Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 4th May 2016

Present: - Susan Burton, Jill Dainty, Norman Ireland, Ian Mellor, Brian Myring, Cliff Noons, Paul Rayment, James Read, Steve Read, Brian Riley, Ron Tasker, Malcolm Yarnold and PCSO Karen Coldicott.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Jim Avery, Alan Jenner, Stewart Slaney and Ivan Way.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 6th April 2016 Were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1. Ex3.2. A message from Alan Jenner said that apparently John Port School has no management responsibility for the Leisure Centre. Complaints about parking of coaches should go to the bus companies; this matter could also be raised at the next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting.

3.2. Ex 5.2. Alan Jenner has contacted the Parish Council who have informed that there was a fault in the microphone system which has now been fixed. As to the sound systems at other venues, this is best raised at the next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting.

3.3. Ex 6.1. Alan Jenner was assured that multiple complaints from individuals were the most effective. Norman Ireland remarked that the companies had already been made very much aware of public opinion.

4.0 Crime Statistics.

4.1. The police have reported a house burglary in Mill Meadow Way during early April. This happened sometime during a weeks holiday absence.

4.2 PC SO Karen Coldicott confirmed that nuisance youth behaviour in Etwall had resulted in ‘Future Good Behaviour Contracts’ being set up for those concerned. This is a first step that would be followed up more severely in case of future offending. It was pointed out that the area around the Spread Eagle and the Willington Road houses near the post office was currently a nuisance youth ‘hot spot’. Also concern was raised about youths during the day gathering in the Spread Eagle garden and receiving frequent ‘visits’ from John Port pupils.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1 Next meeting believed to be in June, no details available yet.

6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 An e-mail from Stewart Slaney raising concerns put forward by members of the Old Station Close area was read out by the Chairman and responded to as detailed in the following paragraphs.

6.2 “Some of the residents in Old Station Close have formed an action group, with a view of trying to reduce the speed limit on Hilton Road outside the entrances to the school, leisure centre and Old Station Close, either by erecting a flashing 30mph sign or a 20mph reduction sign when the pupils are going to or coming from the school. Some of the group have been trained in the use of the speed gun, which they intend to use on Hilton Road. They are asking if the trained members of the watch would join them in this project.” From our past experience, to achieve changes to road signage and speed restrictions is a daunting task. Further village speed gun exercises to emphasise the need for the change they suggest could no doubt be set up. We would welcome their attendance at a Watch meeting to discuss the matter.

6.3 “Residents are complaining about parents parking in Old Station Close to pick up children from school at the junction with Hilton Road. It would appear that danger is being caused when cars are coming into Old Station Close from Hilton Road at the same time as parents are driving the opposite way. The road at this point is not wide enough to allow parked cars and passing traffic to use the road at the same time.” This is best put to our Beat Police, should also be a request for action at the next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting.

6.4 “Residents in Mitchel Close are complaining about the street lights being switched off at night. Although they accept this has to be done to save money, they feel that the wrong ones are being switched off. There is only one left on at the junction with Old Station Close leaving the rest of the close in total darkness. I would suggest that this is a reasonable request and I feel to light up the other end of the close by leaving the light outside house number 10 on would be a good idea.” Again this is an appropriate one for Safer Neighbourhoods who are best placed to give us some leverage. It would be really helpful if members from the area concerned could attend the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting to make their point.
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6.5 “The dog walkers using the track at the back of Old Station Close are asking that more refuse bins should be strategically placed along the track to stop people throwing litter and dog waste bags into the hedge rows or leaving it at the side of the track. There is in fact only one situated at the entrance to Old Station Close.” This is one that the individuals in the area concerned should take up with Sustrans management. There are also Sustrans Volunteer Wardens living in the village who could usefully support this if requested.

6.6 Norman Ireland asked that opinions for or against the proposed closure of the Etwall Public Toilets should be passed to the Parish Council as soon as possible. If people did not make their views known we could easily lose the facilities.

6.7 Treasurer Paul Rayment reported our current funds to be £2,945 including £332 of this year’s subs so far collected. It would be appreciated if co-ordinators could complete collection as soon as possible.

7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 To be discussed nearer the time, believed to be scheduled for June.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

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