



WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 17th November 2010 at 19:00pm

Present: Cllrs. Nunn, Gonzalez De Savage, Savage, Prescott, Bartley, Penny, Gurney (arrived at 7.40pm), Patel, Eldred, Rayner, Collard

1. Opening Procedures

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – it was resolved to approve apologies from Cllr. Pickett (personal reasons) Apologies were also received from Cllr. Michael Hill.
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from October 2010 – it was resolved to sign the minutes from the October and July meetings as a true reflection.
- c. Declarations of interest - none
- d. Matters arising - none

2. Police and public session (15 minutes maximum)

Police update – Sergeant Paul Beard stated that our Parish was one of the safest to live and work in. Average crime figures were showing a decrease. The only slight increase was for burglary – we were advised that homes with prestige cars in the drive were being targeted- when keys for the cars were being stolen from the home.

Neighbourhood Work Discussion – discussion held on key issues in the area.

Update on Local Action Plan including Grangewood Park – downward trend in antisocial behaviour. It was resolved to concentrate focus on Butts Road and the Tesco site at Mereway. Litter was becoming a problem. Young people gathering in the underpass – engagement with the outreach team agreed and a meeting set with the Store Manager of Tesco's. Contact with Abbeyfield's school will also be made by Peter Staffell to highlight issues.

The previous concerns regarding Chillies Restaurant were raised. Sergeant Beard advised that the Police were still monitoring the situation and that it did seem to be a seasonal problem. The Licensee was also complaining about the behaviour outside the venue. He felt that there was insufficient evidence at present for a licence review.

Further Issues for Community joint action – Julie Drummond, NBC stated they were experiencing problems with the Recycle area at Tesco's. Peter Staffell to attend a meeting with the Clerk and the Store Manager of Tesco's.

A representative from the Urban Farms project attended the meeting. They are hoping to develop an Urban Farm in East Hunsbury, on land currently owned by Network Rail, on Hill Farm Rise. Plans have not been submitted to the Borough Council as yet. The proposed site was described and the facility for allotments reviewed. It was resolved for the Clerk to write to NBC to show the Parish Council's initial interest and support, copying in Network Rail.

- 3. Youth Council – report** – Two Members of the Youth Council, Sam & Kyler, reported that recent fund raising events had raised £50 for Kick Sergeant, £600 for Marie Curie and £100 for Cancer charities (raised from a tuck stall at the Halloween event).

Thanks were passed by the Council to the Youth group for their support at the Halloween event.

A policy was being drawn up to discourage smokers outside the building during Youth events/meetings.

It was reported that a drama is being developed for Road Safety – this will be performed by the youth groups at the local schools.

Jenny Evans, Youth Manager informed that links are being built with the Abbeyfield's school.

Community Centre working party – update – A review of the Halloween event was discussed. The changes have resulted in the use of subcommittees which would focus on all the requirements for forthcoming events and a Parish representative would be nominated to monitor health and safety during all events. Forthcoming events: Beer Festival 26/28th November.

Risk assessment to be carried out on the health and safety concerns raised regarding football and the small children's play area. At the same time risk assessments will also be carried out on the Cricket and Darts.

It was resolved to issue all Councillors with a copy of the centres Fire procedures.

Fire practice to be carried out during the next meeting of the Seniors Group.

Middletons are to supply draught beers and drinks to the centre. It was resolved to increase the price of Draught beers by 10p, supported by 10 councillors, with 1 Councillor against.

A discussion was held around the status of the Community centre working party. It was resolved to give the working party full committee status with immediate effect.

4. Finance:

- a. To approve the payments made in November 2010 – it was resolved to approve the payments as correct.
- b. To approve budgets proposed for 2011/12 – it was resolved to await the outcome of election costs, to be disclosed in December, before the final budgets were agreed. This item will be carried over to the December Parish Council meeting.

5. Administration and Service requests

It was resolved to hold the next Parish Council meeting at the East Hunsbury Library, as the meeting room at the centre was too small and the large hall was booked with local groups. The Library is situated in Overslade Close, East Hunsbury NN4 0RZ.

Requests were received for the following action:

Vegetation over hanging the pavement outside Merryfield at the entrance to Stratford Drive and outside Sunnyside on the Green.

The bridge over Wootton Brook is damaged and dangerous – reporting to David Wilson

The Parish Council notice board in Wootton High Street to be removed as it has been vandalised.

Hand dryers in the Gents toilets at WCSC not working properly.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

6. Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 15th December 2010 at East Hunsbury Library