



WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 16th March 2011 at 19:00pm

Present: Cllrs. Nunn, Gonzalez De Savage, Savage, Rayner. Collard, Penny, Bartley, Prescott, Eldred, Patel, Gurney (arrived at 7.35pm).

1. Opening Procedures

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – it was resolved to approve the apologies from Cllr Pickett (health issues)
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from February 2011- it was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.
- c. Declarations of interest – Cllrs Gonzalez De Savage and Bartley – item 6.

2. Police and public session (15 minutes maximum)

Crime levels in the area were discussed. The trend is decreasing with the exception of robberies there had been three in East Hunsbury during this period and one in Nene Valley. PCSO Craig demonstrated the new CCTV monitor worn by Police on their jackets.

Parking outside schools remain a priority at peak times. PCSOs continue to patrol at these times.

Fly tipping between Wootton Fields and Great Houghton is being monitored

Litter around Tescos/Chillis Restaurant an issue. It was resolved to write to the Manager and Owner of Chillis about glass and bottles being left in the vicinity. Clerk to liaise with Tesco Community Champion also.

The residents of Farmclose Road who did not respond to the survey were contacted for further feedback on parking in this area. A discussion was held and it was resolved to place this item on the agenda for the Planning & Environment meeting. Disclosure of further results to be concluded and it was also resolved to install bollards at the bottom end of the green if no objections were raised by neighbouring properties as this part gets water logged and cars “churn” up the mud.

Concerns were raised, by a member of the public, regarding rubbish collecting near Chestnut Avenue during works being carried out on the A45 – Clerk to write to the Highways Agency.

An email was received from a resident regarding the street lights being faulting at the end of St Augusta Avenue. NCC are not carrying out any repairs at present due to a review. The issue was taken up by Cllr Gonzalez De Savage.

A lamp post outside Wootton Primary School was reported to be “bent over”- clerk to report to Street Doctor.

3. Community Centre working party – update

Cllr Gurney confirmed the arrangements for the forthcoming Beer Festival. Bands are to be organised for a live music event at the centre once a month. Darts are expanding to include a ladies team. Lights outside the centre were mentioned again. Cllr. Larratt is looking to obtain a cherry picker to change all the lights.

4. Seniors Club – update

Cllr Penny advised that membership of the group was now over sixty five. The group are still meeting every Wednesday. A group is to be started at East Hunsbury. A timetable of speakers and events were issued to Councillors. There will be a St Georges Day celebration at Wootton Sports and Community Centre on the 20th April. Thanks and congratulations were passed to Cllr Penny for her organisation and support to the project.

5. Walk in the Park – update

The full line up for the event was known. Contracts signed and ticket sales were above expectations. The BBC are hosting the event, there will be a Magician, stalls, fair rides, stands for local groups and charities. The Northampton Saints players will be visiting the event on the Saturday when the local bands will play. Dogs are not allowed on the field over the weekend .

6. Consultation – West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit – pre-submission Core Strategy.

Cllr Prescott presented a summary of the consultation report. He clarified the areas of proposed growth neighbouring the parish and a discussion was held around the implications. Full discussion and a response to be agreed at the next Planning and Environment meeting in March 2011. It was felt that the consultation was again poorly advertised. The main concerns surrounded the infrastructure and the suitability of the locations chosen for development. The proposals conflict with the localism bill. It was resolved to contact the residents involved with the original consultation to advise them of the links to the WNDC website.

7. Finance:

- a. To approve the payments made in March 2011 – it was resolved to approve the payments. A breakdown of the credit card payments to be sent to Councillors.
- b. Approve Audit review statement – it was resolved to approve the review statement.
- c. Approve Risk Assessment 2011- it was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment for 2011/12
- d. Review internal audit report – Di Issacs March 2011= Councillors read report – no further actions required.

8. Administration and Service requests

The advertisement for the Operations Manager closes on the 30th March 2011. An interview panel was agreed and a date to review CVs agreed.

NCALC have copies of the new Good Councillor guide - copies to be issued to Councillors.

Link Magazine still shows the Council as Wootton Parish Council – Clerk to ensure this is changed. It has been previously requested.

Bus shelter on Clannell Road – panel to be removed.

Top of Wootton recreation group – child’s chair stuck in hedge – EMOs to remove

Tudor Court – notice board – name banner has been removed – EMOs to replace

Parish notice board in library needs a name strip – EMOs to organise

Bus stop near to East Hunsbury Library needs a new bin – EMOs to organise.

9. AOB

Discussion held around the forthcoming election

Meeting closed at 10.45pm

10. Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 20th April 2011 at East Hunsbury Library