ETWALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 1st June 2016


1.0 Apologies for absence – Paul Rayment, James Read, Steve Read, Ivan Way and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 4th May 2016 Were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1. Ex6.2. Stewart Slaney introduced two members of the Old Station Close area, traffic safety action group, Paul Taylor and Rashid Makwana. Rashid then explained that their main purpose was to increase compliance with the Hilton Road 30 mph speed restriction. He proposed a speedwatch campaign and requested the help of the Watch Members. It was agreed that we would look for volunteers to take part in this.

3.2. With regard to speed control in general, Alan Jenner and others expressed surprise that the 20 mph speed restriction past the Primary School was not also enforced past John Port School at the start and end of the school day. This could be raised at the next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting.

3.3. Ex 6.3. Stewart Slaney had passed the problem to our Beat Police and he would also raise it at the next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting.

3.4. Ex 6.4. Norman Ireland said that the selection of lights chosen for the economy switch off had been put out for comment and protest some time ago and he believed could not now be altered. The only course of action might be an appeal via our District Councillors. Mavis Ratcliffe commented on the light pollution nuisance caused by the flood lights for the new all-weather pitches by the Leisure Centre being left on all night.

3.5. Ex 6.6. A questionnaire asking for peoples opinion re the proposed toilet closure was being distributed village wide. Norman Ireland urged people to complete these and hand them in, otherwise the village stood to lose the facility through apathy.

3.6. Ex 6.5. Sustrans Track Warden Mavis Ratcliffe explained that dog waste bins could only be situated at road access points as the people responsible for collecting for disposal were not able to drive along the track.

3.7. Ex 4.2. Mavis Ratcliffe passed on a complaint from a member that nuisance youth behaviour in the village graveyard area eg vandalising floral tributes, continued.

4.0 Crime Statistics.

4.1. Alan Jenner stated that nothing major had been reported by the police though he had knowledge of a tradesman’s van break-in on Springfield Road. Also a matter of concern was the stupid behaviour of the drivers of two dark coloured hatchbacks speeding round the village, making as much noise as possible. The situation could easily escalate from just a nuisance to a serious accident. Anyone seeing this should, if possible, obtain the registration number and report it to the police on 101, making them aware that this has been reported several times.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 27th June at 6.15 in the Sutton-on-the-Hill village hall, followed by the area forum.

6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 Subs collections – only a few areas now outstanding. Co-ordinators concerned are requested to make every effort towards completion so that the Treasurer can clear the books.

6.2 Some coaches are still parking inconsiderately close to the Leisure Centre bus stop. Occurrences should be reported to the coach company concerned.

6.3 Alan Jenner reported that he had checked, via the police, on a recent door-to-door mattress salesman. This one proved to be legitimate but members should be aware of the risks involved in this kind of trade.
7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 Items 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 from the May minutes and Items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 from these minutes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Minutes approved ………………………………… Date …………………………….