked the road from Dunston to Penkridge and agreed work needed carrying out. Remedial work is currently underway.

**07; Finance-** Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

PAYE	£- 50.60	cheque no-400014
Clerks salary & expenses	£- 230.97	cheque no-400015

**08; Planning Issues;**

West Midland Interchange Freight Hub at Four Ashes; [www.westmidlandsinterchange.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandsinterchange.co.uk).

Presentation was attended by Councillors Diggett & Pliva who made the following observations;

- Despite the company's pledge, the construction and operation of the site will no doubt lead to an increase in traffic through Dunston
- Facilities and a lorry park for HGV drivers does not appear to have been considered.
- Major encroachment on green belt will be made if the site is fully developed.
- Not satisfied on companies plan to deal with traffic control in the event of M6 closure.
- Company literature stated that the development will be on the West Coast Main Line, which is incorrect.
- The meeting promised to support neighbouring councils in their opposition to the development.

**09; Highways and other matters;**

- Coppenhall; Chase View Lane; clerk reported that at a recent meeting of Hyde Lea Parish Council , a resident of Ash Flats lane had complained about HGV vehicles, mainly foreign registered ,becoming stuck and having problems trying to negotiate the narrow lanes. This is caused by the drivers using motor vehicle Sat Navs and not the correct ones for Heavy Goods Vehicles. Although a Highways problem, the Borough Councillor for the Hyde Lea area was asked if he could speak to Busby Farms, the destination of these vehicles, and ask that when goods are ordered the correct routing is given to the supplier.
- Dunston; School Lane- parking and speeding are still issues. Residents would like some form of traffic calming and yellow lines from Church Close to the junction with the A449.
- Letter from a resident of Coppenhall requesting a series of benches along the main road through Hyde Lea-this will be referred to Hyde Lea parish council
- Copy of a modification order dated 9/12/1996 regarding a footpath from Church Lane, Dunston to St Leonard's Church was discussed. No further action was considered necessary.

**10; Correspondence; the following has been received since the last meeting;**

**Via email**

SSCVA Bulletin.  
Highways update; weekly notification of road matters.  
Consultation paper on Joint Governance of Police & Fire Rescue Services.  
Crime prevention posters; these are received monthly.  
Corporate volunteering-PSR Solutions.

**Via surface mail**

South Staffs District Council-reminder about registration to vote.  
Staffordshire Cyber Security-advice from the office of the Police & Crime Commissioner.

**The next meeting; is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at Dunston village hall**

**Meeting ended at 21.55     Derek Jones clerk to the council  
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