



WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING FOR PARISH COUNCIL

on Wednesday 15th September 2010 at 19:00pm

Present: Councillors Nunn, Gonzalez De Savage, Savage, Penny, Bartley, Prescott (left at 8.30pm), Rayner, Collard, Eldred, Pickett and Gurney (arrived at 7.30pm).

1. Opening Procedures

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – it was resolved to approve the apologies from Cllr. Patel due to council commitments.
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from July 2010 – it was resolved to amend the minutes and sign at the next meeting.
- c. Declarations of interest - Cllr Gonzalez De Savage – Item 4 due to funding links through NCC. and Cllr. Rayner – personal interest as a member of Towcester Road Allotments.

2. Police and public session (15 minutes maximum)

There was no police presence at this meeting.

A resident queried the priorities at the junction of Berry Lane/Quinton Road, buses are compounding the originally highlighted problem, – this had been discussed with the Highways Department and update will be obtained from Andrew Leighton before the next meeting.

A request was made for the hedges to be cut back on the B526, again this was highlighted on the Parish Walk – Clerk to chase an update from Highways, as it was not mentioned on their update to the Parish Office.

Traffic lights were requested at the top of Water Lane, Clerk to discuss with Highways.

The hedges at the top of Water Lane/ Wootton Hope Drive and Newport Pagnell Road junctions need to be cut back (vision splay areas).

Concerns were raised regarding Young people gathering on the old garage site near to the rear of the car park at WCSC late at night. PCSOs to be advised.

The proposed Pocket Park on the Wooldale Road was discussed and a request was received to place a bridge across the river running through it. Comments were received to advise the public that Adders could be seen there.

Camping in parks had caused concerns over the summer months. It was resolved to place “No Camping” signs at appropriate venues in the parish.

Antisocial behaviour was experienced at Chillis Restaurant which is located on the Tesco site at East Hunsbury. Broken glass, fights breaking out and threatening behaviour have resulted in the need for the Parish Council to write to Tescos and the owner of Chillis to complain. The police have been involved and are writing to ask for the establishments licence to be reviewed.

3. Youth Council – report

The Youth Council Chairman Hannah gave her apologies. Youth Manager Jenny Evans gave the following report:

A successful summer programme had just been concluded. Thanks were passed onto Councillor Larratt for the funding.

The Youth Council's Rubic Cube project is being launched to Year 6s The project has a wider audience but funding was needed.

The Blackymore project was growing, a request for the projector to be installed was given and also the need for WiFi and a Digibox.

The Youth Council are looking to take on new initiatives and requested to be part of another Parish Walk – it was resolved to organise this in the late autumn/early winter.

4. Provision of allotments in the Parish – devise a way forward

Councillors were advised of the proposed development on land owned by Network Rail East Hunsbury. The developers' Urban Farm were to develop an educational facility and also open space some of which would be used to hire allotments to the local area. It was resolved to invite Urban Farms to a Parish Council in the near future to enlighten Councillor of their plans.

It was resolved for Cllrs Penny & Bartley to advise the Parish Council of suitable sites in Wootton.

5. Code of conduct training and discussion on adoption of 12.2 – Kate Houlihan

A comprehensive training session was held for all Councillors. It was noted that Cllr. Patel has undertaken this training through the County Council.

6. Community Centre working party – update

An update on staffing was given. Discussions were held regarding the Bar Suppliers it was resolved to conduct a survey with patrons and report back to the next Parish Council meeting. Forthcoming events were disclosed it was resolved to advertise Wootton's Got Talent in the next edition of the Link.

Blackymore Kitchen is being replaced in the October Half Term holidays. It was resolved to ensure that the new tables and Chairs were stackable and padded. The old ones were returned to the original owners.

A discussion was held whether the centre could be transferred from the Borough to the Parish Council under a Community Asset transfer – it was resolved to write to the Chief Executive.

7. Walk in the Park – update

Progress had been made behind the scenes to prepare a proposal for next year's Walk in the Park. Matt Parsons from NBC introduced himself. A formal proposal is being prepared for the October Parish Council meeting.

8. Matters arising

A request was received to make dog owners keep their dogs on leads when using the field to the rear of the Community centre. A debate was held and it was resolved to train an EMO to enable them to issue fines for Dog fouling and also review to location of the dog bins. The concerns of dogs being loose was recognised but policing the requirement was also a concern.

Bylaws were mentioned. An article in the link was suggested and advertising on the dog bins and sponsorship with Drontal to be reviewed.

Thanks were passed to Cllr Prescott for his excellent report in response to the Tesco redevelopment plans. It was resolved to place a summary in the link and on the Parish Website.

9. Finance:

- a. To approve the payments made in September 2010 - it was resolved to approve the payments subject to the checking of a payment to a WITP supplier.

10. Administration and Service requests

At WCSC – Gents toilets need to be repainted around the urinals, flooring in toilets has lifted and the hot tap is loose.

Also at WCSC it was reported that entrance mat and carpet tiles are to be replaced.

Berry Lane continues to flood, concerns to be passed to Andrew Leighton, photos to be taken during heavy rain for reference.

Dog bin on Farm close road needs repositioning.

Hedge on footpath at the top of Water Lane needs to be cut back Zebra crossing.

Wall is crumbling on the footpath near Langford Drive – Street Doctor to be informed.

Lamp post near old garage site on Farmclose Road has been smashed.

Shutter for the Jubilee Bar – quotes to be gained.

Abbey Centre are opening their new kitchen on 2nd October at 5.30pm – Councillors invited to a celebration dinner – please advise Clerk if you wish to attend.

11. Post

Meeting closed at 10.25pm

Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 13th October 2010 at Wootton Community & Sports Centre