



WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES FOR MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 13th October 2010 at 19:00pm

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

1. Opening Procedures

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – it was resolved to approve apologies from Cllrs. Collard (sickness), Rayner and Penny (holiday)
- b. **Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from September 2010** – it was resolved to sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- c. Declarations of interest - Cllrs. Gonzalez De Savage – item 3 ref. Grants
- d. Matters arising

2. Police and public session (15 minutes maximum)

Cllr Nunn lead a moment's reflection to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Sophie Bywater who tragically died on the A45 in 2009.

Police update – The average number of burglaries in Wootton has decreased by 33.3%
East Hunsbury decreased by 11.1%
The average number of vehicle crimes in Wootton has decreased by 5.9%
East Hunsbury has decreased by 57.1%
The average number of robberies in the area has not changed in Wootton
and decreased by 50% in East Hunsbury
The average number of anti-social behaviour incidents in this area has
decreased by 4.6%)

Weekly patrols continue at the schools. Thanks passed to Sarah for her support both from the Councillors and also the residents of Farmclose Road who were also in attendance.

The meeting was also attended by one of the Tesco's champions Debbie Shepherd who introduced herself to the Council.

Neighbourhood Work Discussion - not discussed Peter Staffell is attending the next meeting

Update on Local Action Plan including Grangewood Park – not discussed
Further Issues for Community joint action – not discussed

- 3. Youth Council – report** – Chair of the Youth Council Hannah had just completed two weeks work experience in the office – she made a professional member of the team.
Hannah is working with Kate Houlihan NCALC towards the elections next year. Kate will also be carrying out training with the Youth Council in future months.
The Youth Council will be holding their AGM next Tuesday – all Councillors are invited.
Work continues with the Safer Community Team and also the Rubik Cube initiative is being introduced to Primary schools in the area.
A memory tree was made by the Youth Group at Blackymore to mark the anniversary of the death of Sophie Bywater in 2009.
Service level agreements are being agreed with Grange Park and Hardingstone Parish Councils.
- 4. Provision of allotments in the Parish – update**- Urban Farms, who hope to establish allotments on their proposed site at East Hunsbury, stated they will attend the Parish Council meeting in November to update Councillors. It was resolved to discuss Wootton at the forthcoming Planning and Environment meeting.
An article will be placed in the Link magazine to determine local interest and size of allotments.
- 5. Community Centre working party – update** _ Cllr Gurney informed that the Community Centre bar was to become a Free house – using Coors. Middletons and Bookers for future purchasing.
- 6. Walk in the Park – agree budget for next year’s event** – the success of this year’s event was reviewed and the fact that the event was on budget. The newly **formed** committee requested an amount from the precept of £20k to use as working capital. A resulting discussion was held and vote gave 6 Councillors in favour (Cllrs. Eldred, Nunn, Bartley, Prescott, Gurney, Patel; 1 against (Cllr. Savage) and 1 abstaining (Cllr. Gonzalez De Savage).Cllr. Gonzalez De Savage raised concerns at approval of this complete sum before the other areas of next year’s budget were agreed.
Cllr Eldred is to provide a business plan and also a list of assets attributed to the event.
- 7. Finance:**

 - a. To approve the payments made in October 2010 – it was resolved to make payments as per approval list.
- 8. Administration and Service requests**
Member of the public voiced concerns regarding health and safety for the toddler area, in the grounds of WCSC, when football was being played. One of the goals has the toddler area behind it and concerns were raised regarding balls being kicked into the area and a small child being hit. It was resolved to discuss at the next Community Centre meeting.
Dog fouling was becoming an ongoing problem – a representative from NBC visited the area and advised that it would be possible to train an EMO to carry out the role of enforcement officer for fines.
Another Parish walk with Andrew Leighton, NCC Officer, to be held on the 27th November 2010 meeting at 8.45 for breakfast.

It was resolved to issue the Street Doctor list to Councillors prior to the meetings in future. Balancing lagoon continues to be a problem – AWA to be invited to next planning meeting. It was resolved that a list of delegated powers would be proposed – Clerk to produce a document to be agreed at full Council.

Street Doctor – pot hole in water lane by Traffic lights.

PCSO – parking on corner of Berry Lane/Quinton Road.

9. Exclusion of press and public

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

10. Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 17th November 2010 at Wootton Community & Sports Centre

Meeting Closed at 10.20pm