



WOODHAM FERRERS AND BICKNACRE PARISH COUNCIL A QUALITY COUNCIL



M I N U T E S

AGENDA ITEM NO	MINUTE	ACTION
1. WELCOME	<p>Karen Kuderovitch welcomed the group and was pleased with such a large turnout (approx. 9 adults, 11 youths & PCSO Graeme Gordon)</p> <p>It was mentioned that some people had not heard about the meeting /people were not present but still very interested.</p>	E-mail addresses taken and a group to be formed for contact.
2. WHY DO WE NEED A YOUTH COUNCIL?	<p>The general feelings of the youths present were:</p> <p>They would like somewhere to meet regularly and spend time with people of similar age, rather than hang around the park areas.</p> <p>There were very limited facilities available in both villages for youths and they were bored.</p> <p>It was stressed that the Youths need to own this project, with their own ideas and suggestions. The adults were there to help and advise.</p>	<p>It was resolved that information needed to be gathered from different sources:</p> <p>Survey Question suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How old are you?male/female/wf or Bicknacre? 2. What do you want, any particular activity? 3. Would you join in youth events? 4. What would make you feel safe? 5. Would you attend the events? <p>The survey to be designed by the volunteers and authorised by the Clerk.</p>
3. HOW DO WE RECRUIT MEMBERS?	<p>A discussion took place on how we could relay the groups intentions and gather more interest.</p> <p>Publicity on Parish Council Website/</p>	<p>Survey at Bicknacre Shops/via friends</p> <p>PCSO Graeme Gordon to visit Sandon/William de Ferrers Schools and relay our message</p>

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	<p>attend Summer Fun Day 4th July 09</p> <p>The survey was to be designed by the youths and represented for agreement.</p>	<p>and survey questions</p> <p>A youth offered to hand deliver the survey in Woodham Ferrers to all potential users</p> <p>A page of information via the March Parish Council newsletter</p>
<p>4. WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD BE POSSIBLE?</p>	<p>Sarah McMullon relayed the kind offer of Woodham Ferrers Village Hall donating use of the hall one Saturday of every month for use for a youth event.</p> <p>There was suggestions of a regular meeting date of a youth club with extra events as well (ie. a disco)</p> <p>Activities suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor Football Table Tennis Yu Go Oh Games Virgin Vie Pamper Evenings Art & Crafts War Hammer <p>Purchase of beans bags & computer equipment.</p> <p>Alison Doherty of Jesters offered use of the log cabin for smaller events (ie. Virgin Vie)</p> <p>There was a general agreement that because of the varied age groups some events would be organised separately for the specific age group and some events could be combined.</p>	
<p>5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS & CONSTITUTION</p>	<p>Karen explained that the group should run as an organised group with the relevant members, agenda & minutes produced and information open to the public.</p> <p>She asked that people consider this for the future as it was a necessity for a successful group.</p> <p>PCSO Gordon gave details of a funding application which has to be applied for by</p>	<p>Information gathered and return back to group by end March to enable application to be submitted.</p>

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6. . CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, PARISH COUNCILLOR, FUNDING SECRETARY	The positions would need to be filled. Further funding opportunities were readily available.	Karen to report back to Parish Council and to confirm a representative (Councillor) to attend the meetings where required.
7. General Discussion	Karen advised she had contacted the British Youth Council and had requested more guidance and training on how to develop a successful Youth Council. She hoped to have more info very soon. Discussion took place over adult supervision at events. Local businesses could be approach for funding donations. The youths stated that they felt because there were so many adults present there was a reluctance to talk openly and freely. They requested they meeting again amongst other youths only.	
8. Dates for Meetings 2009	It was resolved that a number of youths (and hopefully they would all recruit new members) would meet again Friday 6 th February @ Bicknacre Memorial Village Hall from 7pm – 8.30pm to finalise the survey and talk in a more relaxed environment. An adult would have to be present to open the hall and sit outside the room.	

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