



WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

on Thursday 21st January 2010 at 19:00pm

Present: Cllr. Nunn, Gonzalez De Savage, Bartley, Pickett, Penny, Eldred, Patel, Prescott

1. Opening Procedures

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence - Cllr. Savage (holiday), Cllr. Collard, Rayner (illness), Gurney (personal).
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from December 2009 – it was resolved to approve the minutes as correct.
- c. Declarations of interest – Cllr Prescott – Child at Caroline Chisholm school & Gonzalez De Savage – NCC grants

2. Police and public session (15 minutes maximum)

PCSO Ron Calvert introduced Gill a new PCSO. Crime levels for September – November showed a slight increase in burglaries, decrease in vehicle crime and robberies. ASBOs increased by 49%. Great Houghton has a new neighbourhood watch scheme. PCSOs involved with Operation Guardian a new project linked to burglary.

Recent snow caused a few problems in the parish with snow balls being used. The recent spate of burglaries in Wootton was caused by one individual who has been arrested.

A member of the public wanted to reinforce the importance of the public and parish support in the current consultation. It was resolved to place this item on the agenda of the Planning Environment meeting on the 27th January 2010.

A parent from Wootton Primary wanted to know why the Parish Council had not supported the proposed Sure Start Centre by not renting parking at the Wootton Community Centre. It was explained that the strength of feeling shown by local residents had to be supported by the Parish council and that until the parents of the children driving to the school realised the impact they were having on the residents of Farmclose Road the support of the Parish Council could not be given to increase the problem further. The parish council supported the development of the school and also the sure start programme. Parking at the school has been a problem for some time and the school and the parish council were working towards solving the problem.

The council encouraged the school to consider further ideas to improve the traffic problems at the school, such as 1) a member of staff being positioned between the Community Centre car park and the school, allowing parents to drop their children safely at the Community Centre, knowing that their short walk to the school would be supervised 2) introduce a car sticker that would be awarded to those who park in the Community Centre car park, perhaps saying "I'm a safe parker!", given to the parent via their child 3) ask parents to sign a Parents' Contract, committing to park in the Community Centre car park, not outside the school.

- 3. Youth Council** – James represented the Youth Council and it was reported that the Youth council had been involved in presenting their views on where the notice boards in the parish should be sited (JE to email proposals to PC), also they were involved with the photographing of properties proposed in the Wootton Village Conservation area. Jenny Evans reported that she was working with Hardington Parish Council to resolve issues of antisocial behaviour and the detached teams were working in East Hunsbury to liaise with the youth not involved in the youth project.

4. Safety improvements to the A45 crossing – update

A meeting was held by Cllr Nunn & Gonzalez De Savage with the Highways Agency. They were advised that the proposed barrier down the central reservation of the A45 was to go ahead. Materials were being purchased this financial year with the works being carried out in the late spring.

5. Finance:

- a. To approve the payments made in January 2010 it was resolved to approve the payments as correct.
- b. Approve budget proposals for 2010/11 – following discussion the budget was formally approved and adopted by resolution. Appendix 1.
- c. Approve precept for 2010/11 – It was resolved that we serve the precept, of 345,103.15 being a 3.5% increase on last year, on Northampton Borough Council. Clerk has requested that special expenses be removed from the final precept.

6. Administration and Service requests

Fencing on Wooldale Road to be reported to David Wilson Homes.

Drain near Caroline Chisholm school to be checked as overflowing – AWA to be contacted
Dog bin on Water Lane to be repaired, along with bus stop.

Signs need cleaning.

Lights out in the car park of WCSC and also nos 39/42 together with the slip road off the A45 to East Hunsbury.

Cllr. Penny informed the councillors of the St Georges Day quiz 23rd March.

7. Post

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.

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