

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Etwall Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 7th January 2013

Present: Cllr K Cresswell Cllr J Patten
Cllr I Bennett Cllr B Payton
Cllr J Fox Cllr K Rushby
Cllr N Ireland Cllr R Warburton
Cllr D Muller

In attendance: Cllr J Lemmon, Cllr L Brown, PC L Durham, PCSO K Waite, and six members of the public.

13/1/3077 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr M Adcock and Cllr S Sandhu

13/1/3078 **Declaration of Interests** – All Members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of the Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.

13/1/3079 **Public Speaking**

- (a) There were a number of complaints concerning Steve's Chip Shop in that its appearance did not fit into the character of the Conservation Area, particularly the white boards outside. There were fears that the extension of the opening hours to include breakfast opening would increase the litter problem and smells from the premises.
- (b) Complaints were also made concerning the flooding under the bridge on Heage Lane where flooding had occurred for 27 out of the last 37 days. For those people living/working on Heage Lane this meant a 7 mile diversion. Cllr Patten replied that extensive works had been carried out but agreed to raise this matter with Derbyshire County Council. It was also felt that better depth markers were required to prevent cars from getting stuck in the flooding.
- (c) Mr Myring asked what progress had been made with replacing the posts and chains on Church Hill. Quotations had been requested and it was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- (d) The Police reported that there had been an attempted burglary in Etwall but the burglar had been disturbed so left without taking anything. There had also been a non-dwelling break-in but someone was being questioned about this incident. Two motorcyclists not wearing helmets at John Port School had also been dealt with.
- (e) It was confirmed that the Highways Agency was responsible for putting up and taking down signs.
- (f) The police confirmed that if vans/cars were parked on the pavement and a person with a pushchair, for example, was unable to pass, they would have to report this immediately to the police and the obstruction would still have to be present when the police arrived for action to be taken.
- (g) Cllr Brown reported that Radio Derby had told her that a planning application for the railhead at Etwall/Egginton Common was to be made on the following day. Cllr Brown explained the expected planning process for this application.
- (h) Cllr Lemmon reported that a new refuse contract at SDDC was about to be signed. This would mean that residents would be issued with an additional bin to replace the blue bag and the green box but plastic would also be collected. The number of recycling points across the district would reduce from 80 to 10.
- (i) Cllr Lemmon also reported that the wind turbine appeal enquiry would now be held in public so residents would be able to voice their concerns directly to the Inspector.

- (j) Cllr Patten reported that it had been confirmed that a bus shelter would be installed on the corner of The Bancroft and Egginton Road. DCC had also agreed to put a sign at the end of Portland Street giving directions to the Frank Wickham Hall but would not agree to a sign being put on the lamp post at the bottom of the drive leading to the hall. The SDDC Scrutiny Committee was looking at cemetery provision and Cllr Patten had ensured that Etwall was included in this review.
- 13/1/3080 **Minutes of meeting held on 3rd December 2012** – Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 13/1/3081 **Minutes of committee meetings** – The minutes of the Finance Committee held on 17th December were approved as a true and accurate record.
- 13/1/3082 **Co-option of Member** – Mr Tim Day was co-opted to the Council. He was welcomed to the meeting, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined members.
- 13/1/3083 **Chairman’s Announcements**
- (a) Cllr Cresswell reported that a letter had been received from St Helen’s PCC confirming that SDDC had accepted responsibility for Etwall Closed Churchyard and would be undertaking a programme of maintenance. A more detailed report was expected.
- (b) Two complimentary tickets had been received for the SDDC Chairman’s Charity Concert. As the Cllr Cresswell was unable to attend these were passed to Cllr Warburton.
- 13/1/3084 **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils** – The DALC Circulars as detailed on the agenda had been circulated to members but there were no queries or comments.
- 13/1/3085 **Report from Planning, Environment and Highways Committee**
- (a) Planning applications already considered – None.
- (b) Planning applications to be considered – The erection of extension at 45 Springfield Road, Etwall – No objections.
- (c) Routine Inspections – Cllr Rushby reported that the main problems were with footpaths but those on John Port Close and Belfield Road were already being dealt with. There were some problem with utility boxes and the seat on Sandypits Lane was overgrown. Some seats and road signs also needed to be cleaned.
- (d) War Memorial – SDDC and St Helen’s PCC had confirmed that they were not responsible for the war memorial but no reply had yet been received from the British Legion. It was suggested the Burnaston Parish Council may wish to contribute to any work as the memorial was to those who died from Etwall and Burnaston. The Conservation Officer was to be consulted before any work took place.
- (e) Part-night and Permanent Switch off of Street Lights – DCC had replied to concerns about the lights on the three footways being switched off at midnight and the request for the light outside 41 Egginton Road to be switched on permanently stating that all of these lamps met with the criteria for part-night street lighting. It was assumed that link footpaths were not used after midnight so they were unwilling to make any changes.
- (f) Regular inspection of Parish Council areas of responsibility – A letter had been received from our insurers regarding the number of public liability claims stating that the Parish Council should regularly check its areas of responsibility. One potential area of concern was the footpath on King George V Playing Field. It was also suggested that the trees on the playing field should be checked possibly by SDDC.
- (g) Location Signs for Frank Wickham Hall – See above. The possibility of installing a sign in the flower bed at the top of the drive to be discussed at the next Frank Wickham Hall meeting.

- 13/1/3086 **Finance**
- (a) Accounts for payment totalling £3300.35 from the current account and £2253.23 from the wages account were approved. Accounts totalling £977.37 for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity were also approved.
 - (b) Income totalling £621.84 was received and income for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity totalled £669.57.
 - (c) Spend against main budget headings were reported together with bank reconciliation for month ending 30th November.
 - (d) Items of expenditure
 - (i) IT WAS DECIDED to book summer play provision for the King George V Playing Field not to exceed the budget of £800.
 - (ii) IT WAS DECIDED to renew registration under the Data Protection Act at a cost of £35.00.
 - (c) Approval of the budget and setting of precept for 2013/14 – IT WAS DECIDED to approve the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and set a precept of £36,140 with an additional £1,914 being added by SDDC to cover the properties where full council tax was not paid or a reduced rate was paid.
 - (d) Opening of a higher interest account for Frank Wickham Hall Charity – IT WAS DECIDED to open a second bank account with Virgin Money at an interest rate of 2.6% with an initial deposit of £1,000.
- 13/1/3087 **Report from Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee** – Nothing to report.
- 13/1/3088 **Report from Frank Wickham Hall Committee** – Cllr Bennett reported that the heating was almost repaired with just one heater still awaiting a new part. There were still problems with the outside lights.
- 13/1/3089 **Clerk’s Report** –
- (a) Report from Employees – The lights in the public toilets had not been working over Christmas but these had now been repaired.
 - (b) Correspondence – See attached.
- 13/1/3090 **Website Update** – There were slightly fewer visitors to the site during December but this was expected. There were 103 downloads with 53 visitors per day.
- 13/1/3091 **Any Other Business**
- (a) Cllr Fox was concerned at the possible danger to pedestrians at the junction of Willington Road/Main Street. Cllr Patten reported that she would put this item forward when bids were made for highway improvements. It was not felt that it would be possible to move the crossing to the other side of Willington Road as this would be too close to the bend in the road.
 - (b) Cllr Fox reported the state of the road surface on Willington Road. Cllr Patten to ask DCC to look at this.
 - (c) Cllr Muller asked for the reduction of signs around the village to be made an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 13/1/3092 **Dates of Committee Meetings** - None
- 13/1/3093 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 4th February 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Frank Wickham Hall.

Signed

Date

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL
7th January 2013

Minute No. 13/1/3089

| 1 | Correspondence Requiring Action | | Action |
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| 1.1 | SDDC | Summer holiday provision | See minutes |
| 1.2 | ICO | Renewal under Data Protection Act | See minutes |
| 1.3 | SDDC | Revised Council Tax Budget 2013/14 | See minutes |
| 1.4 | RBS | Bank mandate amendments | Clerk actioned |
| 1.5 | SDDC | Tickets to Chairman's Charity Concert | See minutes |

| 2 | Correspondence for Information | | |
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| 2.1 | SDDC | War memorial outside St Helen's | See minutes |
| 2.2 | St Helen's PCC | War memorial outside St Helen's | See minutes |
| 2.3 | Came & Co | Public liability claims | See minutes |
| 2.4 | DCC | Part-night street lighting | See minutes |
| 2.5 | Mr G Wale | Complaint re parking on The Bancroft | Noted |
| 2.6 | Mrs Elliott | Complaint re gritting of Sandypits Lane | Noted |
| 2.7 | Mr Ride | Request for a grit bin on Sandypits Lane | Noted |
| 2.8 | DCC | Graffiti removal | Groundsmen to remove |
| 2.9 | Egginton PC | Copy of response to Preferred Growth Strategy | Noted |
| 2.10 | Cllr Patten | Walking to school – maintenance of footways | Noted |
| 2.11 | Cllr Patten | Repairs to Belfield Road | Noted |
| 2.12 | Police | Monthly update | Noted |
| 2.13 | Police | Dates of Neighbourhood Forum meetings | Noted |
| 2.14 | Etwall Scout Group | Thanks for donation | Noted |
| 2.15 | DCC | New funding for Home Safety Scheme | Noted |
| 2.16 | SDDC | Press releases: Looking back at 2012 and forward to 2013 Grant settlement from Government | Noted |
| 2.17 | Plantscape | Advertising | |
| 2.18 | Amberol | Advertising | |
| 2.19 | St Helen's PCC | Responsibility for church wall and steps | See minutes |

| 3 | Correspondence for reading | | |
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| 3.1 | LCR | Magazine | |
| 3.1 | Connect Roads | Annual Report | |
| 3.1 | Proludic | Catalogue | |

| 4 | Correspondence relating to Frank Wickham Hall | | |
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| 4.1 | Women's Institute | Complaint re heating | Clerk replied |
| 4.2 | e-on | Change of energy supplier | Noted |
| 4.3 | British Gas | Out of contract letter | Noted |
| 4.4 | Virgin Money | Details of deposit account | See minutes |
| 4.5 | Etwall WI | Heating and Christmas Tree | Thanks to be sent |

