



b) Accounts for payment were presented.		
Clerk's salary (Aug-Sept)	£ 283.33	400086
SPCA training fee	£ 40.00	400084
Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall	£ 14.00	400085
Website domain registration fees	£ 12.17	400087
Total	<u>£ 349.50</u>	

The Council approved the above accounts for payment and cheques were signed for the above. Cashbook balance £ 1370.62. The second instalment of the precept £1750 is expected to be received at the end of September

- c) Risk Analysis  
Councillor Collard had evaluated the risk statement and the insurance policy carefully. It was necessary to carry out an assessment of the Council's assets and record the state of those assets. It was suggested that an item be added to each agenda to cover Risk assessment and Health and Safety so that a proper oversight was maintained and recorded. Councillors should report any aspects of deterioration of the assets or potential danger. It was noted that the insurance policy mentioned 'Criminal libel' and the Clerk was asked to obtain an explanation of how this differed from normal libel.
- d) Donations  
It was agreed that the Council and the parish benefited from the circulation of the Churches "Contact" magazine. John Richardson proposed and Peter Lawrence seconded a resolution to make a donation, under S137 to the Parochial Church Council to support the operation of this magazine.  
**Resolved:** That Dunston with Coppenhall Parish Council make a donation £100.
- e) Mileage rates.  
The Clerk presented notification of increased recommended NJC mileage rate for 2007/8 from the SPCA. These have increased from 52.5p to 55.8p a mile. The Council agreed to implement the increase. No agreement has yet been reached on increases in agreed NJC salary scales.

07.57. Planning:

Applications determined.

07/00655/FUL Coppenhall Farm, Church Lane. Detached garage - Approved

07/00713/COU The Toft Barn, Levedale Road, Levedale Alterations to barn to form dwelling -Approved

07/00759/FUL Oddacre, Stoney Lane, Dunston Heath First floor extension and porch -Refused

Applications pending.

07/00866/CCD St Leonards Primary School, School lane, Dunston Heath. Provision of a wooden pavilion and a footpath.

07/00958/FUL The Oaks, Wolverhampton Road, Dunston Single storey side extension to form kitchen and utility. The Council reviewed the plans at the meeting and agreed that they had no objections or comment to make.

AL/61/2007/TPO Carrisbrooke, Chase View Lane Coppenhall. Application to fell a yew and a beech at the rear of the property. The trees are subject to TPO 40/1980. Councillors Collard and O'Reilly will view the site and assess the justification.

Development at Drayton Manor –Roofs and Lighting

No response had been received about changes to the roofs. Parishioners had expressed concern about the site floodlighting which was causing annoyance and

light pollution. The District Council Environmental Officer will be approached to see if anything can be done to control this and any future lighting.

It was noted that several islands had now appeared on the A449 to control traffic in this area. Although this was a welcome development and would increase safety, it was noted that previously the Highways authority was unwilling to provide such islands when requested by the parish council because of costs and priorities. The Highways authority will be requested to explain who has paid for these islands. The Highways will also be asked to extend the speed limit from Penkridge all the way through to Dunston.

07.58. Communication.

The website had been well received and Councillor Bagnall was thanked for his efforts. The activities of the Council and the website addresses had been included in the last issue of Contact. It was suggested that a small plaque with the website address be affixed to each of the Council noticeboards. A Newsletter will not be produced until there is something of interest to communicate.

*Councillor Collard joined the meeting at 8.50pm*

07.59. Code of Conduct.

South Staffordshire Council were arranging additional training courses on the new Code. The date selected by the Councillors previously had been cancelled and no suitable dates were then available. The relevant District Council Officer had been unresponsive. Councillors were not willing to adopt the Code at this meeting and prefer to receive the training before making a decision. The Councillors are still concerned about the restrictions on representing their parishioners and possible allegations of misconduct although some improvement has been made to the previous code. As the code is a legal Instrument it can supercede the existing Model Code of Conduct by default and the new Model Code comes into force in October, even if not adopted by the Council.

07.60. Public Session

*The Chairman adjourned the Parish Council meeting to allow members of the public to raise matters of concern.*

A complaint was made about scheduling Parish Council meetings on Bank Holidays. It was explained that Bank Holidays in fact applied only to banks and that most industrial companies and other organizations choose to recognize these days as general holidays. As the Council normally meets on the first Monday of alternate months it was quite likely that some dates would fall on a Bank Holiday. It was noted that the next meeting date, although not a Bank Holiday would fall on Bonfire Night. It was reported that the village name sign for Coppenhall had been moved and attached to the back of the sign for Hyde Lea. This is misleading for anyone trying to find an address. It is noted that the Highways Authority has a policy of minimising traffic furniture and has in many villages carried out this movement. It is believed that this has happened some time ago but the Parish Council was not notified or consulted.

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme was raised and information provided. Publicity will be given to the activity.

*The Chairman then resumed the Parish Council meeting*

07.61. Green Spaces and Play Provision

The Clerk reported that he had a long telephone interview with the Consultants conducting the survey for the District on provision of facilities. Possible areas for use as a play area or for community use were discussed. It was thought to be a good thing but possibly the play area was best placed into Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall.

The Green in Church Close at Dunston is owned and maintained by the District Council. It was suggested that the possibility of the Parish Council taking over this Green and its maintenance be investigated. This would allow the Parish Council to control any future development and also the quality of the maintenance.

07.62. Correspondence.

a) There had been a circulation of Correspondence in August.

b) Correspondence was presented from:

*Staffordshire County Council*

Letter on Flying the Union Flag  
Sustainable Staffordshire- issue 21 Summer 2007

*Community Council*  
Notice of Annual General Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Register of Voluntary Car Schemes

*Staffordshire Fire & Rescue:*  
Electric Blanket campaign  
2007/8 Best value performance plan

*South Staff Community & Voluntary Action*  
Notice of Annual general meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September

*South Staffs Sports Council*  
*Results of Inter-Parish Games 2007*

The Council noted the correspondence.

07.63. Matters raised by Members

Notification of Councillors holidays.

Light pollution- Environmental Officer to be contacted.

Water on Hyde Lea bank. The Hyde Lea Councillors will be contacted to determine if they have done anything as the area is in their parish. The water may be from a spring but has appeared after recent construction work and could alternatively be from a fractured drain. In winter it could form a sheet of ice and be very dangerous if not cured.

Rights of Way Officer has issued a job for the provision of a stile and rail on the footpath on Chase Lane. The road level is much lower than the field.

Items for the Next Agenda

- a) Risk Analysis
- b) Code of Conduct

07.64. Next Meeting: **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007** at Dunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 9.58pm