Present: - Aaron Dainty, Jill Dainty, Ian Mellor, Brian Myring, Stewart Slaney, Tony Spiers, Ron Tasker, Ivan Way, Brian Webster and Malcolm Yarnold.

1.0 Apologies for absence - Susan Burton, Alan Jenner, Cliff Noons, James Read, Steve Read and our Beat Police.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 7th November 2012 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from the above minutes.

3.1 Ex 3.1. It is understood that final approval has been granted for the vehicle activated speed signs on Egginton Road to be installed.

3.2 Ex 6.1. Alan Jenner has reported that amicable relations have been re-established between the South Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, part of the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership, and the newly re-instated D Division Neighbourhood Watch Support Group based at Chester Green Police HQ. Despite duplication, the Derby Group have useful links to the Derbyshire and National Neighbourhood Watch Groups. However, the South Derbyshire organisation will continue to be our primary source of help.

3.3 Ex 6.3. Due to regulations limiting money passing from Councillor Julie Patten’s funds to various projects, we were unable to provide this service. Fortunately Councillor Patten has been able to use a different route.

3.4 Ex 3.2. It was put to the meeting and agreed that we should contribute to the cost of vandalism insurance cover for the Vehicle Activated Speed signs to be installed on Egginton Road.

4.0 Crime Statistics

4.1 Again a quiet month with nothing major reported by our Beat Police or from those at the meeting.

4.2 We have received reports of a lad riding a small off-road type motorcycle, illegal in that he had no helmet and the bike had no number plates. He has been seen over a period of three days (3 to 5 Dec) in the Springfield Road and Belfield Road areas. Our police have been contacted and asked to watch out for him.

5.0 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

5.1 No date or venue has yet been set for the next meeting.

6.0 Approval of Expenditure on Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

6.1. It was proposed by Brian Myring and seconded by Brian Webster that we sanction the spending of a maximum of £4,000 (including a £400 contingency fund) toward the cost of erection of two VAS on Egginton Road. This was carried unanimously, assurance having been given that it would leave us plenty of funds for day to day operation of the Watch.

7.0 Other Business

7.1 Complaints have been received about the Street Light Economy switch-off. Lights in jetties such as Windmill Road to Pine Close, Belfield Road to Willington Road and Primary School to Pine Close are being turned off at midnight. This is contrary to what we had been given to understand as County Council policy. Our objections have been e-mailed to Councillor Julie Patten and our Parish Council with a request for reconsideration on security grounds.

7.2. Re Smart Water kits. Malcolm Yarnold apologised for the delay in satisfying orders for 10 kits. It is hoped to receive a supply of these in the next week to 10 days.

7.3. We had planned to publish a Newsletter prior to Christmas. On consideration it has been decided to hold this back until the New Year. This was because its content was not geared to Christmas holiday precautions and its distribution and impact risked being lost in the holiday rush. Further, it included a piece advertising the benefits of the use of Smart Water and there is some delay in obtaining a large supply of kits to satisfy the hoped for demand.

7.4. Ian Mellor remarked on advice seen on the Internet that if by chance one was unable to make contact with the police using 999, there was another number available. No reason was seen why the new, nationally recognised, 101 link to the nearest police control room would not serve, although 999 was always to be preferred in an emergency.
7.5. Aaron Dainty commented on two cases of wrecked and burnt out cars in the Watch area. One, in a field near the Hilton side link with the by-pass was unrecovered for several weeks. A call to the ‘clean team’ was advised as the best solution in such cases. The other car, wrecked in the hedge by John Port School grounds next to the Sustrans track bridge, proved to be that of a stolen car the driver of which had been arrested at the scene.

7.6. Brian Myring remarked on the increased evidence of dog fouling. It was agreed to publish the fact of this offence.

7.7. It was suggested and agreed to postpone our next meeting to Wednesday 9th January so as to be well clear of New Year celebrations.

7.8. Ian Mellor reported the theft of a well secured caravan from the site of the old Etwall Garage. Fortunately, it was fitted with a tracking device enabling it to be traced and the thieves arrested.

8.0 Items for Next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

8.1. No items raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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

AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY 2013 AT 7.00 PM
PEARTREE COURT

1.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2.0. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th DECEMBER 2012.

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