

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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 Brown, District Cllr Lemmon and twelve members of the public

13/10/3211 **Apologies for Absence** – None

13/10/3212 **Declaration of Interests** – All Members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of the Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.

13/10/3213 **Public Speaking**

- (i) The following comments were made on the Local Plan Consultation:-
- (a) It was unreasonable to expect members of the public to process such a huge amount of information and make comments on it.
 - (b) Why was the Willington Road site chosen over other sites in the village?
 - (c) Why was the need for a cricket pitch identified when there was already a cricket pitch in the village?
 - (d) The land at Hill Pasture was identified for 40 dwellings, there was a proposal for 5 dwellings on half of the site which would mean that 35 would need to be built on the remainder.
 - (e) There are currently problems with sewerage and drainage, additional properties would only exacerbate this problem.
 - (f) The Parish Council were asked if their reply to the Local Plan could be published on the website.
- (ii)
- (a) Councillor Ford reported that he had raised the issue of improved broadband at Risborrow Close and DCC were trying to get broadband into all areas of the county by 2016.
 - (b) The resident had been contacted about the road surface at the end of Burnaston Lane.
 - (c) Some road surface repairs had taken place on Willington Road but not to the extent that was expected. Cllr Ford agreed to investigate this further.
 - (d) There had been flooding the previous week on Heage Lane and the County Council, together with landowners, were looking at making improvements.
 - (e) Cllr Ford reported that there was now an additional train running to Birmingham each day (except Sunday) from Willington Station.
 - (f) In the first week of the new recycling scheme in South Derbyshire as a whole, there was a reduction of 1000 tonnes of rubbish in the black bins compared to the same week in the previous year. As the scheme was proving to be such a success, it was hoped that the recycling centres such as that at the rear of the Chestnut Grove shops could be removed sooner than expected.
- (iii) Mr Myring was congratulated on being honoured by the RSPB for his work as a volunteer over the last 31 years.

13/10/3214 **Minutes of meetings held on 7th October 2013** – Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

13/10/3215 **Chairman's Announcements** – The Chairman reported that she had been asked to say a few words at the forthcoming Ivor Smith Memorial Lecture on Mr Smith's work for the Parish Council.

13/10/3216 **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils** - The latest DALC circulars had all been circulated and these were noted.

13/10/3217 **Report from Planning, Environment and Highways Committee**

- (a) Planning applications already considered – None

- (b) Planning applications to be considered –
 - (i) The pruning of a Birch tree at 72 Main Street – No objections
 - (ii) Outline application for residential development of five dwellings on land off Sutton Lane – No adverse comments had yet been received but some observations had been made and questions raised.
 - (iii) The erection of a two storey extension at 66 Main Street – No objections.
 - (iv) The felling of a Sycamore tree at Helmsley, Sutton Lane – Decision deferred.
- (c) Response to Local Plan Consultation – Cllr Rushby had made his own comments but asked members for their comments before the end of the week as it was not sufficient to say that the Parish Council were totally against the proposals for an additional 100 houses in Etwall. A response to include all comments would then be drawn up and circulated before submission.
- (d) New housing in Etwall – The Parish Council had been unable to find any useful information from the Charity Commission so it was decided to write to the Bursar at Repton School and the Chairman of the Governors to ask them to clarify if there were any covenants on the land at Willington Road and Sutton Lane.
- (e) Routine Inspections – There were still one or two outstanding routine inspections and Cllr Rushby asked for these to be returned as soon as possible.
- (f) Snow Warden Scheme – The Clerk had attended a Snow Warden Training Session and they had stressed that it was a myth that residents could not clear snow from pavements. It was perfectly acceptable to do this so long as they took reasonable care, took a common sense approach and did not create any further hazards. Members of the Parish Council set priorities for snow clearance for the Groundsmen. The Clerk to write to the local shops to ask if they would like to be involved in the Snow Warden Scheme and in return the Parish Council would provide bags of grit.
- (g) No Parking Sign on Lane Leading to Cemetery – SDDC had asked John Port School to remove the new sign and replace it with a sign at the bottom of the lane saying that parking was restricted to residents and users of the cemetery only.
- (h) Memorial Seat – A preferred site for a memorial seat was by the church wall on the village green with a seat in the same style as the existing. This was approved but as very dusty work was expected to take place on the church wall in the spring the installation of the seat was to wait until this had been completed.

Standing Orders were suspended.

13/10/3218 Mr Stephen Bainbrigge, a Fire Officer, from Kingsway Fire Station reported on the proposed cuts to the Derby Fire Service. There were currently three fire stations with one engine at each. The suggestion was to have one central fire station with two fire engines. Consideration was being given to closing the part-time fire station at Melbourne and Duffield and making the Long Eaton and Ilkeston fire stations part time. It was also suggested that there be a part-time fire station at Hilton. The Parish Council were asked to support the fire officers in their fight against these cuts.

Members were divided as to whether they should give their support or whether this was a political matter. The Clerk to circulate a consultation email from the Fire Service so that members could make their personal views known.

13/10/3219

Finance

- (a) Accounts for payment totalling £3899.23 from the parish council's accounts were approved. Accounts totalling £758.15 for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity were also approved.
- (b) Income totalling £420.00 was received and income for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity totalled £1117.62.
- (c) Spend against main budget headings was reported.
- (d) Items of expenditure:-
 - (i) IT WAS DECIDED to accept a quotation from Stone & Marble to clean the war memorial and carry out minor repairs only at a cost of £970 + VAT.
 - (ii) IT WAS DECIDED to purchase a grit spreader at a cost of up to £400.00 (post meeting note: actual cost £287.13 + VAT).
 - (iii) A Christmas tree had been provided by the WI for the Frank Wickham Hall so IT WAS DECIDED to allocate up to £100 to be spent on Christmas decorations.

(iv) As part of the Snow Warden Scheme, Etwall were allocated one free grit bin with grit. IT WAS DECIDED that this should be delivered initially to the Frank Wickham Hall.

13/10/3220

Report from Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee

Cllr Day reported that there had been a further incident of a car driving on the playing field but the CCTV had not been able to provide a clear enough identification for the police to act.

13/10/3221

Report from Frank Wickham Hall Committee

Cllr Bennett reported that the external lights had been repaired and a new window had been installed in the pavilion. It was reported that some of the spotlights in the hall were not working. This was to be investigated.

13/10/3222

Clerk's Report –

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

13/10/3213

Standing Orders Update – A copy of the revised model Standing Orders and our existing Standing Orders were to be circulated to members and comments passed to Cllr Ireland.

13/10/3214

Website Update – Website visits had decreased from the previous month but were still 30% higher than in August.

13/10/3215

Any Other Business

- (a) At the previous meeting an incident of an air rifle being fired at the allotments was reported. Cllr Day stated that this had been reported to the police and the local housing officer and they were talking to local householders.
- (b) The question was asked whether a copy of the old map of the village in the Primary School could be put on the website. The Clerk to contact the school to ask if this could be photographed.
- (c) It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Scouts congratulating them on their 50th anniversary.
- (d) It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr Norledge (a past parish councillor) following the recent altercation with a gunman whilst on holiday.
- (e) Overgrown brambles on Old Station Close were reported. These had also been identified on the routine inspection.

13/10/3216

Dates of Committee Meetings – Committees to meet on Monday 18th November to discuss budgets for 2014/15.

13/10/3217

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 2nd December 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Frank Wickham Hall.

Signed

Date

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL
4th November 2013

Minute No.

1	Correspondence Requiring Action		Action
1.1	SDDC	South Derbyshire DC Local Plan Consultation	See minutes
1.2	Kathryn Brown	Proposed Bloor Homes development	See minutes
1.3	Mr Bainbrigge	Fire Service Cuts	Public speaking
1.4	SDDC	Ash Parish Meeting – Audit of accounts	Clerk actioned

2	Correspondence for Information		
2.1	SDDC	War memorial cleaning	See minutes
2.2	John Port School	Sign on lane leading to cemetery	See minutes
2.3	SDDC	As above	See minutes
2.4	Charity Commission	Information concerning Sir John Port's Charity	See minutes
2.5	DCC	Broadband improvement	See minutes
2.6	DCC	Complaint re road surface Burnaston Lane/Main Street	See minutes
2.7	Police	Reports (2)	Noted
2.8	Police	Crime incident contract	Noted
2.9	Age Concern	Thank you for donation	Noted
2.10	SDDC	Stock condition survey	Noted

3	Correspondence for reading		
3.1	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine	

4	Correspondence relating to Frank Wickham Hall		
4.1	Npower	New electricity contract	Noted
4.2	e-on	Advertising	Noted
4.3	Etta Plumbing	Boiler service reminder	Noted