ETWALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 6th February 2013


1.0 Apologies for absence – Aaron Dainty, Jill Dainty, Andrew Gamon, Tony Spiers, Heather Wimble and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 9th January 2013 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1 Ex 3.1. It was announced that our Newsletter had been completed with several additions including one on current scams. It had been added to and put into publishable form by Ron Tasker and sent via John Lemmon to Swadlincote District Council print room for copying. The original Smartwater write-up had had to be amended. We learnt at the last Safer Neighbourhoods meeting that our application for £500 to finance purchase of the kits had been granted. This, coupled with the fact that the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership had a new, cheaper source, meant that the £15/kit charge no longer applied. However, it was felt fair to ask for a £5 donation toward the cost of further supplies once the £500 worth was used up. Considerable demand is anticipated at this extremely reasonable price.

3.2 Ex 7.1. The motorbike problem continues, though currently at a lower level, it will be kept under observation.

3.3 Ex 6.2. No activity re installation of the Vehicle Activated Speed signs on Egginton Road. A possible reason suggested was the forecast closure of a nearby section of Egginton Road, between 18th Feb and 1st March, to accommodate sewage drainage work. However the County Council has been very quick to claim the need for an extra £600 to cover unexpected and unspecified costs. Norman Ireland said that Councillor Julie Patton was watching over the situation on behalf of the village.
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4.0 Crime Statistics

4.1 Little crime of note in the Watch Area which reflects the figures quoted at the last Safer Neighbourhoods meeting. For the year to December all crime saw a fall of 24.5%, with theft down 18%, Anti-social behaviour down 22% and criminal damage down 30%. The only major increase was in drug related matters, largely as a result of the excellent work being done by PC Louise Durham in adjoining villages in apprehending users of cannabis.

4.2 No report of anything serious in the past month was reported by the police or from those at the meeting.

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.

5.2 At the last meeting, one of the District Council Wardens described their current activity against dog fouling. He had shortly before the meeting impose a £75 on the spot fine on a culprit failing to clean up on Egginton Road. He stressed the importance of members of the public reporting anyone guilty of the offence to the wardens via the Swadlincote exchange (01283221000).

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Brian Myring complained that the telephone version of the Community Messaging System seemed to deliver far fewer reports than the internet version.

6.2 Robert Jellis asked why so little Watch information currently appeared in the Express Magazine. We would make a greater effort to ensure more was published, including extracts from our minutes.

6.3 Norman Ireland stated that increasing hits on the village website indicated more interest being shown. In addition to publishing our monthly minutes we would add our next newsletter and background information on Watch activities.

7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 Nothing new.

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

Minutes approved ........................................ Date ........................................
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AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2013 AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
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