



# **WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL**

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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 19:00pm

**Present: Cllrs. J Nunn (Chair), A Gonzalez De Savage (Vice Chair), D Savage, J Penny, Y Rayner, G Gurney, B Eldred, R Collard, N Prescott, S Bartley.**

### **1. Opening Procedures**

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – it was resolved to approve Cllr G. Pickett's absence due to work commitments.
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – the minutes from the meeting in November were reviewed and it was resolved to sign them as correct.
- c. It was resolved to review the statement used on the minutes for the exclusion of the public to ensure it reflected the Public bodies Act 1960s requirements.
- d. Declarations of interest - AGS declared interest in item 9 due to grants received from NCC.

### **2. Police and public session (15 minutes maximum)**

Debbie Davis (PCSO) reported that at a recent PPP(Parish Partnership Priority Panel) meeting it was resolved that Burglary would be a priority for the Parish. Regular high visibility patrols have resulted in a reduction of unreasonable.

Several residents from Farm Close road attended the meeting voicing strong concerns about the abuse they were receiving from parents parking outside the school. Drive ways are being blocked and residents feel victimised. The parish council agreed to invite the chair of the governors and the head mistress to the next parish council meeting to experience the strength of feeling and acknowledge the continuing concerns voiced at every parish council meeting. Concerns were also voiced about the access for Emergency vehicles.

It was suggested that "No Parking" signs were placed on the green to prevent parking and also to enable prosecutions' to take place or a barrier placed around to prevent parking. Clerk to look into a traffic regulation order and also to contact NBC again regarding getting traffic wardens on site. The new barrier outside the school has narrowed the path so that

the grass has to be walked on – Watching brief will be kept and if there are significant problems then we will review with NCC.

It was agreed to write to all residents of the area to outline exactly what the actions of the council would be to resolve the issue and why.

Mr D Hillyer requested that the drains in the old part of Wootton village were surveyed – Clerk to ensure that the Head EMO contacts him directly to create a report for action by NBC.

### **Review of Local Policing priorities –**

- **Parking outside school**
- **Burglary**
- **Antisocial behaviour**

- 3. Youth Council – Report** – Vice Chair Darcy Lingley reviewed the outcome of the Youth Council's first meeting – Thanks were passed on by Jenny to the Youth Council for their hard work and commitment in instigating the project. A section of the notice board to be given to them to use.
- 4. Wootton Conservation Area re-appraisal – gain feedback for any changes** – response needs to be sent by 18<sup>th</sup> January – discussion held and meeting organised for the 7<sup>th</sup> January to review proposal and collate a response from the Council.
- 5. Safety improvements to the A45 crossing – Update** – A letter from the Highways agency was received by Brian Binley MP following a petition. It is proposing the agency erects a barrier along the central reservation north of the Wootton Fields over bridge towards the Queen Eleanor junction. Signage will also be improved to encourage use of the bridge. Sustained pressure was called for to ensure swift action.
- 6. Road and Traffic issues – update from NCC Highways** – email issued to Councillors for information
- 7. To review applications and appoint new Councillor** - three applications were received and reviewed by the Councillors. 5 votes each were given to two candidates and the chairs casting vote enabled Suresh Patel to become councillor. It was agreed that the unsuccessful applicants would be encouraged to become involved with projects in the community i.e. Parish Plan to retain links for future vacancies.
- 8. Parish Plan – consider how this could be started including forming a Community Action Group.** – It was resolved to send emails out to all those residence who became involved in the Q28/31 campaign to encourage volunteers in forming a committee to devise a Parish/Community Plan. The new 4NN4 newsletter, being issued in the New Year, will contain an article explaining what the council were trying to achieve – this should be replicated on the Website.

**9. Review locations of Parish Council notice boards** – the current locations were reviewed and it was resolved to purchase three new boards for Lady Hollow Drive, Tarragon Way East Hunsbury and the top of Curtlee Hill. Clerk to speak to Youth Council to carry out a review of location and ask for them to present a proposal for any relocation.

**10. Play builder – Update on progress** - Clerk advised that Primary Schools and Youth Team were involved in the consultation for new play areas – deadline for applications 4.1.10.

**11. Finance:**

- a. To approve the payments made in October 2009 – it was resolved to approve the payments as correct. It was also resolved to pay the £300 deposit for Aries entertainment relating to Walk in the Park.
- b. To review feedback from BDO Hayward following audit. – It was resolved to implement the findings of the report.
- c. Review proposed draft budget for 2010/11 – Meeting set for the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010
- d. Consider potential costs resulting from Objectives meeting – meeting set for 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**12. Administration and Service requests** - An up to date street doctor report was given to Councillors.

Request received for hedges to be cut back at the top of Water Lane near to the pelican crossing.

The bus shelter at the top of Water Lane has been burnt and needs graffiti removing.

The bus shelter in Wootton Hope Drive needs new Perspex panels, by Preston Hedges school.

The bus shelter in Bury Lane has had the Perspex broken again.

The grit bin at the top of the High Street in Wootton has been re-sited and the area surrounding it needs tidying and reseeding.

Barrier replacement at Tesco's East Hunsbury – SP knows land owner and will notify clerk for contact.

**13. Post**

Consultation received from NBC relating to the Corporate Plan 2010-2013 – Clerk to collate a response from Councillors.

Email received from Lambert Smith relating to the proposed Sure Start Centre at Wootton School – the request is to purchase parking at WCSC – Councillors have declined at this stage due to concerns about parking around that area.

Meeting closed at 10.45pm.

**14. Date of Next meeting – Thursday 21st January 2010 at Blacky More Community Centre**