



# ***WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL***

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

*on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 19:00pm*

**Present: J Nunn (Chair), A Gonzalez De Savage (Vice Chair), D Savage, J Penny,**

### **1. Opening Procedures**

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – S Bartley, N Prescott, G Pickett, B Eldred (work commitments) R Collard, S Patel, G Gurney, Y Rayner (personal)
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from February 2010 – it was resolved to approve the minutes as correct after changing the date of the Seniors club visit from May to March.
- c. Declarations of interest – A Gonzalez De Savage – items 4 and 6 E due to his employment with NCC.

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

Deidre Newman from Northants Police attended the meeting. Councillors welcomed her and thanked her for her support. Police in attendance – Craig and Sarah Harris. It was reported that there had been no burglaries or robberies in Wootton this month. There were 3 robberies from cars at Tesco's due to items being left on view.

Antisocial behaviour had increased – improved communication had pushed the numbers up together with the snowballing incidents.

High visibility patrols are a priority. Targeting Tesco's to disperse large numbers of youths gathered there. Our Youth Team outreach workers were also involved.

Schools and parking were still on the agenda and a resident from Farm close Road was given Sarah's email to report any repeat offenders to enable action to be taken.

Deidre Newman will liaise with NCC to speak directly to Heads of Schools to take action.

The plans for the hot food take away in Wootton Village were discussed it was resolved to approach A Leighton NCC Highways to place double yellow lines along the junction where the site is proposed as area is already congested.

Sarah Harris advised that she would deliver the Polices interactive card to local residents for views on increasing the hours for alcohol to be sold. This feedback will be passed to the Clerk.

Council passed thanks to the Police for their continued support.

- 3. Youth Council – report** – The Youth council are working with Caroline Chisholm school’s drama department to devise a play to take to Primary schools in the area about parking issues. A scrap book of listed buildings in the area is complete and the youth team will be involved in the Parish Walk with Edmund Fox NBC Conservation team. Training is being organised by the group – they are budgeting and researching appropriate events. It was mentioned that the Youth Parliament may be able to help.

Blackymore – reopens next week – Ray is responsible for running these sessions.

A reminder was given for the 16<sup>th</sup> April Youth Celebration event.

Outreach team continue to patrol on a Friday with the PCSOs links are being built with Grange Park.

- 4. Adopt a new Child protection policy** – it was resolved to adopt proposed document. It was agreed to get each staff member to sign to say they read and understood the document.

**5. Review of actions arising over the last year and outstanding requirements**

Clerk reviewed the minutes from January 2009 to date to provide a list of outstanding actions. Items reviewed – actions to be taken – A Leighton to be approached regarding state of speed humps and zebra crossing on Rowtree Road. Clerk to progress other issues.

**6. Finance:**

- a. To approve the payments made in March 2010 – it was resolved to approve the payments as correct. It was resolved to obtain the Centre Stewards signature on the WCSC payment list prior to council meeting and also on purchase orders prior to presentation to the Clerk.
- b. To approve the new internal monitoring procedures – proposed document discussed and it was resolved to approve the changes immediately.
- c. To approve the updated Risk Assessment report – it was resolved to approve the document presented.
- d. To approve the vehicular requirements of the EMOs – it was resolved to approve the scrapping of the old van and obtain a tow bar and an appropriate trailer subject to suitable storage.
- e. To adopt the amended NCC Pensions policy- it was resolved to adopt the document presented.
- f. To approve purchase of new lawn mower. – it was resolved to purchase the lawnmower requested for £400 and also to determine the hiring of a ride on mower from Preston Hedges school if this was not appropriate it was resolved to purchase a second hand ride on with a budget of £1,500.

**7. Administration and Service requests**

Cllr Penny asked for support on St George’s day – 60 residents expected.

Wootton sign at top of Water Lane – tilted.

Litter increased at drop off point for Roade School in East Hunsbury

**8. Post**

**Meeting closed at 9.45pm**

- 9. Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010 at Wootton Sports & Community Centre**