



WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING FOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday 27th January 2010 at 19:00pm

Present: Cllrs. Prescott, Nunn, Gonzalez De Savage, Penny, Bartley

1. Opening Procedures

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – Cllr. Collard (illness), D Savage (holiday) it was resolved to approve this absence.
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from November 2009 – it was resolved to approve the minutes of the November meeting and they were signed.
- c. Declarations of interest - Cllr Prescott (child at CCS and governor of Preston Hedges) Cllr Gonzalez De Savage (resident of Simpson Manor and Councillor for NCC)

2. Proposed changes to Caroline Chisholm School's admission policy

A presentation was made by Cllr. Prescott using slides provided by the NCC consultation team.

Key points to come from the discussion that followed:

- Grange Park had no monetary input into Caroline Chisholm School (CCS)
- School was built for the Wootton Fields development and to add the needed capacity for Wootton & Simpson Manor
- If plans are accepted on the 10th March they will be in place for the next seven years, subject to a change in Government.
- Cllr Gonzalez De Savage to determine whether the 10th March meeting is a public meeting or not.
- If a child attends CCS primary they will automatically gain a place to the senior school even if they live outside the area.
- Parents found to be abusing the system will be prosecuted.
- Vetting of applications has been tightened.
- Term of residence in the area isn't currently taken into consideration. Loyalty to area should not be penalised.

- The seven children who did not get into CCS last September should be supported, where possible, but issue to be dealt with outside of this forum.
- The proposed changes were not because of the afor mentioned seven children.
- The public view was that the proposed plan was “common sense”
- It was felt the plan protected the community and gave peace of mind to local parents
- The questionnaire designed by the NCC for the consultation was considered to be to open and could be abused.
- A request was made for the consultation leaflet to be posted through each resident’s door or at least to be sent home with each child in their book bags.
- It was pointed out by Cllr Gonzalez De Savage that the Heads of Primary Schools had been consulted and that the planned proposal was their preferred option, collectively.
- Roade School is a very good school and it is only the Ofsted Report that has created the want of parents.
- Hub of learning at CCS used by local residents from Wootton and not Grange Park
- We have deduced through the proposals that if a child attends Woodland View in Grange Park and they have a sibling link at CCS they will automatically be offered a place at CCS. If a Grange Park resident attends Wootton Primary they will also be offered a place at CCS.
- Decisions made on the 10th March – could be appealed.
- Woodland View is over scribed and there may be the possibility of extending the school in the future.
- Traffic volumes should be considered as part of the benefits and considerations should be given to local businesses.
- Parish Council to post information and links on their website.
- Sibling links cannot be reversed and are not guaranteed.
- Parish Council are happy to support the proposed plans which seen to be very logical.
- Parishioners thanked Parish Council for their support.
- A written response will be sent to the NCC from the Parish Council.

3. Plans refused since last meeting

N/2009/0697	Land adjacent to 40 High Street Wootton	Refused 9.10.09
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4. Plans approved since last meeting

N/2009/0073	Ivydale 3 Resthaven Road	Approved 4th December 2009
N/2009/0931	17 Tudor Court	Approved 4th January 2010
N/2009/0971	98 Muncaster Gardens	Approved 18th January 2010
N/2009/0972	Wootton Medical Centre	Approved 18th January 2010

5. Plans received for approval

N/2009/0981	Dental Surgery Rowtree Road	2 Storey Extension & additional car parking for staff. <i>No Comment – request for more tree screening, landscaping. Controlled access needed. Solar panels to be considered. Considerations given to traffic calming, new bench/bin & bus stop.</i>
N/2009/0987 was 0774	97 Battalion Drive	2 Storey ext. Relocate garden fence. <i>Approved 21.1.10</i>
N/2009/1049	40 High Street	Demolition of garages & erect 2 semi-detached houses. <i>Not approved by Parish Council – on street parking, Social issue. Not in keeping with the street scene, roof line doesn't match hipped roof next door.</i>
N/2009/1041	32 Langford Drive	2 Storey rear extension – no comments
N/2009/1046 was 2006/0347	9 Wootton Hill Farm	Erection of an Orangery – no comments
N/2009/1048	33 Flinters Close	Single Storey Front Extension – no comment.
N/2009/1050	110 Yeoman Meadow	New side boundary fence – <i>Not approved by Council – application retrospective, posts need levelling – does applicant own land? Planting needed. Detracts from openness of area</i>
N/2010/0003	35 Crofter Close	First Floor side extension over garage – no comment
N/2010/0028	5A Resthaven Road	Single Storey side & Side storey rear extension – no comment
N/2010/0036	1 Spyglass Hill	Retrospective app. For 2.74m rear boundary fence – <i>concerned about lack of greener</i>

6. Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 24th March 2010

Meeting closed at 9.35pm