



WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held at

Wootton Community & Sports Centre, Curtlee Hill, Wootton, NN4 6ED
on Thursday 29th October 2009 at 19:00pm

Present: Cllrs. Nunn (Chair), Gonzalez De Savage, Prescott, Penny, Pickett, Savage.

1. Opening Procedures

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – Apologies received from Cllrs Collard, Rayner (work commitments) Gurney, Eldred and Bartley (holiday) The apologies received were approved.
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from 16th September 2009 – the minutes were reviewed and it was resolved to sign them as correct.
- c. Declarations of interest – Cllr. Penny item 7.

2. Police and public session (15 minutes maximum)

Inspector Steve Lindley attended the meeting he reinforced that the successful policing policy was being supported by local community. He thanked the local residents for their vigilance and calls to the Police.

Now the dark nights are here vehicle crime is likely to increase the safer community team is committed to focusing on the time of the year. Antisocial behaviour is being headlined and the police are determined to reducing levels in the area.

The Parish Council is to feed into the Neighbourhood Partnership meetings it was asked that we use these meetings to set priorities and voice concerns. It was agreed to place items on the agenda for the future Parish Council meetings, quarterly.

There has been antisocial behaviour experienced at Simpson Manor the Youth Team is liaising with the PCSCos and the Simpson Neighbourhood watch.

Thanks were passed to the Police for their presents at Wootton Primary at 3.00pm the car parking in Farmclose Road improved dramatically. Residences have received notices about parking from the School, NCC will be erecting barriers to prevent parking and traffic wardens have been informed. There is an issue now with cyclist on the pavements – this will be passed on to the PCSOs.

A request was made for the Police to visit schools to speak to the pupils. A meeting is held with the Heads twice a year and the PCSOs do visit schools. A youth drop in held every 3rd Monday of the month for the Police and Youth team at Caroline Chisholm.

A verbal update was given following the Councillors Walk of the Parish with Steve Leighton NCC .

Concerns were voiced about the pot holes that have been overlaid at the top of Water Lane – the work carried out is not level.

The revised meeting date for tonight's Parish Council meeting was not changed on the Website.

One of the trees planted by the MUGA at Wootton have had the top broken – this has been pruned back and should still live.

Aluminium Sheet has been removed and left by the play area at the community centre in Wootton it was agreed to move it to fill a gap in the cemetery fence.

Hedges on Wooldale Road have become over grown – letters to be given to residents concerned.

It was mentioned that Flower pots could not be recycled and that the local garden centre would not take them Cllr.Phil Larratt stated he would look into the Borough's waste management guidelines.

Area opposite Merefields has become very over grown.

Concern was raised about parking on the green opposite Wootton Primary School. The Parish Council has been given permission to place posts onto the Green and also to cultivate the area to prevent future parking..

- 3. Youth Council** – Jenny Evans introduced Helen MacNamara Shadow Chair of the new Youth Council. The Council will mirror the existing Parish Council. With training from the British Youth Council they will be setting a constitution and having an official launch event 2nd December. The age of the council is 11 -19 with councillors from across the Parish, not necessarily linked to the Youth Team. Steven Lindley asked they also looked at their three priorities for Crime and worked with the PCSOs .
- 4. Safety improvements on A45** – Remorse was voiced by all Councillors over the unfortunate death of Sophie. Gemma Whitlock attended the meeting she has started a campaign to obtain safety measures along this road. Councillors were pushing to get movement from Highways. A discussion was held around the need to stop members of the public crossing the road and to lead as an example. Concerns were raised about the safety of the existing bridge, with its sides being so low. A barrier down the middle of the central reservation was called for to prevent anyone being able to cross to take the shortest route.
- 5. Review requirements for children currently being schooled at centre** - the temporary arrangements for the use of the centre's meeting room to school the 5 children. It was agreed to meet with the parents concerned to discuss ongoing arrangements.

- 6. To approve Councillor Vacancy** – it was resolved to advertise the vacancy.
- 7. To review Planning Applications N/2009/0791 and 0793 Wootton Village Retail/takeaway.**
Cllr. Prescott described the background to the application a response was sent by the Parish Council. (Appendix 1) No further comments were raised by members of the public
- 8. Approval of the donation to Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (Walk in the Park 2009)** – It was resolved to pay the proposed amount of £2k to the Air Ambulance. The committee will determine how the cheque is to be presented.
- 9. Approval of Parish office sign** – a quote was received for various sizes of sign. It was agreed to obtain a mock up of a sign 3 x 3 first.
- 10. Storage at WCSC to consider purchasing the container.** – the site of the old garages was considered to be not suitable to house storage. It was resolved to purchase the existing container and have it racked out inside to increase facilities for storage. A request for it to be moved and painted green was made and agreed. It was requested that the storage at the rear of WCSC was reviewed again and a portacabin was considered.
- 11. Review of charges for hiring WCSC** - the proposed changes to hire charges were agreed and it was resolved to bring them into place from January 1st 2010. Minimum hire to be 1 hour in future.
- 12. Training for Councillors** – Training available from NCalc was discussed it was agreed to ask for the training to be carried out at the centre for all councillors and incorporate it into an “away day” on a Saturday for early 2010.
- 13. Finance:**
 - a. To approve the payments made in October 2009 – it was resolved to approve the payments presented as correct.
 - b. To approve final figures for BDO audit – the figures were altered to include stock movement and the insured value of sports ground surfaces as an asset. The clerk had amended the figures and initialled the changes – these changes were authorised by the Council.

14. Exclusion of press and public

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

15. Personnel matters – no issues

16. Administration and Service requests

Blind used by Parish office to be changed to show logo and not just “Closed”.

PCSOs number to be shown on front doors of community centre in case of emergencies. This could be in the form of a plaque.

Hedges opposite entrance WCSC need cutting back.

Bus Shelter outside the Working Men's Club in Wootton has been vandalised.

The Sign at the Pocket Park has been vandalised and glass is lying on the floor, also the dog bin on the same site has been damaged.

Fencing around the car park of Tesco's in East Hunsbury has not been repaired.

At WCSC the disabled sign and cord in the gent's toilets are damaged – also the mastic around the sink needs redoing.

17. Post

NHS Northamptonshire's Annual Report

NBC Neighbourhood partnership – minutes of meeting 8th October 09.

Grange Park Cricket Club - Grant application - it was resolved to pass County Councillor details onto the Club.

NCALC Update Sept. – October 2009-10-22

CPRE Northamptonshire news – Autumn 2009

18. Date of Next meeting – Thursday 19th November 2009 at Blacky More Community Centre

Meeting closed at 11.00pm.