ETWALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 7th August 2013


1.0 Apologies for absence – Susan Burton, Aaron Dainty, Cliff Noons, Steve Read, James Read and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 3rd July 2013 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1 No points raised.

4.0 Crime Statistics

4.1 Another quiet month with nothing major reported. Warnings for cannabis possession indicate continued police activity against drugs.

4.2 Reported telephone and internet scams show an increasing trend toward this sort of theft, particularly targeted at the more vulnerable and elderly. The following examples were mentioned:

   a) A telephone call, often in the early hours, purporting to be from the police. This claims that your credit or debit card has been cloned and used by criminals. The bogus police ask for the card details and pin saying that a courier will call round to collect the card for investigation. They advise to ring off and phone the police to verify the situation. However, they are able to keep the line open so that your verification call goes to them instead of the police.

   b) Another scam involves an answer phone message ‘sorry I missed you, I have good news for you, call this number for details’. Unfortunately the number is set up to be very expensive per minute and will cost you a large amount of money profiting the criminal.

   Most people are too savvy to fall for these but they must still be catching out the vulnerable or they would not continue with them. Please try to ensure that these tricks are well advertised to any friends, relations and neighbours you believe might be taken in.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1 Date, time and venue of next meeting still to be announced.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Malcolm Yarnold announced that we still have some of the £5 donation Smart Water Kits available. We are keen to get these out into the Watch where they can help against theft.

6.2 The Secretary responded to the statement from the Parish Council that additional insurance against vandalism of our VAS speed limit signs had been arranged at a cost of approximately £70 per annum. He proposed to the meeting that the Watch should pay half of this cost up to a maximum of £50 per annum for the next 5 years. This was seconded by Tony Spiers and carried unanimously.

6.3 Norman Ireland enquired whether the notices of road works involving road closures and delays provided through the Parish Council were proving useful. It was agreed that they were helpful and that the Watch would continue to circulate the most significant ones.

6.4 The Secretary passed on a report that a disappointing amount of traffic leaving the village towards Egginton was not reducing speed when warned by the 30mph VAS. It was suggested that vehicles blatantly disregarding the speed limit when obviously warned should be recorded and their details passed to the police. He also reported a particularly bad example on the approach from Egginton involving a green Mini Cooper with a white roof, carrying four youths, that entered the village at an extremely high speed, too fast for its registration number to be obtained. Members are asked to keep a lookout for this vehicle and note its registration number.

7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

7.1 The question of support for moving the 30mph sign on the Hilton approach road to before the old railway bridge would continue to be pressed.

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

Minutes approved ……………………………………       Date …………………………….
AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2.0. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7th AUGUST 2013.

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