ETWALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 2nd July 2014


1.0 Apologies for absence – Andrew Gamon, Norman Ireland, James Read, Steve Read, Ivan Way and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 4th June 2014 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1 Ex 6.2. In reply to Cliff Noons, Tim Day said that the manhole repair and other road works in that part of Willington Road are on the County Council list.

3.2 Ex 4.1. In reply to Alan Jenner, Tim Day said that the Parish Council is conducting a survey of available camera equipment with particular concern for its protection against vandalism. The police had requested CCTV coverage of the area round the public toilets. This would be surveyed in conjunction with our PCSOs after decisions had been made on the area round Frank Wickham Hall and the bowling green.

4.0 Crime Statistics

4.1 The Secretary reported the police dealing with a male caught driving on a provisional licence without L plates and without a qualified driver accompanying him. As well as penalties, the vehicle was confiscated. He also reported a burglary on Chestnut Grove, access being gained via an insecure window. This brings home the need for care with open windows and doors, particularly easy to forget in hot weather.

4.2 We have had recent occurrences of youths congregating late at night with resulting noise and litter. Some are indulging in their latest nasty habit of spitting over for example the bus shelter and parked cars. A recent choice of meeting place is the bus shelter outside the Leisure Centre. We would be grateful if our PCSOs could add it to their patrol route, particularly in the late evening.

4.3 Tim Day reported cars still turning up by the Frank Wickham Hall to practice handbrake turns and other risky tricks. The police had been helpful recently in dealing with this.

4.4 Another vandalism favourite is the Springfield Road Parish Notice Board. Members are asked to keep a watch out for damage being done here and at the other notice boards.

4.5 There have been reports recently from several sources of a man in a car (either blue or black) offering lifts to children. It hardly needs saying that everyone should keep a very sharp watch for anything that looks at all suspicious and if possible note the vehicle registration number.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1. Brian Myring gave an outline account of the recent meeting. Points included:
   a) Some crime such as non-dwelling burglaries showed an increase, but note that a few additional crimes to a previously low total result in an alarming looking percentage increase. The 12 months May 2013 to May 2014 showed crime overall down 26%. We still live in a relatively safe area.
   b) Police work continues to set up the fitting of non-removable car number plate securing screws. Theft of plates is still all too common, as is their use on vehicles involved in crime, including drive away petrol theft.
   c) Farm Watch was being re-launched locally.
   d) Despite the continued opposition from the Traffic Department at Matlock to the relocation of the Hilton approach road 30mph sign, our local police say that they will be monitoring traffic speed. It is believed that they are also monitoring Egginton Road to check the effectiveness’ of the light up speed reminder signs.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 The Secretary reminded the meeting that a few sub collection areas were still outstanding. He also said that although money could go direct to our Treasurer it was vital for membership records that he has sight of the amended sub collection sheets.

6.2 Tim Day announced that the Parish Council would be holding an open meeting on Monday 14th July at 7.30pm in Frank Wickham Hall to discuss the recent presentation of plans for the intended rail head and to formulate a village response.
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7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 Continue to press for the relocation of the Hilton Road 30mph sign. Continue to complain and request action re the use of the Leisure Centre bus stop as a long term coach park. Also, if not already sorted out, request police patrols to counter nuisance youth behaviour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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

AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST 2014 AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2.0. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2nd JULY 2014.

3.0. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES.

4.0. CRIME STATISTICS.

5.0. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS MEETING.

6.0. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

7.0. ITEMS TO BE RAISED AT NEXT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS MEETING