Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Wednesday, 5th March 2014


1.0 Apologies for absence – were received from Norman Ireland, James Read, Steve Read, Helen Robinson, Tony Spiers and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the AGM of Wednesday, 6th March 2013 were approved. No points were raised.

3.0 Chairman’s Report.
In the unavoidable absence of our Chairman, Tony Spiers, this was read out by our Vice-Chairman, Cliff Noons.

After a slightly rocky start with a Burglary at the Blenheim Hotel, we have had another quiet year crime-wise. Our local area having the lowest crime figures in South Derbyshire.

There have been a few burglaries, mainly from outbuildings, sheds and garages, some doorstep milk theft and some nuisance behaviour, one instance of driving cars and motorcycles on the King George V playing field.

The local police have been having quite a successful year also, with an apparent increase in drug crime (300%) actually being attributed to an increase in drug crime detection of 300%. Also a couple of cannabis farms in Etwall were raided and shut down.

At this time last year, the vehicle activated speed limit signs had just been installed on Egginton road, and by my observation appear to be having an effect. Whilst following a line of traffic into Etwall from Egginton, I have noticed that most drivers are slowing down to the speed limit before the sign, and some drivers brake when the sign illuminates. However there are still a few who think they know better and ignore the signs. Perhaps another round of Community Speed Watch would prove if the signs are actually having the desired effect.

Cliff concluded that on behalf of the committee, or rather to the committee, I offer my, and I am sure your thanks, to the Secretary, Minute Secretary, Treasurer and all the Area and Street Co-ordinators for their work throughout the year in continuing to ensure that Etwall NHW is a valuable, viable asset to village life.

4.0 Treasurer’s Report. (see Financial Statement attached)
Read by the Secretary as Treasurer Helen Robinson was unable to be present.

Subscriptions receipts of £883 were £48.90 ahead of 2013, but did include a £4 donation and some back subs from 2013.

Over the last 12 months, our aspirations were fulfilled in respect of the installation of 2 speed awareness signs, on Egginton Road, at a cost of £5583. The parish council have agreed to pay half of the annual insurance costs so our premium for this financial year was just £36.

The £500 grant from The Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership, made last year, has allowed us to bring in £290 worth of income at nil cost to us. We have more kits left to sell during 2014/2015.

With cash assets of £2813.62 we have a reasonable pot of funds to enable us to consider future projects.

Thanks go to all those who collected subscriptions.

5.0 Election of Officers for the next twelve months.

5.1 Chairperson. Tony Spiers was proposed by Alan Jenner, seconded by Susan Burton and unanimously elected.

5.2 Vice-Chairperson. Cliff Noons was proposed by Malcolm Yarnold, seconded by Jim Avery and unanimously elected.

5.3 Secretary. Alan Jenner was proposed by Jill Dainty, seconded by Susan Burton and unanimously elected.

5.4 Treasurer. Helen Robinson, proposed by Cliff Noons, seconded by Jim Avery and unanimously elected in her absence.

5.5 Minutes Secretary. It was agreed this post be more correctly titled Minutes and Communications Secretary as it also covers operation of the watch e-mail link system. Malcolm Yarnold was proposed by Alan Jenner, seconded by Jill Dainty and unanimously elected.

5.6 Publicity Officer. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that this post should continue, as agreed last year, unfilled. Responsibility for obtaining content for publication would remain with Alan Jenner and Malcolm Yarnold. This will be edited for printing by Ron Tasker.
6.0 Other business.

6.1 The Secretary proposed and the meeting agreed, that the Watch and indeed the whole village owed a vote of thanks to our local Beat Team for their help and support. It was also good that we could welcome PC Mark Parry, an addition to their strength.

6.2 Tim Day remarked that, although not yet serious, there were signs of increasing nuisance youth behaviour in the Library, toilets and George V playing field area.

6.3 The Secretary concluded with a reminder that collection of annual subscriptions is coming due and that we lacked co-ordinators for Chestnut Grove numbers 1 to 37 and for the whole of Risborrow Close. Volunteers are urgently needed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Minutes approved………………………………………………………… Date…………………………
AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH 2015, AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT, RESIDENTS LOUNGE

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2.0. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AGM OF 5th MARCH 2014.

3.0. CHAIRMANS REPORT.

4.0. TREASURERS REPORT.

5.0. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR NEXT 12 MONTHS.

   Chairperson
   Vice-chairperson
   Secretary
   Treasurer
   Minutes and Communications Secretary
   Publicity Officer

6.0. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.