



WOOTTON and EAST HUNSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting of Parish Council

on Wednesday 17th February 2010 at 19:00pm

Present: Cllrs. Nunn, Gonzalez De Savage, Savage, Rayner, Penny, Patel, Gurney, Eldred, Collard

1. Opening Procedures

- a. To receive and approve apologies for absence – it was resolved to approve the absence of Cllrs. Bartley, Picket (work commitments) and Prescott (personal).
- b. Confirmation of [Minutes](#) from January 2010 – it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held in January 2010.
- c. Declarations of interest - none

2. Police and public session (15 minutes maximum)

PCSO Debbie reported:

1 burglary in East Hunsbury last month. PCSOs are attending a school as week to focus on parking issues. There will also be a speeding day this week.

Operation Guardian has been launched to promote self help for residents – details to be placed on the website and also on the notice boards.

Following recent press Insp. Lingley was pleased to report that the quad bikes were being retained as the visible policing policy was being encouraged.

Cllr Gonzalez De Savage expressed his support to Operation Guardian and Cllr Savage asked Debbie PCSO to feedback any ideas that may support our campaign to elevate the problems at Wootton Primary around parking, when she is visiting other schools.

An update on the white lines for Farm close road was requested – Andrew Leighton had indicated that the work would be carried out before the end of the financial year – clerk has since clarified this and been told the works will be carried out by the end of May 2010.

Footpath from Langford Drive to Sunnyside is very overgrown – clerk will get this strimmed. A wall has been erected along this same area which was queried – Cllr. GD Savage to view.

3. Wootton Village Conservation – Edmund Fox Conservation Officer NBC

Edmund Fox explained what conservation meant to Wootton, being a historical assessment highlighting important buildings in Wootton Village, and then he presented feedback from the recent consultation. The comments made by our Parish Council were not approved by cabinet. Mr Fox stated that he would send a response to the Clerk. Cllr. GD Savage expressed his concerns that the views of the Parish Council were not considered and stated concerns in retaining the character of the village from future development. It was resolved that Edmund would revisit the village with councillors to enable a further reappraisal to take place in the near future. Concerns were voiced about the Conservation team's ability to comment on plans proposed in the village. Mr Fox reassured the council that all plans were passed to them for comment.

4. Progress on Wooldale Road – Flood defences – Rob Price Environment Agency

Cllr Nunn passed on his thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to the Environment Agency for their support and works that had been carried out thus far. Mr Price informed the council of their progress. A recent archeologically dig had discovered medieval remains – nothing of historical value. A rich fish source had been found. Mr Price informed that the water levels had dropped with the flat valve being installed. Burns have been stepped and the soil that has been removed has been used to form the embankment. Homes are being protected whilst considerations being given to the effects further downstream. Seed mixes being used will encourage bees and with the correct maintenance meadow status could be obtained.

Two drop in sessions is being held at WCSC in March to find volunteers for the Pocket Parks and also explain the works being carried out by Mr Price and his team.

Cllr, Savage passed on his congratulations for the works being carried out.

5. Youth Council – report

Hannah and Darcy informed the council that they had completed a mind map for the projects they wanted to become involved with and as a result have split into two subcommittees. Projects being: Parking at the schools (visiting schools and looking at parking road safety to assemblies), parish notice boards, and Conservation photographs. The Youth Council are advertising in the East Hunsbury area to encourage for members.

6. Tesco's – response to request for new notice board - the recently received response from Tesco's Store Manager was discussed and it was agreed to correspond with Tesco's Head Office.

7. NCALC - Incorporation of the Association & Notice of Special General Meeting

The document was discussed – Councillors to feedback to clerk who will send a collated response.

8. Finance:

- a. To approve the payments made in February 2010
It was resolved to approve these payments as correct.

9. 4NN4 – Way forward - The proposed newsletter was discussed and it was resolved to use a more cost effective way for the near future. Using the Chronicle and Echo, website and Link magazine. It was suggested that we used a leaflet facility at venues in the Parish i.e. Tesco's, Library Chemists etc.

10. Administration and Service requests

Seniors club - Trip arranged for 26th March – group meeting weekly now. Various talks booked for the next few months.

It was agreed that VE days should be placed on hold until more interest is gained. Advertisement placed in Link for seniors in East Hunsbury to come forward. A leaflet to be designed and left at Doctor & Church in EH to make residents aware.

Railings for pathway near zebra crossing opposite Caroline Chisholm school needs replacing. Owned by David Wilson homes.

11. Post

NCC sustainability framework – consultation document – Councillors to feedback to clerk for a response to be sent. Deadline 26.3.10

NCALC – parish partnerships – Clerk to place onto Planning agenda.

12. Date of Next meeting – Thursday 18th March 2010 at Blackymore Community Centre