

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Etwall Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014**

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

In attendance: District Councillor Brown and four members of the public.

14/6/3324 **Apologies for Absence** - District Councillor Lemmon and County Councillor Ford whose apologies were accepted.

14/6/3325 **Declaration of Interests** – All Members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of the Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.

14/6/3326 **Public Speaking –**

(a) The Parish Council were asked if a reply had been received to the questions raised concerning the Utilities Report. It was confirmed that these had been passed to Bloor Homes but no reply had yet been received. The Clerk agreed to chase a response. Cllr Brown also offered to liaise with the Clerk in order to help get a better understanding.

A discussion took place on speaking at the SDDC Planning Committee and Cllr Brown explained the process. The Clerk to find out the date of the Planning Committee when the Willington Road and Sutton Lane planning applications were to be decided.

An Etwall resident felt that the Parish Council should be writing to the Chair of Governors at Repton School to emphasise the historic relationship between Etwall and the John Port Trust.

(b) Mr Myring wished to register his disgust that, after six years of campaigning, DCC were still refusing to reduce the speed limit on Hilton Road.

(c) There was a complaint concerning an overgrown hedge at 3 Egginton Road. The Parish Council had been assured that this would be cut back at the beginning of June. There was also a complaint concerning an overgrown hedge at 37 Chestnut Grove. A letter to be sent.

(d) There was a complaint concerning the state of the disused Jones' garage. SDDC's Enforcement Officer had stated that if this were tidied up it could be seen as an ideal site for gypsy caravans. The Parish Council to contact the owner.

(e) Cllr Ford had sent an update on the flooding at Heage Lane. The landowners had carried out remedial works; a second pipe had been cleaned by Bridge House; DCC had cleaned ditches by the Severn Wells; a minor water storage facility had been created opposite Etwall Manor and the road was currently closed for 2 weeks for DCC to carry out further works.

(f) Cllr Brown reported that remedial landscaping work was to be carried out to the nature area at Old Station Close which was subject to flooding. It was hoped that this would take away some of the flooding risk to the housing.

- 14/6/3327 **Review of Register of Interests** – Members were asked to review their Register of Interests and either complete the form to say that there were no changes or complete a new form to reflect any changes.
- 14/6/3328 **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014** – These minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 14/6/3329 **Chairman’s Announcements** – Cllr Warburton reported that Keith Rushby had decided to resign from the Parish Council. She thanked Keith for all the work that he had done during his long service on the Parish Council.
- 14/6/3330 **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils** – A recent circular had reported on the change in regulations to allow filming of meetings and for cheques to require one signatory only. These were to be made agenda items for a future meeting when further details were available.
- 14/6/3331 **Report from Planning Environment and Highways Committee**  
Cllr Muller also wished to express his thanks to Keith Rushby for his 32 years of service.
- (a) Planning applications already considered - none
  - (b) Planning applications requiring consideration -
    - (i) Prior notification of demolition of modular classroom block (Ilam Building) at John Port School, Main Street, Etwall – No objections
    - (ii) Felling of a Rowan Tree at Piers Riding, Church Hill, Etwall – Only just received – referred to Planning Committee
    - (iii) Felling of a Yew Tree and Ash Tree at The Gables, Church Hill – Only just received – referred to Planning Committee
  - (c) Reduction of Speed Limit on Hilton Road/Footpath Widening – Cllr Ford had replied that DCC were not prepared to change the speed limit and the police had no objections to the current speed limit. It was suggested that the school and bus companies be contacted to support the case for a reduction in the speed limit. It was confirmed that letters had been sent to three properties concerning overgrown hedges. There also seemed to be some confusion over the new bollards installed at the entrance to John Port School.
  - (d) Participation in Minor Maintenance Scheme – IT WAS DECIDED not to participate in the Minor Maintenance Scheme this year to allow the funds to be put back into the general footpath maintenance pot.
- 14/6/3332 **Finance**
- (a) Accounts for payment totalling £2974.68 from the parish council’s accounts were approved. Accounts totalling £1220.33 for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity were also approved.
  - (b) No income was received by the Parish Council but £2290.26 was received by the Frank Wickham Hall Charity.
  - (c) Spend against the main budget headings was reported.
  - (d) The internal audit reports were considered and no action was reported necessary.
  - (e) The Parish Council accounts for 2013/14 were approved.
  - (f) The Annual Governance Statement was completed and signed by the Chairman.
  - (g) The Frank Wickham Hall accounts for 2013/14 were approved.
  - (h) Items of expenditure:-
    - (i) Approval was given to the renewal of the Frank Wickham Hall insurance at a cost of £942.83.
    - (ii) IT WAS DECIDED to renew subscription to the Village Halls Advisory Service at a cost of £30.00.

- 14/6/3333 **Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee**
- (a) King George V Playing Field Improvements - Cllr Day reported that he had met with a company that were putting together a plan to update the play equipment including the provision of a skate board type piece of equipment. He had also arranged a meeting with a company who provided a grid to stop dogs entering the play area which it was hoped may resolve the issue of flooding at the gates to the play area.
- A suggestion had been made that the parking bays be re-marked on the King George V Playing field car park. Quotations were to be obtained. Cllr Payton reported that he had met with the School PTA and they had agreed to move the clothing bank either onto the grass or into the front corner of the car park as the area near the public toilets was considered unsuitable.
- (b) The meeting was updated on the theft of the Bowls Club mower and possible improvements to security.
- (c) Cllr Day reported that the allotment holders wished to re-site the gate, still on Severn Trent land, at their expense to stop cars driving up to the allotments. Severn Trent to be contacted.
- 14/6/3334 **Frank Wickham Hall** – Cllr Bennett reported that new spotlight bulbs had not been able to be fitted as the “jinney” required a larger power source than was available at the village hall. Alternative arrangements were being made. The roof had been repaired where footballs had broken slates. There had been an issue with a double booking which would be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- 14/6/3335 **Clerk’s Report**
- (a) Report from Employees – None
- (b) Correspondence – see attached.
- It was reported that a club cyclist had been seen urinating at the side of the road in plain sight. The Parish Council to contact the Cycling Club.
- 14/6/3336 **Website Updates** – Cllr Ireland reported that the schools and Parish Council were the most popular pages and the number of page hits had increased from the previous month. Downloads had reduced but this was expected as there had been no special planning meetings. The School Leavers’ Day had been postponed until after the examinations.
- 14/6/3337 **Any Other Business** –
- (a) Cllr Payton volunteered to attend the John Port School Liaison meeting in place of Cllr Rushby. This was agreed.
- (b) A discussion took place on speaking against the Willington Road and Sutton Lane planning applications at the Planning Committee.
- (c) British Gas rebate – Cllr Bennett reported that British Gas had made an offer of compensation but that this did not include anything for inconvenience.
- 14/6/3338 **Dates of Committee Meetings** – All committees to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- 14/6/3339 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in the Frank Wickham Hall.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014**

**Minute No.**

1	Correspondence Requiring Action		Action
1.1	SDDC	Casual vacancy	Clerk actioned
1.2	K Rushby	Resignation	See minutes
1.3	Bowls Club	Quotations for repair to shed	YR&A agenda
1.4	Etwall Well Dressing	Request for a donation	July agenda
1.5	Mr & Mrs Poole	Request for planning information	Clerk replied

2	Correspondence for Information		
2.1	Etwall Bowls Club	Theft of mower	Noted
2.2	Mr B Meads	Proposed sale of land Cricket Club land	Noted
2.3	EMI Park	Proposed strategic rail freight interchange	Noted
2.4	SDDC	Extensions at 17 Windmill Rd - Appeal	Noted
2.5	Police	Crime Report	Noted
2.6	Etwall Well Dressing	Thanks	Noted
2.7	Cllr M Ford	Update on Heage Lane flooding	See minutes

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3	Correspondence for reading - None		
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4	Correspondence relating to Frank Wickham Hall		
4.1	Tennyson	Insurance renewal documents	See minutes
4.2	South Pennine Rd Club	Complaint	Referred to FWH Cttee
4.2	British Gas	Improvements to service	Noted
4.3	Virgin Money	Reduction in interest rate	Noted

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