

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Etwall Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 5th December 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Frank Wickham Hall**

Present: Cllr D Du Cellee Muller
Cllr I Bennett
Cllr K Cresswell
Cllr J Fox
Cllr N Ireland

Cllr B Payton
Cllr J Patten
Cllr K Rushby
Cllr R Warburton

In attendance: Cllr J Lemmon, Cllr L Brown and two members of the public

- 11/12/2869 **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Smith, Cllr Bilbie and Mrs Dove
- 11/12/2870 **Declaration of Interests** – All Members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of the Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest. Cllr Muller and Cllr Cresswell declared an interest as allotment holders.
- 11/12/2871 **Minutes of meeting held on 7th November 2011** – Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 11/12/2872 **Matters Arising** - None
- 11/12/2873 **Public Participation and Police Matters** - None
- 11/12/2874 **Outstanding Matters - District Council** – Cllr Brown reported that a potential applicant for development of the railhead at Etwall/Egginton Common had met with SDDC Officers to discuss the protocols of an application. To date no application had been made.
Cllr Lemmon reported that a meeting was to be held with Heather Wheeler MP and representatives from the Highways Agency to discuss the problems of noise from the A50 and A38. Cllr Lemmon and Cllr Brown were also to attend this meeting.
- 11/12/2875 **Outstanding Matters – County Council** – Cllr Patten reported that the light outside the library had been repaired but that the bollards had been knocked over again outside the primary school. Cllr Patten had also received some complaints relating to John Port School concerning the dropping of litter between Etwall and Hilton and students standing up next to the driver on school buses to Hatton. These matters would be taken up with the school.
- 11/12/2876 **Planning Environment and Highways Committee**
- (a) Planning applications already considered :-
- (i) 9 2011 0850 -The erection of an extension at 6 Kiln Croft, Etwall – NO OBJECTIONS
- (ii) 9 2011 0866 -The pruning of Yew Trees at The Limes, 86 Main Street, Etwall – NO OBJECTIONS
- (b) Planning applications to be considered – None
Although not a planning application, an email had been received from John Port School informing the Parish Council of proposals to improve the signage and install additional mesh fencing around the perimeter of the school. There were no problems seen with these proposals presuming that the recycling facilities were moved to the bus park as had been mentioned previously.
- (c) Reduction of Noise from A50 – See above.
- (d) John Port School Car Park – The Parking Policy had been received and circulated to members. This policy was approved by members and as all of the conditions for the donation had now been met it was agreed that this could now be made.

- (e) Request for an illuminated speed sign on Egginton Road – Cllr Ireland reported on a meeting had been held to progress this matter further. It was decided that the Parish Council send a formal letter to DCC asking for a quotation for the supply, installation and maintenance costs of two illuminated speed signs for Egginton Road. One to be sited on the entrance to the village from Egginton within the 30 mph zone and the second to be located on the back of the recently installed school safety zone sign.

11/12/2877

Finance**(a) Items of Expenditure**

- (i) Pruning of an Ash Tree at the Allotments – IT WAS DECIDED to accept a quotation from Melbourne Tree Surgeons to prune this tree at a cost of £220 plus VAT. Confirmation had been received from STWA's agents that the tree could be pruned but not removed.
- (ii) Renewal of CCTV Maintenance Contract – IT WAS DECIDED to renew the CCTV maintenance contract at a cost of £250 for the year.
- (iii) Gratuity to Allotment Holders – IT WAS DECIDED to pay £30 each to two allotment holders in recognition of all of the work that they carry out on the communal areas of the allotments to the benefit of everyone.

- (b) Payments for approval totaling £4961.49, together with payments for Frank Wickham hall totaling £343.83 were agreed.

11/12/2878

Website Update – Cllr Ireland reported that changes had been made to improve access from the old website and that the monthly maintenance costs were well below those of the previous website. A request had been received from the local MEP to put his newsletter on the website but it was felt that a contact link only would be more appropriate. It was felt that the plans for the Queen's Jubilee should also be put on the website.

11/12/2879

Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee – As a new member Cllr Warburton reported on her visit to the Sandypits Lane Changing Rooms.

11/12/2880

Frank Wickham Hall Charity – The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

11/12/2881

Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Cllr Cresswell reported that progress was being made in organizing the events reported at the last meeting. It was mentioned that insurance for the picnic in the park was likely to cost in the region of £150 and this was to be raised at the forthcoming Finance meeting.

11/12/2882

Clerk's Report

- (a) Report from Employees – It was reported that the Groundsman would be absent for a number of weeks due to his hip operation. The Part-time Groundsman would be working full-time during this period.
- (b) Correspondence – see attached.

11/12/2883

Dates of Committee Meetings – 19th December - Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee at 7.00 pm followed by the Finance Committee at 7.15 pm.

11/12/2884

Any Other Business

- (a) Three members had expressed an interest in attending a planning training session at Swadlincote. One place for Cllr Rushby was definitely booked and places had been reserved for Cllr Fox and Cllr Bennett depending on availability.
- (b) Cllr Muller mentioned that he had seen a wendy house on the allotments. This was to be discussed at the Youth Recreation and Allotments meeting .

11/12/2885

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30 pm

Signed

Date