ETWALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 3rd April 2013


1.0 Apologies for absence - Jill Dainty, Andrew Gamon, Cliff Noons and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 6th February 2013 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1 Ex 6.1. Brian Myring has had contact with the Community Messaging staff. While part of the problem can arise when a message taken by the answer phone cuts off before completion, it is also very difficult to include all the material contained in a long e-mail in a spoken phone message. The best answer at the moment seems to be for anything of particular importance received by e-mail to be passed on by phone from another member of the Watch.

3.2 Ex 6.2 and 6.3. More information has appeared in the latest Express and on the Village website. Efforts will be made to keep this up.

3.3 Ex 3.3. One sign, on the road into the village is up and working very effectively. It would appear that difficulty was experienced fitting the other sign, going out of the village, to the support post, this has still to be fitted. The Parish Council has received what appears to be the final invoice for the fitting and maintenance of the signs. The total cost is £8,816.43 which is below the original estimate. This will be split as follows - £2550 in grants from Safer Neighbourhoods and Councillor Julie Patton, £3133.43 from the Parish Council and the remaining £3133 from the Watch. This will be formally agreed at the May meeting (it has already been passed in principle). Insurance to cover the signs for vandalism has yet to be finalised and the Watch has agreed to share the cost with the Parish Council.

4.0 Crime Statistics

4.1 Another quiet month, however, marred by a burglary at the Blenheim Hotel. Also, outside the Watch area, there has been a break-in with theft and damage at the office and shop of the Highfield Happy Hens Farm.

4.2 We were pleased to see police reports of their considerable success in sorting out some of the scrap metal dealers who were operating without legal certification. They also managed to restrain some of their excessively noisy advertising. We understand that the police control room (phone 101) would still appreciate being told when the scrap metal dealers are operating in the village so that they can continue to check up on them.

4.3 Ron Tasker reported receiving a scam phone call relating to a share-holding, details were passed on to the police.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1 The next meeting has been put back to June to avoid any clash with the County Council elections.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 The Secretary asked whether the Well Dressing Secretary, Cliff Noons, had asked the police if they could run a car number plate security fixing event at this year’s show. This will be followed up but will depend on whether space can be allocated and the police are willing and able to provide the service.

7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 Nothing new.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm with a reminder from the Secretary that it was subs collection time and that this presented a good opportunity for the sale of Smartwater kits to members.

Minutes approved ……………………………………. Date …………………………….
AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 1st MAY 2013 AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
2.0. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd APRIL 2013.
3.0. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES.
4.0. CRIME STATISTICS.
5.0. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS MEETING.
6.0. TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF £3133 TO THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR SPEED SIGNS
7.0. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
8.0. ITEMS TO BE RAISED AT NEXT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS MEETING