

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Etwall Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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

In attendance: County Cllr Ford, District Cllr Lemmon, PC Louise Durham and 16 members of the public

14/1/3234 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Brown

14/1/3235 **Declaration of Interests** – All Members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of the Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.

14/1/3236 **Public Speaking**

- (i) There were concerns from residents in the Grove Park area concerning the renewing of a planning application for a temporary portable building used as living accommodation during the building of a dwelling at 97 Egginton Road. In March 2014 the dwelling would have been under construction for 3 years and currently only the first floor block work had been built. Most of the surrounding walls and fences had also not been completed as promised. Some discussion took place on the amount of time allowed to construct a property and when council tax became payable. It was suggested that the Enforcement Officer be asked to visit this property.
- (ii) The Parish Council were asked if they could follow up the Freedom of Information request on why the land at Willington Road had been chosen for inclusion in the Local Plan and find out how many affordable houses had been built in Etwall since the 2006 Housing Needs Survey. The Parish Council were also asked to follow up the request to STWA for a report on the state of Etwall's water system.
- (iii) A request had previously been made for a depth gauge to be located under the bridge on Heage Lane. Cllr Ford reported that DCC were unwilling to install such a sign but that culverts had been cleared under the bridge and work was expected to commence on clearing the culverts from the top of the bridge. A comment was made that there were no signs of flooding under the bridge during the recent wet weather.
- (iv) PC Durham reported that a new PC, Mark Parry, would soon be joining their team. Two cannabis warnings had been issued, an Etwall woman had been charged under the Children and Young Persons Act and there had been a slight increase in shed burglaries.

- (v) Cllr Ford reported that he had looked into the problem of parking outside the shops on Chestnut Grove. He and a representative of DCC had witnessed some very unsafe parking and it was hoped that some work could be done to improve the parking on safety grounds.

14/1/3237 **Minutes of meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013** – Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

14/1/3238 **Chairman's Announcements** – The Chairman wished everyone a very happy New Year.

14/1/3239 **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils** - The latest DALC circulars had all been circulated and these were noted.

14/1/3240 **Report from Planning, Environment and Highways Committee**

(a) Planning applications already considered –

(b) Planning applications to be considered –

(i) 9 2013 0921 – Continued siting of existing temporary portable building used as living accommodation during construction of dwelling at 97 Egginton Road, Etwall – The Parish Council had already commented on this application but as the date for comment had been extended IT WAS DECIDED to strengthen the reply in view of the comments made by local residents.

(ii) 9 2013 0974 – The lopping of 6 lime trees covered by SDDC TPO No 22 at 95 Egginton Road – No objections

(iii) 9 2013 0979 – The erection of an extension at 20 Lawn Avenue – No objections

(c) Planning applications requiring consideration:-

(i) 9 2013 09554 - The alteration and conversion of Coach House into a café at Tara Buddhist Centre, Ash Hall – No objections

(ii) 9 2013 0957 - Listed building consent for the above – No objections

(iii) 9 2013 1039 - The removal of hedgerow on land at SK2731 3209 – land off Willington Road – Objection on the grounds that it would be detrimental to wildlife and members were skeptical of the reasons given for wishing to remove the hedgerow.

(d) Proposed Bloor Homes Developments Update – Nothing further to report.

(e) Routine Inspections – Cllr Rushby was preparing to send out letters but some of the items reported were already being carried out. Further patching had been undertaken on Willington Road and at the end of Portland Street.

(f) Parking in the Centre of the Village – Cllr Rushby reported that there had been no problem during the school holidays but that it had been particularly bad on the first day back to school. Cllr Rushby also reported that he had received an email concerning parking on pavements, grass verges and road junctions. He would make further enquiries and report back. It was still intended to carry out a parking survey prior to holding a meeting with the school.

Cllr Payton asked what progress had been made with the painting of double yellow lines outside the Primary School. It was reported that this proposal was to be advertised. The Clerk to find out the procedure required before installing parking restrictions.

14/1/3241 **Finance**

(a) Accounts for payment totalling £8275.73 from the parish council's accounts were approved. Accounts totalling £994.51 for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity were also approved.

- (b) Income totalling £18.21 was received and income for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity totalled £984.31.
- (c) Spend against main budget headings and the bank reconciliation to 30<sup>th</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> December were also reported.
- (d) Items of expenditure:-
  - (i) IT WAS DECIDED to pay for fertiliser for the bowling green at a cost of £97.50. The Bowls Club usually made a donation for half of the cost of the fertiliser.
  - (ii) IT WAS DECIDED to give a donation of £100 to the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre.
  - (iii) IT WAS DECIDED to approve the direct debit for registration under the Data Protection Act at a cost of £35.00.
- (e) Approval of budgets for 2014/15 and setting of precept – IT WAS DECIDED to approve the budgets as circulated and set a precept of £37,094 which was an increase of just under £1,000 on the previous year.

14/1/3242

**Report from Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee**

Cllr Day reported that the agreement for the hire of Sandypits Lane Changing Rooms had been updated and the summer play scheme had been booking for summer 2014. Cllr Cresswell reported that a sign had been erected at Sandypits Lane Playing Field stating that Christmas trees could be recycled in brown bins or taken to the refuse recycling depot.

14/1/3243

**Report from Frank Wickham Hall Committee**

Cllr Bennett reported that arrangements were in hand to repair the broken guttering. There had been a problem with the change of the gas supply from e-on to British Gas. Although we had a contract which should have started on 18<sup>th</sup> November, British Gas had not moved the account so currently gas was being charged by e-on at an out of contract price. An official complaint had been made to British Gas but despite emails and telephone calls there had been no resolution to this problem so far.

14/1/3244

**Clerk's Report –**

- (a) Report from Employees – Nothing to report
- (b) Correspondence – see below.

14/1/3245

**Standing Orders Update** – Cllr Ireland had not received any comments so was in the process of drawing up new Standing Orders.

14/1/3246

**Possibility of Ash Joining with Etwall Parish Council** - A discussion took place but it was decided that more information was required on the implications before a decision could be made. To be made an agenda item for the next meeting.

14/1/3247

**Website Update** – Website visits had reduced slightly on the previous month but over the year were almost exactly the same as 2012. Cllr Bennett reported that he had tried to take the old map at the school off the wall to photograph it but had been unable to do so. He was to try again at another time.

14/1/3248

**Any Other Business –**

- (a) It was suggested that a book be introduced where members of the public could sign in as this system was often used by other parish councils. It was felt that this would be a good idea.
- (b) Etwall United had asked to use Sandypits Lane for nine friendly matches during the summer for their youth team with the pitch in its latest position.
- (c) There was a complaint regarding grass cuttings on a footpath which had become slippery. The Groundsmen to be asked to sweep this area.

14/1/3249

**Dates of Committee Meetings –** None required.

14/1/3250

**Date of Next Meeting –** Monday 3rd February 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Frank Wickham Hall.

Signed .....

Date .....

**Minute No. 14/1/3244**

1	Correspondence Requiring Action		Action
1.1	SDDC	Base budget – setting of precept	See minutes
1.2	SDDC	Concurrent expenses	Clerk to complete
1.3	Information Commissioner's Office	Registration under Data Protection Act	See minutes
1.4	SDDC	Summer holiday provision	Provisionally booked
1.5	Alan Jones	Ash formally merging with Etwall PC	See minutes
1.6	Mrs Wheeldon	Planning application at 97 Egginton Road	See minutes
1.7	Mr & Mrs Heathcote	As above	See minutes

2	Correspondence for Information		
2.1	Mr Britton/SDDC.	Accidental removal of tree	Resolved
2.2	Etwall Residents' Network	Willington Road development update (2)	Noted
2.3	DCC	No parking outside Primary School	See minutes
2.4	DCC	More trains for Willington	Noted
2.5	Cllr Ford	Drainage – Heage Lane - update	Noted
2.6	SDDC	Upgrading of rural broadband	Pass to Mr Ride
2.7	Etwall Welfare Trust	Thanks for donation	Noted
2.8	Came & Co .	Winter newsletter	Noted
2.9	Police	Update	Noted
2.10	SDDC	Commemoration of WW1	War memorial to be cleaned
2.11	Dragonfly Television	Complaints and customer service	Pass to Mr Ride & Wi
2.12	RBS	Transfer to William and Glyns	Noted
2.13	Police	Monthly update	Noted
2.14	SDDC	Local Plan next steps	Noted

3	Correspondence for reading		
3.1	Local Council Review	Magazine	

4	Correspondence relating to Frank Wickham Hall		
4.1	British Gas	Non automatic renewing energy plans	Noted
4.2	Granwood	Advertising	