Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 7th May 2014


1.0 Apologies for absence - Robert Jellis and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 2nd April 2014 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1 Ex 6.1. Progress has been made toward solving the problems listed:
   a) Jim Avery has agreed to look after 1 – 37 odd numbers Chestnut Grove.
   b) As yet no success. Andrew Gamon offered to distribute leaflets to each house, requesting volunteer co-ordinators, so that Risborrow Close can continue to operate as part of Etwall Watch.
   c) Paul Rayment has undertaken to act as our treasurer.
   d) Andrew Gamon is standing in for John Lemmon on the understanding that his duties be kept to an absolute minimum. Street Co-ordinators in John Lemmon’s area are requested to deal direct with Secretary Alan Jenner with any problems, money collection etc.

4.0 Crime Statistics

4.1 After receiving community intelligence relating to a strong smell of cannabis, our Police Beat Team gathered enough information to obtain a search warrant. This was executed at a property on Main Street, Etwall. A large number cannabis plants were located along with a mature ‘mother’ plant which was in the process of being used for cuttings. Two people were arrested and are on bail pending an accurate calculation of the plant yield, estimated as being in excess of £30,000.

4.2 There have been several incidents of vandalism resulting in criminal damage:
   a) The notice board at the junction of Belfield Road and Springfield Road has been destroyed.
   b) A fire lit in a waste bin by the Library completely destroyed the bin.
   c) A Library window was smashed.
   d) It is suspected that the same nuisance youths were connected with vandalism and theft on Bowls Club property.

4.3 Signs of drug taking (a hypodermic syringe) and possible drug dealing in the region of the cut through between the new and old sections of Egginton Road near Euonymous Cottage. Apparently there have been signs of drug use elsewhere in recreational areas of the village.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1. The next Safer Neighbourhood meeting will be held in Egginton Memorial Hall at 6.15 on Wednesday 4th June. As this clashes with our monthly meeting, Brian Myring agreed to cover it for us.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Paul Rayment, our new Treasurer, enquired if there were any plans for the use of the substantial reserve sum in our bank account. Nothing definite is planned, suggestions from members would be most welcome. Ideas from the meeting included an increase in CCTV security cover. The legal implication will be discussed with our Beat Police. Tim Day, on behalf of the Parish Council, said that extended cover was being considered for the Frank Wickham Hall/Bowling Green area. The meeting voted to approve our offering to contribute towards financing any such scheme.

6.2 Cliff Noons suggested that Neighbourhood Watch leaflets and other information could be displayed at the Well Dressing caravan. Material will be provided.

7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 It was decided to add the parking of coaches at the Leisure Centre bus stop as hopefully this may encourage action on this before it results in an accident. Our request for the 30mph sign relocation will be raised as usual. An additional argument for this change is the danger to John Port pupils walking to and from school along the very narrow pavement. Passing traffic is often well over the 40mph limit. The evidence of illegal drug use in the village will also be raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.
AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE 2014 AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2.0. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7th MAY 2014.

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