

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Wootton Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Wootton.

Present. Cllrs. D. Price, J Wheeler, T Corby, C Bennett, K Lynch, M Wolfenden, P Quirk, J Cunningham, S Cruse, S Rowse & P Prescod. In attendance: M Alexander (Clerk), PC Ian Evans, and Mr G Lloyd.

FC10/14. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Hall & Cllr Wallace.

FC10/15. Declarations of Interest.

None.

FC10/16. Reports from outside organisations.

PC Ian Evans update report attached. Other Members spoke of concerns they have regarding in respect of differing activities in the village that could be deemed anti social. These included drug taking in village car parks and the 'inconsiderate' parking of vehicles generally.

FC10/17. Open Forum

The Chairman was pleased to introduce Mr Gareth Llyod to the meeting, who expressed interest in becoming a Councillor. Mr Lloyd was duly proposed and seconded on to the Council. This additional member means this Council is now full in number.

FC10/18. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman was pleased to update the Members on the approval of an additional Internal Auditor. Members were advised that this would be carried out on Tuesday 16th March 2010 - details of any recommendations would be reported to this Committee in due course.

In addition it was noted that various Members were involving themselves in a Summer Scheme for the village during the forthcoming summer holidays which will be held in the main at the Upper School. Various activities for a range of age groups were in the process of being arranged, which will be informed via questionnaires and which are due for distribution in the very near future using the local school system / structure.

FC10/19. Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 27th January 201

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th January 2010 were accepted as a true record, with one amendment - Cllr Rowse was in attendance.

FC10/20. Committee Reports

a) The members were pleased to receive and adopt the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 24th February.

FC10/21. Accounts

a) The members were pleased to receive and approve the minutes of the Accounts Sub Committee held on Wednesday 10th February 2010.

FC10/22. For Members to approve the Budget for 2010 / 2011

Agreed with minor amendments and these will be reflected in this Council

budget figures.

FC10/23. Review of Committee Membership / Structure

After much discussion it was agreed that this Council would revert back to the previous Committee Structure Procedure and once again separate the two Committee's of F&GP and Communications. =

FC10/24. Parish Newsletter

The new format for the Wootton News was agreed by the Members. It was suggested that the Parish Plan be promoted again within the publication, with a view to obtaining broader and more useful village information.

FC10/25. Cemetery Contract

Following a recommendation from the Plans Sub group (Wednesday 10th March 2010) of this Council, Members agreed to accept the quotation from J Dennis Garden & Property Maintenance, for the 3 years Cemetery contract. (This appointment would be subject to written references)

This contract will commence on 1st April 2010 and run for a total of three years. Payment will be made in monthly installments on production a monthly invoice provide to this Council by Mr Dennis.

FC10/26. Retirement (Cemetery Contract)

Members agreed that to mark the retirement of the Council previous Cemetery contractor and that £100 in 'vouchers' be made available and sent to Mr Bavington with this Councils good wishes and thanks for all his hard work and contributions for the last 23 years. Clerk to organise and arrange delivery.

FC10/27. Review of Council Policies

Members were pleased to receive copies of various Council Policies with a view to read and review in time for amendment at this Councils AGM & APM in May 2010.

FC10/28. Progress report of Cllr Tim Hill - Bedford Borough Councillor

Members were pleased to receive the written report of Cllr Tim Hill (Bedford Borough Council)

Chairman.....

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 14th April 2010

