

**Minutes of the Etwall Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting
14th July 2025 at 7.30pm at Frank Wickham Hall**

Present: Cllr. A. Kirke (Chair), Cllr. A. Muller, Cllr. D. Neal, Cllr. U. Towne,
Cllr. N. Ireland, Cllr. C. Rowley and Cllr. L. Cain (Minutes).

In attendance: Members of the public.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, Cllr. A. Kirke chaired the meeting.

EOM 25/07/6255 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr. R. Hogan, Cllr. R. Fearn, Cllr. V. Hobson and R. Male (Clerk)

EOM 25/07/6256 Variation of Order of Business (if required)

Not required.

EOM 25/07/6257 Declaration of members interests

None.

EOM 25/07/6258 Public speaking

Local Government Organisation - A resident noted that a form is available to complete if residents have any objections to the proposed Changes to Local Councils in Derby and Derbyshire. Three public meetings had been arranged; one at Etwall Leisure Centre takes place between 1-3 pm on 23 July. The deadline for response is 10 August 2025.

Slade Close Application - several residents spoke during the public speaking session to raise concerns about the amendments to the planning application for new houses on Slade Close.

Main points raised included:

- Preference for 2-3 bedroom detached bungalows; 3 storey houses not in keeping with area.
- Refuge collection – noted that a private management company would be created and appoint a private independent refuge collection for the nine properties.
- TPO – would it be possible to place on all trees, in particular those on the ‘no build plot’ to the right of the site. Noted that the vast majority of trees already have TPOs but that any loss would be taken into account by the Planning Committee.
- BNG still shows a net lost.
- Water pressure and increase in vehicular movement, in particular the size of construction traffic entering the site. Noted that the Highways Authority and Water Companies are statutory consultees and give their expert view.
- Effect on residents lives during the construction phase.
- Development Rights – is there a mechanism to remove for future planning on the site.
- Concerns regarding Management Maintenance Schemes in general.
- Concerns regarding the effect of any social housing within the development if this was made a condition.

Residents were encouraged to send their comments or objections directly to South Derbyshire District Council as part of the planning process. They were reminded that only new objections will be accepted as all previous objections are already known. Any concerns raised more than once will be treated as one objection.

Residents were encouraged to make an appointment (available online) as soon as possible in order to register if they wish to speak at the Planning Committee regarding this application.

Etwall Neighbourhood Plan (feedback form) - Cllr Cain reminded residents to complete a feedback form by 11 August and include both positive and negative comments on the Pre-submission Plan. The plan is not yet 'made' and will not be taken into account by SDDC for current planning applications.

EOM 25/07/6259 Planning Application

DMPA/2025/0530 - The erection of 9 no. dwellings at Land adjacent to 7 & 8 Slade Close, Etwall, DE65 6JH

RESOLVED to object on the following grounds.

- The new plans (2 July 2025) show a small reduction in the height of some of the new houses; the three-storey properties are still too high.
- Recognise that the plans have now been changed to replace one of the detached homes with two semi-detached houses.
- Request a condition of any approval of the Application that solar panels must be included on all properties.
- The 32 parking spaces (average of 3 per dwelling) allocated to the site are inadequate and potentially exacerbate on street parking in the areas of Slade Close and Lawn Avenue.
- Significant concerns about the size of vehicles using Burnaston Lane, Willington Road and Main Street during construction, which may give rise to an increased risk of serious accidents at these junctions, although note that the change of plans include provision for vehicles to turn on site.
- The BNG still does not reach the required target of 10%.
- Concerns that the effects of this development have not been independently assessed for surface water draining and flood risk.

Etwall Parish Council should withdraw its previous objections but note that the objections have been amended following this meeting. Cllr Rowley agreed to draft a response and circulate to Councillors for approval prior to submission by Cllr Bates.

EOM 25/07/6260 Derbyshire Local Government Reorganisation - Public Consultation

Following discussion, Cllr Rowley and Cllr Mueller agreed to formulate a response on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the reorganisation of County and District Councils. We are not in favour of any of the options as they currently stand. A response is required by 10th August 2025.

EOM 25/07/6261 Meeting close

Meeting closed at 20.50.

Signed:.....

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