



WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

*Councillors were summoned to attend this meeting. Members of the press or public
Were invited to attend.*

on Wednesday 21st April 2010 at 19:00pm

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

1. Opening Procedures

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – G.Gurney (work commitments)
S.Patel (personal reasons) The Parish Council would like to offer their sympathy to
Suresh on the passing of his mother.
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from March 2010 – it was resolved to sign the minutes as
correct.
- c. Declarations of interest - none

2. Police and public session (15 minutes maximum)

PCSO Debbie – reported 1 burglary and 1 vehicle crime in the last month. Visibility at
schools continues. The Council were asked to review their local priority – it was resolved to
retain School Parking as the main priority for the area.

Residents from Farm Close Road voiced concerns about their driveways being blocked, it
was resolved for the Parish Office to drop leaflets to each resident informing them of the
Police email address to report repeat offenders and also to ascertain views on bollards being
erected on the main green, to prevent parking on it or enforcing resident parking only
permits. A consultation will be carried out and costs involved will be reviewed. No costs to
be passed onto residence.

Parking outside the school has improved the problems remains around the Farm Close road
area. White lines are still due to be used in May.

Paul Beard from Northants Police was in attendance – he informed that the Police were
targeting antisocial behaviour he asked for the Parish Councils support for local residents in
the form of a letter if an individual had been affected. A resident asked if the area was
patrolled throughout the night – PB informed that patrols were active in the area 24/7.

PB also advised the Council of the new format for Partnership meetings.

There has been an increase in the number of plants/bulbs being vandalised in the area and also the Youth Shelters have been vandalised. It was resolved to ask the Youth Council to place this on their agenda for the next meeting. Graffiti in East Hunsbury has been reported and Jenny Evans is working with the PCSOs to investigate a set symbol that is being repeatedly used.

A resident asked if local stalls were to be held at the next Walk in the Park event. S Bartley stated his concerns for Health and Safety, following last year's event where Gazebos were not secured properly and high winds caused them to collapse. The use of a large marquee to house all stalls would be considered.

A resident enquired about the progress of the barrier on the A45 to prevent pedestrians crossing – J Nunn reported that bad weather had hindered progress and the Highways Agency was being chased.

3. Youth Council – report – Hannah and Louisa attended the meeting and reported that they would be joining the Parish Council on the “walk” on the 15th May.

Thanks were passed to the Youth Council for their support during the NHS evening at the community centre. Congratulations were passed from the Council for the success of the Youth Celebration evening on the 16th April.

The Youth Council are continuing with the drama activity for Schools – where the topic of parking outside schools is the main issue.

They have also been discussing the changes of the entrance criteria at Caroline Chisholm School.

4. Community Centre working party – update

In G Gurney's absence the Parish Clerk explained the new regular agenda item. Future meetings will see the Chairman of the Community Centre working party giving a report of the actions and issues raised. It was resolved to provide minutes of the meetings to all Councillors and also to invite the Centre Steward to attend this part of the Parish Council meeting.

5. To consider the Parish Council's support of the churches “Wootton Kids Zone” 11/13th August 2010

Rev. J Parkin attended and explained the format for the three day free event. It was resolved for the Council to support the event by paying the cost of the main hall and meeting room for the three days. The cost being £396.00. It was suggested that the Youth Council may wish to support the activities

6. Finance:

- a. To approve the payments made in April 2010 - it was resolved to approve the payments as correct.

It was resolved to review the payroll package for the next financial year.

7. Administration and Service requests

The latest Street Doctor report was issued to Councillors.

Additional service requests:

- Graffiti on the footpath LD2, back of Edwardian Close
- Need for a Hearing Loop at the Community Centres and also a PA system at WCSC
- N. Prescott updated Councillors on progress made with AWA and the flood problem at the lagoon the Wooldale Road
- It was resolved to place Allotments on the agenda for the next PC meeting. S Bartley is due to attend training.
- It was resolved to look into the costs of Flag poles for each Community Centre
- A formal Parish Council photograph is to be taken on the Saturday 2nd July at 11.00am prior to the Walk in the Park event at WCSC.
- Due to the cramped conditions in the WCSC meeting room it was resolved to move the Parish Council meeting held at the centre to Tuesday evenings, starting in June, when the Bar area will be used.
- Signs need replacing on Langford Drive and Overslade Close
- BT phone box on Rowtree Road – the door is hanging off (back of Frosty Hollow)
- Tesco's disabled toilet is in a very poor state – it was resolved to write to Tesco's to complain.
- A new notice board is to be erected on the roadside of the main field at WCSC to advertise Walk in the Park and events at the centre.
- Staff using the disabled parking slots at the centres should be disciplined. It was resolved to purchase signs to prevent misuse.
- Salt bins in Wootton village have been overturned.
- Street Doctor needs to be advertised in the Link magazine
- Glass cover of notice board at the Pocket Park is missing
- Youth Shelters have been repaired by EMOs
- Review of rubbish collection from bushes and hedges to be carried out
- Shrubs need cutting back at the Water Lane crossing.
- Bus Shelter on Water Lane has been burnt
- Grass verges are being parked on - review on Parish Walk
- East Hunsbury sign near to planters on Clannell Road needs cleaning.

8. Post

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

9. Date of Next meeting – Thursday 13th May 2010 at Blackymore Community Centre