

**ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Etwall Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Frank Wickham Hall**

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

In attendance: Cllr J Lemmon Cllr Lisa Brown and 15 members of the public

The meeting began with the presentation of a gavel to the Chairman by Mrs Jennifer Dove. Mrs Dove was thanked for this gift to the Parish Council.

- 11/09/2819 **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Heed, Cllr Smith and Cllr Bilbie.
- 11/09/2820 **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.
- 11/09/2821 **Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011** – Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 11/09/2822 **Matters Arising** – None
- 11/09/2823 **Items Dealt with Under Delegated Powers** – The actions taken by the Chair and Vice-Chair as per the attached list were approved.
- 11/09/2824 **Public Participation and Police Matters** – Mr Myring asked whether the construction of the new car park at John Port School and the toucan crossing would strengthen the argument for a 30 mph speed limit on Hilton Road. Cllr Patten replied that in actual fact this diluted the argument as they slowed the traffic down.

Mr Jenner of the Neighbourhood Watch explained the speeding checks and surveys that had taken place on Egginton Road which proved that speeding was a serious problem. He formally requested that the Parish Council consider the siting of a flashing speed sign in both directions on Egginton Road. Neighbourhood Watch had approx £3,000 towards the cost and the Safer Neighbourhood Group would be willing to match fund up to £1,500 towards the purchase of a sign.

There were a number objections to the latest plans submitted for the erection of three houses at Etwall Lawn. Members of the public were asked to copy their letters of objection to the Parish Council so that any relevant arguments could be incorporated into the Parish Council's reply where appropriate.

There were also complaints concerning the noise from the A50. It was hoped that once the planting had matured this would help matters but the increase in traffic has meant that it was not possible to sit outside or leave windows open during the summer months due to the noise. Letters of complaint had been sent to Heather Wheeler MP and she was dealing with the Highways Agency. It was mentioned that there was an Asphalt Technology Specialist at Derby University who may be able to assist.

11/09/2825 **Outstanding Matters - County Council** – Cllr Patten reported that work was due to finish on the Primary School classroom by 12<sup>th</sup> September. The zig-zag lines had been painted outside John Port School but not at the top of Egginton Road. The flashing 20 mph signs outside the Primary School had also not been installed and Cllr Patton was chasing up both of these items. Cllr Payton mentioned the state of the drive leading to the Primary School and Cllr Patten agreed to raise this issue if he let her have the details.

11/09/2826 **Outstanding Matters – District Council** – Cllr Brown was concerned at the problems experienced in accessing plans on the internet. She was raising this with the SDDC Planning Department.

The new car park at John Port School would be finished by 5<sup>th</sup> September although some landscaping would still be necessary. The Parking Policy would be discussed at the next Governors' meeting and then circulated to the Parish Council and Parish Plan for comment.

11/09/2827 **Planning Environment and Highways Committee**

(a) Planning applications already considered :-

(i) 9 2011 0642 - The erection of an extension at 11 Elms Grove, Etwall – NO OBJECTIONS

(b) Planning applications to be considered:

(i) 9 2011 0668 - The installation of 42 ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels at Bearwardcote Farm, Derby Road, Etwall – NO OBJECTIONS

(ii) 9 2011 0723 - The erection of three dwellings on the site of existing tennis court at Etwall Lawn, 82 Main Street, Etwall – It was decided to object to this application.

(c) Reduction of Noise from A50 and A38 – IT WAS DECIDED to write to Heather Wheeler MP to support the complaints made by local residents and also to contact Derby University to see if they were able to offer any assistance.

(d) John Port School Car Park – The Chairman to speak to Cllr Brown to confirm details to enable the donation to be made.

(e) Enquiry Letter from Bloor Homes – It was reported that a letter had been received from Bloor Homes asking to meet the Parish Council to discuss preliminary thoughts as to how a large area of land on Willington Road could be developed. IT WAS DECIDED to write to the Planning Department strongly expressing the view that the Parish Council did not want that this land to be included in the Local Plan for development and asking if they had been contacted by potential builders.

(f) Request for an illuminated speed sign on Egginton Road – It was agreed in principle that an illuminated speed sign on Egginton Road would be beneficial and it was decided to set up a sub-committee comprising Cllr Ireland and Cllr Patten to liaise with the Neighbourhood Watch to progress this. Cllr Patten agreed to approach DCC concerning the siting of the sign.

11/09/2828 **Finance**

(a) Items of Expenditure

(i) IT WAS DECIDED to give a donation of £225 to Etwall and District Age Concern.

(ii) IT WAS DECIDED to also give a donation of £500 to Etwall Welfare Trust.

(iii) Three quotations had been received for the replacement of the boilers at the Frank Wickham Hall. IT WAS DECIDED to accept the lowest written quotation from Etta Plumbing at a cost of £6468 and plan to carry the work out during the October half term.

- (b) Payments for approval totaling £2281.49 and endorsement of payments already made totaling £6907.07, together with payments for Frank Wickham hall totaling £2745.84 were agreed. Bank reconciliations for July and August were also circulated.

- 11/09/2829 **Website Update** – Cllr Patten did not think that the white writing on the blue background on the home page was user friendly but was very impressed with the rest of the site. Cllr Ireland quoted some very interesting and surprising statistics concerning the website and it was decided that these should be published in the Express. It was decided to set up a meeting of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Chairs of committees to update the committee terms of reference as a basis for committee pages on the website.
- 11/09/2830 **Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee** – Approval was given to the updated conditions of hire for the changing rooms to reflect that preference would be given to Etwall teams. A date was to be added to this document prior to issue.
- 11/09/2831 **Frank Wickham Hall Charity**
- (a) Minutes of Frank Wickham Hall Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – approved and signed by the Chairman.
- (b) Bowls Club – Proposed changes to pavilion - The Bowls Club had submitted further proposals to fill in the side of the veranda nearest the toddlers outdoor play area with a roller shutter door which would be closed only when it was windy during a bowls match. This was agreed. The recent bowls match with members of the Parish Council had proved very successful and it was decided to make this an annual event. A letter of thanks to be sent to the Bowls Club.
- (c) Update of the Asset Register – Cllr Heed and Cllr Bennett planned to carry out the update of the asset register on 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- (d) A request had been received from the Wednesday Coffee Club to install a blind at the window at the end of the hall. It was also suggested that a film could be added to these windows to stop the glare. The Clerk to obtain prices.
- (e) Parent and Toddler Group – The Clerk had been informed that this group was closing due to the opening of the Children’s Centre. They would liaise with the Booking Clerk over any outstanding hire charges and arrange to clear out their storage area.
- 11/09/2832 **Clerk’s Report**
- (a) Report from Employees – The Groundsman had informed the Clerk that he required a further operation and would be absent for a number of months. The Part Time Groundsman had agreed to work full time during this period and as it was likely to take place during the winter it was felt no further help would be needed. During the Booking Clerk’s recent incapacity it had come to light that his Contract of Employment was out of date and required bringing into line with the Groundsmen’s. This was being done and would be circulated for the next meeting.
- (b) Correspondence – see attached.
- 11/09/2833 **Dates of Committee Meetings** – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee meeting 7.30 pm 19<sup>th</sup> September. It seemed that St Helen’s had booked the village hall for that date but it was unclear what they were organising. Cllr Cresswell and Cllr Bennett were liaising with organizations within the village and inviting them to attend this meeting.
- 11/09/2834 **Any Other Business**
- (a) A free invitation to find out whether solar panels could be used on the Frank Wickham Hall had been received. A desktop survey was being undertaken and Cllr Payton would report back when further information was available.

- (b) Cllr Patten asked if anyone was aware of who was responsible for the area outside the Chestnut Grove shops. It appeared that the area where there was a pothole was the responsibility of the shop owners.
- (c) Cllr Bennett was concerned about the two dead or dying Yew trees behind the bus stop outside John Port School. The Clerk to find the map showing which who was responsible for which pieces of land in this area.

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**Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 at 7.30 pm

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