ETWALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 1st October 2014


1.0 Apologies for absence – Jill Dainty, Robert Jellis, Paul Rayment, James Read and Ron Tasker.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 3rd September 2014 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1 Cliff Noons confirmed that he and Brian Myring had attended the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting on Sept 11th. Brian had spoken in support of the Parish Council’s bid for funds toward the proposed CCTV extension. Norman Ireland added that though a grant of £1,000 had been agreed unanimously, they had asked for two more comparable quotations for the work. These would be obtained but complications could arise if a different supplier was used from the people who installed the existing system – integration could be difficult.

3.2 Ex 6.2. Andrew Gamon asked whether faults reported in links and content in the Neighbourhood Watch section of the Village Website had been corrected. Alan Jenner said that it had not yet been done; Tim Day offered to look at the problem with a view to making improvements.

4.0 Crime Statistics

4.1 Alan Jenner reported a burglary/robbery at approx. 8.45pm on Sunday 28th Sept at a home in Springfield Road via an insecure rear door. The occupant, an elderly lady, was at home and detected the intruder who ran off with money and other contents from the lady’s handbag. Soon afterwards a youth was seen riding rapidly away on a white mountain bike. The police and/or Neighbourhood Watch would be grateful for any information towards identifying and catching the thief. Contact the police (101), Crime Stoppers or Neighbourhood Watch via your co-ordinator or Secretary Alan Jenner. Remember the thief’s next visit could be your home.

4.2 There have also been cases of number plate theft, including one recently in Hilton. Note, the police regularly organise the free fitting of non-removable replacement fixing screws to secure your car plates.

4.3 Cliff Noons reported a car crash through the hedge at the Egginton Road junction with the A5132 Hilton Road, police were at the scene.

4.4 A case of suspected arson was reported with straw bales set alight at a farm at the Toyota end of Willington Road.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1 Brian Myring outlined salient points of the meeting.

The Sergeant’s Overview stated that though our area remained comparatively very safe, some crime had increased – comparing to last year’s figures:–

Burglary 9 cases to 14, Vehicle crime 18 to 39, Sheds and outbuilding break-ins down 24 to 18, Vehicle theft 5 to 2, Criminal damage up and ASBOs up.

Speed checks carried out on Egginton and Etwall Main Streets showed an overwhelming compliance with the speed limits.

5.2. Regarding our request for relocation of the Hilton Road 30 mph sign, we had the support of Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership and the Police but not Traffic at Matlock. Our complaint re coaches using the Leisure Centre bus stop to park up would be looked into by Sergeant Summers.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 The Secretary said that it was decided that the agenda for next month’s meeting would include asking for approval of a £640 spend, being half of the Parish Council bill for the CCTV extension project. Andrew Gamon asked why we could not contribute more as our bank balance could well afford it. After discussion it was agreed that we should offer to cover the whole Parish Council costs and to cover any unforeseen extras. The next meeting would seek approval for a spend of any amount up to £1,500. This will have the added benefit of freeing Parish Council funds for other much needed non-security projects.

6.2 Alan Jenner said that we would aim to produce a newsletter in November and that he would welcome pieces for inclusion from members, the Police and the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership.

6.3 The Secretary also made the point that several areas lacked co-ordinators, a glaring example being Risborrow Close, without Area or Street Co-ordinators, contributing neither funds nor assistance but not averse to asking for help and information.
7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 As this is not until 28th January 2015, items will be reviewed at our December meeting. The Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting and Area Forum will be held in Etwall at the Frank Wickham Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

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

AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2.0. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1ST OCTOBER 2014.

3.0. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES.

4.0. CRIME STATISTICS.

5.0. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS MEETING.

6.0. TO APPROVE FUNDING TOWARD CCTV COVERAGE EXTENSION.

7.0. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

8.0. ITEMS TO BE RAISED AT NEXT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS MEETING.