

**Minutes of the Public Open Forum Held at the Trowell Parish Hall on
Tuesday 8th September 2015, at 7.15pm.**

Present - Cllrs. Mrs. L. Harley (Chairman), R. McGann, Mrs. C. McGann, Mrs. J. Bryant, G. Lockwood, P. Singer, D. Pringle, Mrs. M. Birkitt, Mrs. L. Ball (Borough), K. E. Rigby (Borough & County) & B. Ward (Parishioner).

Clerk - Mrs. A. K. Mitchell

LH opened the meeting & thanked everyone present for their attendance.

BW queried why the issue he had raised at the July Open Forum concerning the Church trees was not on the Parish Council. He was advised that as reported at the previous meeting BBC were addressing this matter as it is their responsibility & therefore the Parish Council need take no further action at this point.

LH advised that she had spoken to AL about the issue & KER reported that he is meeting the BBC tree officer later in the week & will raise this matter with him then.

Pit Lane LNR - BW commented that BBC don't properly maintain the one they've got as the hedge at the rear of his property has not had the top cut in 40 years. KER will raise this with the BBC tree officer too.

BW advised that he had raised the issue with the Council 30 years ago but the hedge has not been cut since 1976. KER commented that he will report the situation but cannot guarantee success.

Street Lighting issue- BW commented that the trees that are blocking the street lights have not been attended too. The Clerk advised that she had appealed for more detailed information as to which columns are being affected so she can progress the matter further with NCC. KER reported that he is meeting the NCC tree officer in the near future & will draw this matter to his attention then.

BW commented that the LED lamp on the bent street column at Church Corner leaves the area very dark. KER asked BW to provide the relevant lamp column number to enable him to report it. KER commented that the LED lamps cause very little light pollution giving more direct "straight down" illumination. They are however much more cost effective & their use does mean that the lamps in the parish will not have to be turned off to save money.

BW commented that with heavy rain forecast there will be lying water on both the footway & carriageway along Ilkeston Road. KER advised that he can request that the gully waggon attend but it is now accepted that the system along there is not adequate, with little or no fall on it. The water joining the system from The ST. Helen's Close area is under pressure & this can add to the problem causing a "stopper" or even forcing water to back up. He added that a £35k scheme has been drawn up to address the problem; this however failed to secure funding for 2015/2016 but will be up for consideration in the 2016/2017 budget process.

DP reported that the street sweeper had been in the area recently which had cleared surface blockages of a number of gully grates.

BW asked why the street sweeper operates on Ilkeston Road, Windsor Close & Haynes Avenue up to the railway bridge in the day but the railway bridge to the NCC border is then done at night time. KER will ask the question of NCC & report back.

KER pointed out that NCC is struggling to be able to provide its statutory highway functions, let alone anything on top of that.

BW reported that there had been an incident of foul water flooding on Church Close caused by nappies being put into the system. The Clerk will ask the Caretaker to assess the situation at the manhole cover on the play park where the drains cross parish land.

BW asked how many Members will be attending the retirement living event at Church Close later this month. The Clerk will investigate as to what this event is as to date no invitation has been extended to the Parish Council.

As there were no further questions forthcoming LH closed the Open Forum at 19.35pm

Signed.....Chairman

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