

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Etwall Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014**

Present: Cllr R Warburton (Vice-Chair) Cllr D Muller  
Cllr M Adcock Cllr N Ireland  
Cllr I Bennett Cllr K Rushby  
Cllr T Day Cllr J Patten  
Cllr J Fox Cllr B Payton

In attendance: District Cllr Lemmon and eleven members of the public

14/2/3251 **Apologies for Absence** -Cllr K Cresswell, Cllr S Sandhu, District Cllr Brown, County Cllr Ford and PCSO K Waite. These apologies were accepted.

14/2/3252 **Declaration of Interests** – All Members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of the Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.

14/2/3253 **Public Speaking** – The suggestion was made that the wide pavement in front of the shops on Main Street be made into parking bays. This possibility had been looked at in the past but not progressed further. It was also mentioned that the cycle path along Main Street was advisory and not legally enforceable.

The state of the road surface in lay-by outside John Port School was mentioned. This had been reported to the school and it had been included in their action plan.

No report had been received from Severn-Trent on the state of Etwall's sewerage system and SDDC were not expecting a Utilities Report from Pegasus. As far as SDDC was concerned the pumping station had capacity for an additional 100 homes and Pegasus had detailed how sewerage would be dealt with depending on Severn-Trent's requirements.

It was explained that the Parish Council would not normally be notified when a planning application went to the SDDC Planning Committee but it would be on SDDC's website. Members of the public were welcome to attend the meeting and only one person could speak on an application.

There was concern relating to the lease for the cricket pitch if planning permission were given and fears that the land could be used for building once the lease had run out.

The planning application for the removal of a hedgerow on a nearby field had been approved.

In the absence of the police the Clerk gave their report as follows:-

- A male who was wanted by the Police for failure to appear at court for theft offences was located and arrested in Etwall.
- A juvenile was issued with a youth caution after an attempted assault in Etwall.
- A talk had been given by the Police to young people at the Scout Hut.

- Further to a warrant on Springfield Road, a male had been given 180 hours unpaid work, 12 months' probation meetings and £60 victim compensation surcharge costs for cannabis growing.

14/2/3254

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014** – These minutes were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

14/2/3255

**Chairman's Announcements** – None

14/2/3256

**Derbyshire Association of Local Councils** – Circulars had been distributed and noted. IT WAS DECIDED that Cllrs Warburton, Muller, Ireland and Day would attend the meeting on 26<sup>nd</sup> February concerning the setting up and joining of Parish Councils. Mr Jones and Mr Toller from Ash would also be attending.

14/2/3257

**Report from Planning Environment and Highways Committee**

(a) Planning applications already considered – None

(b) Planning applications requiring consideration:-

(i) Change of use from a Tanning Salon to a Taxi Office and installation of associated aerial at 135 Springfield Road – OBJECTION on the grounds of increased noise and traffic. Although the application stated only one taxi would be based at the office it was anticipated that other drivers would be calling in for coffee etc.

(ii) The applications for an extension and loft conversion at 22 Egginton Road and the installation of 216 ground mounted photovoltaic panels on land at Heage Lane had only just been received and required further consideration.

(iii) Outline application for up to 100 dwellings, public open space, drainage and highways infrastructure and new cricket facility on land at Willington Road – OBJECTION – A letter had been drafted and objections included traffic and discrepancies in the Traffic Report; surface water, no mention of run-off from patios etc; foul drainage, low water pressure, medical facilities, existing cricket facilities adequate although a longer lease was required and that it was a greenfield site outside village framework. Once the objection letter had been finalised it would be put on the website.

(c) Routine Inspections – A lot of the points raised had been carried out but IT WAS DECIDED that the inspections should be carried out earlier in the year in future.

(d) Parking in the Centre of the Village/John Port School Travel Plan – A Travel Plan for John Port School had been received and the Primary School was also in the process of producing a travel plan. It appeared that there was sufficient parking space on the John Port site but parking on site was not enforced. There were now problems of insufficient parking available at the leisure centre on certain evenings/weekends. IT WAS DECIDED to hold a meeting with John Port School. Cllr Ireland agreed to arrange this.

14/2/3258

**Finance**

(a) Accounts for payment totalling £4694.55 from the parish council's accounts were approved. Accounts totalling £773.51 for the Frank Wickham Hall Charity were also approved.

(b) Income of £320.43 was received by the Parish Council and £2466.21 by the Frank Wickham Hall Charity.

(c) Spend against the main budget headings was reported but bank statements had not yet been received for January.

(d) Items of expenditure:-

(i) Cllr Day and Cllr Bennett had met with the Bowls Club regarding their request for financial assistance. As their major expenditure related to

the maintenance of the bowling green IT WAS DECIDED to refer this to the Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee.

- (ii) IT WAS DECIDED to spend £36.00 on the purchase of fertiliser for the bowling green.
- (iii) IT WAS DECIDED to give a donation of £100 to Community Transport for advertising and publicity as this was a service used by Etwall residents.
- (iv) IT WAS DECIDED to give a gratuity of £35 each to two allotment holders for maintenance of the communal areas of the allotments.
- (v) IT WAS DECIDED to renew subscription to the Village Halls Advisory Service at a cost of £30.
- (vi) IT WAS DECIDED to purchase a new heater for the Groundsman's hut as the previous heater had been condemned by the PAT tester.

14/2/3259 **Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee** – Cllr Day reported that a fence to a house backing onto the Chestnut Grove Children's Play Area had been replaced and shrubs had been left in the corner of the play area. A letter to be sent to the householder to ask that they be removed.

14/2/3260 **Frank Wickham Hall** – Cllr Bennett reported that the broken curtain rail in the pavilion had been replaced and efforts were being made to replace the spotlight bulbs.

14/2/3261 **Clerk's Report**

- (a) Report from Employees – nothing to report
- (b) Correspondence – see attached.

14/2/3262 **Standing Orders Update** – Cllr Ireland was still working on these.

14/2/3263 **Website Updates** – Due to the planning application for Willington Road, website visits have increased to 85 per day with 126 downloads for the month. IT WAS DECIDED to hold a website group meeting and to include Cllr Day.

14/2/3264 **Any Other Business** –

- (a) Cllr Payton asked if there had been any progress on improving the parking outside the shops on Chestnut Grove. The Clerk to ask Cllr Ford for an update.
- (b) The pothole on Willington Road near its junction with Oaklands Road had already been reported and Cllr Ford asked to chase progress.
- (c) It was suggested that a survey be carried out of views on facilities and services. This was to be made an agenda item for the next meeting.

14/2/3265 **Dates of Committee Meetings** – A meeting of the Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee and the Finance Committee to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

14/2/3266 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Frank Wickham Hall.

Signed .....

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