

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Etwall Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 9th January 2012

Present: Cllr D Du Cellee Muller
Cllr P Bilbie
Cllr I Bennett
Cllr K Cresswell
Cllr J Fox
Cllr N Ireland
Cllr B Payton
Cllr K Rushby
Cllr R Warburton

In attendance: Cllr J Lemmon, Cllr L Brown, two representatives from the police and approx 60 members of the public

Before the meeting began the Chairman paid tribute to Cllr Ivor Smith who died on 29th December. Cllrs Smith had been a long-serving member and past Chairman. The thoughts and good wishes of members of the Parish Council were sent to his wife and family and a minute's silence was held. Later tributes were also paid by Mr Myring on behalf of the village and Cllr Brown on behalf of the District Council.

12/1/2887 **Apologies for Absence** – None

12/1/2888 **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.

12/1/2889 **Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2011** – Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

12/1/2890 **Matters Arising** – Cllr Ireland confirmed that a letter had been sent to DCC asking for a quotation for the provision and installation of flashing speed signs on Egginton Road but a reply had not yet been received.

12/1/2891 **Public Participation and Police Matters** – There had been no incidents in Etwall for the police to report. The next Safer Neighbourhoods/Etwall Area Forum meeting was to take place on 13th February at 6.15 pm at Hilton Village Hall.

A residents' group had been set up to campaign against the installation of two wind turbines on land between Risborrow Close and Burnaston village. A photograph was displayed showing how the view may look from Risborrow Close if the turbines were installed. There was concern at the number of accidents connected to wind turbines during high winds in various parts of the country and the implications to local residents and properties if they were to happen here. Mention was also made of the close proximity of houses to the proposed wind turbines.

12/1/2892 **Co-option of Member** – Mr Michael Adcock was proposed by Cllr Patten, seconded by Cllr Ireland and unanimously co-opted to join Etwall Parish Council. Mr Adcock then joined the meeting.

12/1/2893 **Outstanding Matters – County Council** –

(a) Cllr Patten reported on a 10 week consultation regarding the provision of youth services. Instead of directly providing youth services, it was proposed to provide grants to groups/charities to provide youth services.

(b) Cllr Patten wished to dispel some myths concerning the consultation to turn off some street lights. DCC were thinking of turning off approx 900 out of 89,000

street lights. These would not be turned off in the following locations:- some main roads; town centres; crime or accident hot spots; areas with CCTV; hospitals, sheltered housing, nursing homes and older people's homes; pedestrian crossings and enclosed alleyways. It was hoped that the proposals would save £400,000 a year in energy bills and 2,000 tonnes of carbon per year.

- (c) It was mentioned that three street lights on Egginton Road were not working. Cllr Patten had already reported this.

12/1/2894

Outstanding Matters – District Council – As Chairman of the SDDC Planning Committee Cllr Brown was unable to comment on planning applications but she assured those present that she had read all of the information that had been sent to her.

- (a) A meeting was to take place the following evening (10th January) with members of SDDC and representatives of the proposed developers of the railhead (rail fort). Further information would be available after that meeting.
- (b) Cllr Lemmon stated that a report from the meeting with the Highways Agency, Heather Wheeler MP and District Councillors on noise from the A50 and A38 had now been produced. This meeting had been very disappointing in that a maintenance contract was in place until 2026 and that the standards set when this contract was agreed were not as stringent as they are now. An alternative to resurfacing the road would be the use of noise cancelling fencing but initially the Highways Agency did not accept that there was a problem with noise in Etwall.
- (c) Cllr Lemmon offered help with objections to the wind turbine planning application and stressed the need to state how the application would adversely affect local properties and residents.
- (d) Cllr Patten mentioned that estate agents had attached signs to street name plates on Ash Lane and Old Station Close. Cllr Lemmon and Cllr Brown agreed to pass this to SDDC for attention.

12/1/2895

Planning, Environment and Highways Committee

- (a) Planning applications already considered:-
- (i) To extend the time period for planning permission 9/2008/1113 for the erection of an extension a 3 Risborrow Close – NO OBJECTIONS
 - (ii) The erection of an extension at 22 Windmill Road – NO OBJECTIONS
- (b) Planning applications to be considered:-
- (i) The installation of 2 x 50 kw endurance wind turbines with cabling at land lying to the south of Burnaston Lane – OBJECTION
- (c) Reduction in noise from A50 and A38 – see above.
- (d) Proposed railhead development – see above.
- (e) Consultation on amendments to existing Dog Control Orders – Cllr Bilbie reported that dogs were currently excluded from Chestnut Grove Children's Play Area and not picking up dog faeces was an offence in the whole of South Derbyshire. There was a problem with dog faeces on King George Playing Field but a balance had to be struck between dog owners and other users of the playing field. This matter was to be discussed again at the next meeting.

12/1/2896

Finance

- (a) Items of expenditure – IT WAS DECIDED that two members could attend a training course at Willington at a cost of £15 per person.
- (b) Accounts for payment totalling £2184.32 were approved, together with the drawings account and money received.
- (c) The minutes of the Finance Committee held on 19th December 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

(d) Approval of the budget and setting of the precept – Since the Finance Committee meeting an invoice for £1837 had been received for water usage at Sandypits Lane Playing Field. It was thought that this was due to the burst pipes last winter. In view of this the budget was amended and IT WAS AGREED that a precept of £38905 be set for 2012/13. This was a reduction on last year and would be £36 for a Band D property.
It was decided to set up a system of reading the water meter when a quarterly invoice was received to avoid large bills in the future. The Clerk to find out where the water meters were sited.

- 12/1/2897 **Website** – It was reported that the website was operating well. Requests had been received to put information on about such matters as the railhead development and the wind turbines. It was felt that the Parish Council should remain impartial about such matters but that contacts to local groups could be put on the website.
- 12/1/2898 **Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee** – The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman. It was confirmed that the summer play events had been booked for 2012.
- 12/1/2899 **Frank Wickham Hall** – The new pump had not yet been installed but the soffits had been repaired and the additional cleaning had been carried out (although this did not seem to make a lot of difference).
- 12/1/2900 **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee** – Nothing further to report as next meeting not to be held until 16th January.
- 12/1/2901 **Clerk’s Report** –
(a) Report from Employees - Nothing to report as Christmas had been a quiet time.
(b) Correspondence – See attached
- 12/1/2902 **Dates of Committee Meetings** - None set
- 12/1/2903 **Any Other Business**
(a) There was a report of rubbish on the verges on Willington Road. The Clerk to report this to the Clean Team.
(b) It was suggested that there perhaps be a memorial in the village to Cllr Ivor Smith. This was to be discussed with the family.
(c) It was reported that there were a lot of cars parked on Hilton Road recently which could have used the overflow car park. It was suggested that a notice be put in the Leisure Centre letting people know that they could use this car park out of school hours.
(d) It was reported that some people had started to trip on the carpet in the Frank Wickham Hall and a request had been receive for a dimmer switch. Cllr Payton agreed to look at these issues.
- 12/1/2904 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 6th February 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Frank Wickham Hall.

Signed

Date

