

**Minutes of the Public Open Forum Held at the Trowell Parish Hall on
Tuesday 12th April 2016, at 7.15pm.**

Present - Cllrs. Mrs. L. Harley (Chairman), R. McGann, Mrs. C. McGann, Mrs. J. Bryant, G. Lockwood, P. Singer, Mrs. M. Birkitt, Mrs. H. Cumberpatch, Mrs. S. Williams, D. Pringle, Mrs. L. Ball (BBC), K. E. Rigby (NCC & BBC) & 2 residents.

Clerk - Mrs. A. K. Mitchell

LH opened the meeting & thanked everyone for their attendance.

MW advised that he is new to the village, living on Ilkeston Road & as a parent is concerned that there is no pedestrian crossing provided in that area to assist youngsters travelling to school in Ilkeston. MW asked that the possibility of providing such a crossing be looked into.

KER replied that the chances of having a crossing in that area are slim as the location does not meet the criteria required to warrant one i.e. traffic & pedestrian numbers. KER went on to say that with the help of NCC Highways Officers he had looked into the possibility of having a pedestrian refuge installed instead. However, along the section of carriageway that is wide enough to accommodate a pedestrian refuge, one cannot be installed without blocking access to a resident's property, due to the staggered nature of the driveways in the area.

KER will, however request that a survey be carried out over a full working day. He added that the crossing near the Festival Inn had been installed when Stanton Ironworks employed some 10,000 people.

MW thanked KER adding that it is getting to understand the rules in respect of such matters.

KER suggested that it might be possible to lobby BBC for some of the s106 money allocated to the Field Farm development to install a crossing once the houses are built.

BW asked for an update regarding the damage to the hedge on Stapleford Road/Derbyshire Avenue. The Clerk advised that it had been reported to NCC on the day of the incident & that she had received an acknowledgement. KER will chase this matter.

BW asked for an update regarding the barrier on Church Corner. KER advised that he has a site visit arranged for 19/04/16. NCC are saying that the barrier is the same length as the previous one but KER thinks BW is correct & that the new one is considerably shorter than the last.

Relocation of Polling Station – BW asked how many complaints Councillors had received regarding the siting of the polling station at Salcey Drive. None.

KER advised that he was bitterly opposed to the change stating that it should be returned to its original location on the Stapleford Road service road. It was acknowledged that the site on Trowell Park Drive was not safe due to parking issues. KER feels the new location is “lopsided” in relation to voters on Trowell Grove etc.

LH commented that the new site is just being trialled at the Police Commissioner elections & is not yet a permanent solution.

KER argued that it should not have been moved in the first place, it had been on the service road for years & with the availability of portable CCTV & security patrols he is angry that no effort has been put into keeping it at its original location.

BW commented that he had received a complaint about it. LH advised that if he receives such complaints he should refer the complainant to Councillors.

BW asked what the problem was in relation to the Trowell Park Drive location – he was advised that problems arose due to dangerous parking.

BW argued why have a pedestrian crossing at this location then when people who walk up Wychwood Drive don't use it anyway.

GL responded that the crossing was not installed for the Trowell Park development it was put in as part of the “Safer routes to school” program to enable children to cross to & from the adjacent bus stops safely. As a consequence removing it would be ridiculous.

KER commented that there had been a fatality of an 11 year old boy at this location in the past & that the driver involved had not been speeding at the time of the incident either.

BW mentioned the bus which travels past the crematorium.

BW asked why there are now key holders for the play park & why the Parish Council is breaking by-laws when the park should be open from dawn till dusk.

The Clerk advised that the sign in question relates to the Parish Hall & not the play park. The park is opened in the early morning by the Caretaker on duty & locked at dusk by the security patrolman. She advised that there had been one incident recently when the Caretaker had forgotten to unlock the gate as he had been called to attend to something in the car park. However, when a parent tried to access the park later in the day, the Clerk was aware as her office is adjacent to the park gate & she went straight out, apologised & unlocked the gate. She stressed that the gate may be closed to keep dogs out etc. but it isn't locked during the day. It was noted that most adults close the gate behind them to stop little ones running out onto the car park unattended.

The Open Forum was closed at approximately 7.32pm as there were no further questions for consideration.

Signed.....Chairman

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