ETWALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 4th February 2015


1.0 Apologies for absence - Jim Avery and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 7th January 2015 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1 Ex 3.1. Alan Jenner amplified the post meeting note regarding our new bank’s requirement for three named signatories, any two of which would be required on our cheques. He suggested that the most appropriate time for approval of these names would be at next month’s AGM when they could be put to a vote.

3.2 Ex 6.1. Norman Ireland asked which part of the area by the Chestnut Grove shops had been unsafe because of inadequate snow clearance. Ivan Way stated that he had found the whole distance from a car parked at the curb to Etwell Pharmacy very slippery and hazardous. It was suggested that the Parish Council be asked to consider providing a grit bin for the shops use.

4.0 Crime Statistics.

4.1 It was noted that discrepancies were sometimes occurring between what we were recording at meetings and what crimes were eventually known about. To overcome this it was decided to follow the suggestion of PCSO Kerry Waite and make a careful record of on-line police reports of crime in our area, which, together with local knowledge, should give us the monthly crime statistics.

4.2 Alan Jenner reported a break in and theft of property at a newly occupied bungalow on Belfield Road. We have news that the thief has been caught and charged with the offence. Malcolm Yarnold added that, at about the same time as the above, a tradesman’s van, parked a few doors away, was broken into and its contents stolen. The metal of the vans rear door was cut open to gain access. If possible, it is advisable to back the rear of such vehicles close to a wall or a garage door. Also van alarms are a good investment.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1 Brian Myring had represented the Watch and reported back that the sergeant’s overview had reported an overall slight increase in crime figures. While violence and robbery figures were down, there had been an increase in burglaries of dwellings. However, it was good to see a decrease in non-dwelling break-ins, possibly the result of more care with security such as locks, lights and alarms.

5.2 Regarding the relocation of the Hilton Road 30mph sign, preparatory work with changes to the roadside tree line was scheduled for this weekend. It was also noted that there seemed to be some improvement in the long term parking of coaches delivering children for swimming at the Leisure Centre. The next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting will be some time next June.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Jill Dainty enquired as to the legal position regarding the inhalation of glue and solvent fumes, having found evidence of it in an area seen to be previously occupied by children. There was some opinion that it was illegal and an offence, this would be clarified with our PCSOs.

6.2 Norman Ireland reported that the Parish Council had received the required 4th quotation for enhanced CCTV coverage. He believed that this figure, about £2,700, would be accepted. Our contribution to this would be finalised and voted on at next month’s AGM.

6.3 Treasurer Paul Rayment stated that our current bank balance totalled £3,546.

6.4 Stewart Slaney reported dangerous obstruction of the pavement from cars parking by the Leisure Centre. He was advised to call 101 when the situation was next observed, to request police action.

7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 To be decided nearer to its expected date.

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

Minutes approved ……………………………………       Date …………………………….
AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2015 AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2.0. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4th FEBRUARY 2015.

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.