ETWALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 7th October 2015

Present: Susan Burton, Norman Ireland, Alan Jenner, Robert Jones, David Muller, Brian Myring, Cliff Noons, Paul Rayment, Stewart Slaney, Ron Tasker and Ivan Way.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Jill Dainty, Ian Mellor, Malcolm Yarnold and our beat police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 2nd September 2015 Were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1. Ex 4.4. There was no more information regarding the vandalism at the animal sanctuary.

3.2. Ex 6.3. There was no more information regarding suspicious activity in Egginton Road.

4.0 Crime Statistics.

4.1 Fly tipping was reported near the animal sanctuary and in Burnaston Lane. No other incidents were known to those at the meeting.

4.2 Post meeting notes from police update:

The police September update had not been received at the time of compiling these minutes.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5. The next meeting will be held at 6.15pm on Wednesday 11th November in John Port School. Alan Jenner and Norman Ireland will represent Etwall NHW and will raise the problem of speeding motorists in the village.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 The treasurer stated that our current balance remains at £2,926.

6.2 A speed check was recently held on the length of road outside the Leisure Centre. It produced a rich haul of offenders who will all receive letters from the police.

6.3 David Muller introduced himself as a new district councillor. He has been tasked with investigating how a defibrillator may be acquired and made available for emergencies in the village. So far, he has established that defibrillators cost between £800 and £1200, depending on the model. The licensee of the Spread Eagle will be willing to keep the equipment in a readily available position. Alternatively, it could be kept in a locked box, sited in the village centre, the lock being capable of being remotely released, at the discretion of the police, when a button is pressed on the box. The box would add approximately £500 to £600 to the project, would be accessible to vandals and so is not the preferred method of storage. Members thought that the Watch would be willing to contribute towards the cost of the project and this will be formally voted on at the next Watch meeting. Meanwhile, advice will be sought from the ambulance service and others concerning maintenance and training of operators.

6.4 Two people seen loitering near the toilets at school times have been spoken to by police. They are not expected to return.

6.5 The bus turning circle at John Port School may be used as overflow parking space outside of school hours.

6.6 The Watch will be displaying a Christmas tree in St Helen’s Church again this year. The form, notifying the church of our intentions, was completed for return to Sue Gotch. Lights have been purchased. A tree will be purchased nearer the time. Stewart Slaney promised the loan of a stand for the tree. It was agreed that the tree should be titled “Watch This Tree.”

6.7 Stewart Slaney introduced Robert Jones to the meeting saying that he was about to be appointed a special constable. Robert told the meeting that the village had a drug problem and that cannabis could be smelt in the region of the church on Friday and Saturday nights. Youths had also been seen in the area riding scooters without helmets. It was suggested that the Alms House residents might be asked to call the police if they see this sort of behaviour again.

6.8 Stickers are available for attachment to wheely bins stating that the speed limit is 30mph. On bin days, a line of bins so marked, in roads that are plagued by speeding, has been found to have a calming effect. We need feedback from members if this is to be put into action.
7.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

To raise concern about the amount of vehicles breaking the speed limit in the village, particularly on Egginton Road, where the speed limit warning sign is regularly lit up by 30 – 40% of vehicles.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

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