Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 6th April 2016

Present: Andrew Gamon, Norman Ireland, Robert Jellis, Robert Jones, Brian Myring, Cliff Noons, Paul Rayment, Brian Riley, Ron Tasker, Ivan Way and Malcolm Yarnold.

1.0 Apologies for absence – Jill Dainty and Alan Jenner (our Beat Police were represented by Special Constable Robert Jones).

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 3rd February 2016 Were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1. Ex6.4. Norman Ireland said that the application for funds toward enhancing the more advanced play equipment on King George’s Playing Field had met with success: Grants of £7,000 from our District Council and £12,000 from Tesco. Regarding the proposed play area connected to the Willington Road housing development, no details were yet known.

3.2. Ex 6.2. Andrew Gamon reported that long term parking of coaches by the Leisure Centre bus stop continues. Norman Ireland said that this should be taken up with John Port School. The proposed reinstatement of the joint school and village consultative committee would facilitate this and other matters. It was agreed that our Secretary should write to the Parish council requesting their action on this dangerous parking of coaches.

4.0 Crime Statistics.

4.1. Nothing major for the Etwall Watch area had been reported from the police or was known by those present at the meeting.

4.2. Malcolm Yarnold reported news of yet another theft of equipment from a tradesman’s van, this one in Windmill Road. The police are reportedly unable to take action due to ‘lack of evidence’. These thefts from vans are becoming more frequent, members are asked to keep watch for any suspicious activity, particularly after dark and call it in right away to the police control room on 101.

As to owners security, the following could help:

A powerful, activity operated, PIR security light.
A van alarm – vibration operated.
Marking all equipment with commercial grade DNA type security liquid, and making this fact known.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1 No details are known of the next meeting.

5.2 A general point was made about the difficulty of following the meeting proceedings due to poor acoustics and sound equipment at the venues used. Etwall’s Frank Wickham Hall was a particularly bad example in this respect. Our Secretary was tasked with writing to the Parish Council requesting action to improve the sound system.

6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 Ivan Way commented on the recent chaotic mishandling of public information warning of contamination to the local water supply. What warning that was put out merely quoted our post code DE65 without making it clear that it only applied to those supplied by Severn Trent and NOT South Staffs Water. If a warning of any kind is issued to the general public it is worse than useless if it is unclear and muddled. Both water companies should take note. It was suggested the Watch could contact them direct or via the Parish Council.

6.2 Treasurer Paul Rayment reported our current funds to be £2,665 with more 2016/17 subs yet to be collected. This leaves us well placed to take on further village security projects.

6.3 Norman Ireland reported that some new suppliers of fish, door to door, were suspect, both as to quality of the fish and their method of charging. This does NOT apply to the regular suppliers, such as Grimsby Fish, in the village on a Tuesday, who has served us well for a long time. The advice is to stick to the regular suppliers that you know and be careful of new people.

6.4 Brian Myring reported seeing warning of the Egginton Road level crossing to be closed one night on 23/24th of April.

6.5 Norman Ireland replied to a query that the damaged Burnaston Lane sign post was scheduled for replacement.
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 7.25 pm.

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

AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 4th MAY 2016 AT 7.00 PM
IN 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.