

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Etwall Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 4th February 2013

Present: Cllr K Cresswell Cllr N Ireland
Cllr M Adcock Cllr D Muller
Cllr I Bennett Cllr B Payton
Cllr T Day Cllr S Sandhu
Cllr J Fox Cllr R Warburton

In attendance: Cllr J Lemmon, Cllr L Brown and 10 members of the public.

13/2/3094 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr K Rushby and Cllr J Patten

13/2/3095 **Declaration of Interests** – All Members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of the Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.

13/2/3096 **Public Speaking**

- (a) Concerns were raised about the proposed railhead development at Etwall/Egginton Common. Cllr Brown reported that a pre-planning application was expected in the near future and members of the public would be consulted on the proposals. Etwall Parish Council intended to hold a public meeting as soon as information was available but did not feel that there was anything concrete to report at the moment.
- (b) Clarification was sought on the proposed road works on Egginton Road. It was confirmed that there would be single lane traffic with traffic lights during the road works which were likely to be in place from 18th February to early March.
- (c) Although Cllr Patten was not present she had passed some notes to the Chairman. DCC had looked at the reduction of the speed limit outside the Leisure Centre and did not feel that a 30 mph speed limited could be supported. It was felt by those present that the new car park, additional housing on Old Station Close and the new football pitch at the Leisure Centre were all factors which should be taken into account when considering the speed limit. Cllr Patten to be asked to raise these issues. DCC had agreed to deal with the weeds/nettles and look at the condition of the footway between Old Station Close and the Primary School. They were not prepared to install a zebra crossing near the Primary School as footfall during the majority of the day was too light but were still trying to find a replacement School Crossing Patrol Warden.
- (d) There was a complaint of a street light on Jackson's Lane not working and the Clerk agreed to check whether it was a light that had been switched off permanently.
- (e) Cllr Lemmon reported that there had been a delay in signing the contract for the new kerbside collection so the new bin collection may not start at the beginning of April as originally planned.
- (f) Cllr Brown reported that the hearing for the planning appeal for the proposed wind turbines on Risborrow Close would take place in the SDDC Council Chamber on 5th March at 10.00 am and was expected to last two days.

13/2/3097 **Minutes of meeting held on 7th January 2012** – Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

13/2/3098 **Chairman's Announcements**

Cllr Cresswell reported on the Toyota Liaison Meeting. At this meeting Toyota were asked if they were involved in the proposed railhead development and they had confirmed that they had no part in it but if it were built they would probably use it. It was stated that there were no plans to build a bridge over the A50.

13/2/3099 **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils** – The DALC Circulars as detailed on the agenda had been circulated to members. Training was discussed and the Clerk agreed to investigate the possibility of holding training for new members in South Derbyshire.

13/2/3100 **Report from Planning, Environment and Highways Committee**

- (a) Planning applications already considered – None.
- (b) Planning applications to be considered –
 - (i) The pruning of two fir trees and a silver birch at Wychwood, Sutton Lane – NO OBJECTIONS
 - (ii) The display of two facility signs and hand painted wall sign and lights at the Hawk and Buckle, 46 Main Street – There were some objections concerning the maintenance of painted signs on the brickwork and the general appearance of these signs in the Conservation Area.
- (c) Proposed railhead and warehousing development update – See above.
- (d) War Memorial – A reply was still awaited from the British Legion to confirm whether they had any responsibility for the war memorial. If a formal transfer of ownership at any point in the war memorial's history could not be established, the War Memorials Act of 1923 enabled local councils to carry out work to war memorials in their area whether they officially owned them or not but there was no obligation to do so. The Conservation Officer had confirmed that grants were available to carry out repair work. IT WAS DECIDED to chase the British Legion for a reply and to obtain quotations for the necessary work.
- (e) Location Signs for Frank Wickham Hall – DCC had agreed to put a direction sign pointing towards the Frank Wickham Hall on the corner of Portland Street and Willington Road. It was felt that a sign from Main Street was preferable. A form had been received to apply to put a sign on the lamp post at the bottom of the Frank Wickham Hall drive and this would be referred to the Frank Wickham Hall Committee.
- (f) Review of Road Signs – IT WAS DECIDED to organise a walk around the village to make a note of empty posts and unnecessary road signs. Cllr Muller agreed to organise this.
- (g) Gritting – A number of complaints had been received regarding gritting in various areas of the village following the recent snow and IT WAS DECIDED to hold a meeting of the Planning Environment and Highways Committee to formulate a gritting policy.

13/2/3101 **Finance**

- (a) Accounts for payment totalling £2325.54 from the current account and £1890.96 from the wages account were approved. Accounts totalling £304.57 for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity were also approved.
- (b) Income totalling £218.18 was received and income for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity totalled £2612.93.
- (c) Spend against main budget headings were reported together with bank reconciliation for month ending 31st December 2012.
- (d) Items of expenditure
 - (i) IT WAS DECIDED to accept the quotation from Mark Williamson for the replacement of chains and posts around the village green at a cost of £1,320. The use of galvanized chain was questioned and the use of black chain to be investigated.
 - (ii) IT WAS DECIDED to accept the increased 'civils' cost of approx £600 for the installation of two vehicle activated signs on Egginton Road.
 - (iii) IT WAS DECIDED not to take part in any of the recently advertised training but to enquire about training for new members.

- 13/2/3102 **Report from Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee** – Cllr Warburton reported that the summer play scheme had been booked. Comments were made about the state of the entrance to the play area and this was to be looked at to see if improvements to drainage could be made. The soft play surface also appeared to be covered in algae and SDDC to be asked if there was anything which could remove this.
- 13/2/3103 **Report from Frank Wickham Hall Committee** – Cllr Bennett reported that the heating and outside lights were now working properly. There were concerns about the height of hedges surrounding the car park and the hedge between Pear Tree Court and the playing field. The Clerk to investigate ownership and responsibility for these hedges. A comment was made on the recent increase in bookings for the hall and this was thought to be due to the Booking Clerk’s helpfulness.
- 13/2/3104 **Clerk’s Report** –
 (a) Report from Employees – The change from weekly to fortnightly wage payments for the Groundsmen would come into effect from the beginning of the new tax year. It was reported that the Part-Time Groundsman had been employed by the Parish Council for 20 years at the beginning of January.
 (b) Correspondence – See attached.
- 13/2/3105 **Website Update** – Visitor numbers had increased this month with approx 30 visitors per day . Frank Wickham was the most popular page, followed by About Etwall and Who’s Who. There were 129 documents downloaded.
- 13/2/3106 **Any Other Business**
 (a) There was a large pothole in the turning circle by John Port School. DCC to be asked to repair this as a matter of urgency.
 (b) The refurbishment of the village sign was to be made an agenda item for the next meeting.
 (c) There was a complaint that the cutting down of the bushes on the A516 near Old Station Close had increased noise levels.
 (d) There was a complaint regarding the uneven slabs outside the Londis Store.
 (e) It was felt that student parking was becoming more prevalent again in the centre of the village. A letter to be sent to the school. Cllr Payton mentioned that DCC had explained techniques which could be implemented by the school to improve parking outside the Primary School.
 (f) There had been a complaint that the floor in the Frank Wickham Hall was sticky. The resurfacing/polishing of the floor to be discussed at the next Frank Wickham Hall Committee.
- 13/2/3107 **Dates of Committee Meetings** – Monday 18th February - Frank Wickham Hall Committee – 7.00 pm followed by the Planning Environment and Highways Committee at 8.00 pm
- 13/2/3108 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 4th March 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Frank Wickham Hall.

Signed

Date

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Minute No. 13/2/3104

1	Correspondence Requiring Action		Action
1.1	Mark Williamson	Quotation for posts on village green	See minutes
1.2	ADM Plant Hire	Quotation for posts on village green	See minutes
1.3	DCC	Increase in 'civils' costs for VAS	See minutes
1.4	SDDC	Casual Vacancy	Actioned
1.5	DCC	Claims for Minor Maintenance	None carried out
1.6	Mr Barnett	Grit bins – The Bancroft	Referred to PEH Ctte

2	Correspondence for Information		
2.1	DCC	Ownership of War Memorial	Noted
2.2	Imperial War Museum	Ownership of War Memorial	Noted
2.3	SDDC	Etwall Area Forum/Safer Neighbourhood Agenda	Noted
2.4	Police	Update	Noted
2.5	Came & Co	Members area of their website	Noted
2.6	Cllr Patten	Response from DCC on highway matters	Noted
2.7	Cllr Patten	Community Building Grant – Successful Projects	Noted
2.8	155 th Etwall Scouts	Update on progress of building works at Scout Hut	Noted
2.9	SDDC	Press releases: Cycling legacy Taking decisive action to make savings Recognising the sacrifices of Land Girls New sports directory now available Kick off for state of the art football pitch Council recognized for its environmental work	Noted
2.10	SDDC	Flood Liaison meeting	Noted
2.11	DCC	Direction Sign to Frank Wickham Hall	Noted
2.12	DCC	Applying to put a sign on a lighting column	Referred to FWH Ctte
2.13	ICO	Confirmation of renewal	Noted
2.14	RBS	Best wishes	Noted
2.15	Gavin Traynor	Advertising	Noted
2.16	RB landscaping	Advertising	Noted

3	Correspondence for reading		
3.1	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine	
3.2	Archaeology & Conservation in Derbys	Magazine	
3.3	Glasdon	Catalogue	
3.4	J Parkers	Bulb Catalogue	

4	Correspondence relating to Frank Wickham Hall		
4.1	e-on	Confirmation of electricity account	
4.2	British Gas	Credit refunded	
4.3	CAF	Advertising	

