



# WHITE WATER MEADOWS CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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October 21, 2012

MINUTES OF THE  
WHITE WATER MEADOWS CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held at the Community Park  
September 30, 2012

Executive Members present were:

Andrea Golding	-	President
Andrew Grant	-	1st Vice President
Donald Scott	-	2nd Vice President
Peter Hutchinson	-	Treasurer
Athoy Neil	-	Secretary
Jason Kirby	-	Public Relations Officer
Joan Ellison	-	Assistant Secretary

Executive Member (s) absent were:

Petrina Henry	-	Asst. Public Relations Officer (Asst. PRO)
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Number of Citizens present was: Thirty-One (31)

### **Call to Order & Prayer**

The meeting was called to order by the President Andrea Golding at 4:49pm and prayer was offered by Mr. Donald Scott.

### **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

The President welcomed all to the meeting and a special welcome was given to our Councilor Mr. Hawthorne Thompson, President of the Social Development Commission (SDC) Mr. Michael Uylett and the Member of Parliament Dr. Andrew Wheatley.

Apologies were made by the president for Mr. Peter Baker the company's secretary, Joan Ellison- Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Petrina Henry- Assistant Public Relations Officer and Mr. Nicholas Williams the Assistant Treasurer for being late.



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## The Agenda

### ➤ GSAT AWARDS REPORT

The president addressed the residents and informed them of the outcome of the GSAT Awards ceremony held at the community park on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The turnout was great and a total of twenty-one (21) students were given awards. The event was covered by the Gleaner Company and was featured in the Children's Own. The awardees were given tokens and trophies along with a gift package to assist with their High School preparation. The trophies had their pictures showing our appreciation and how proud we are of them. Guest speaker at the function was Sgt. Ian Purrier of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SECURITY BRANCH.

### ➤ Hartlands Road

Many residents raised concerns about the state of the Hartlands Road and the President advised that we are all suffering from the state of the road. She made it clear that it is dangerous to be travelling on the road when the place is dark, as well as it is unhealthy. She then handed over to Mr. Wheatley for him to address the residents on his side as to where the road is on his agenda. He started off by saying that he was aware of the state of the road. He went on to say the JDIP program is no longer in place. He told us that he along with Mr. Warmington went to see Mr. E.G Hunter about the roads and were told that Mr. Hunter would have to negotiate with the contractors. He also said that to get a temporary fix it would cost the Government about 3 million dollars which would make no sense and would be a waste of tax payers' money since after the rains and the big trucks on the road everything would be lost.

### ➤ Boulevard and Entrance

Ms. Golding said that the residents need to come together to fix the roads in the community since it is a private road and we are the only ones affected by it. The holes in the entrance started out very small and now it is unbearable to drive through. On the other hand, the section of the boulevard closest to the park is breaking out even worse and needs to be fixed. Mr. Ruel Cole informed us that there is water settling under the road and that needs to be addressed first or this issue will always arise.

### ➤ Security

Mr. Hutchinson reported on the matter of security. He mentioned the fact that the security was no longer at the gates and sought to address some of the issues that arose. He mentioned that the



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Security personnel from the Full Guard Security Company, started out doing a fairly good job but things fell off after a while. Some of the reasons stated were that the securities were constantly abused by some of the citizens who obviously had no interest in having the community secured. He also mentioned that Full Guard Security Company was also to be blamed for some of the issues that arose as their unprofessional manner in the latter part also led to the breakdown.

He mentioned that he had many talks with the Directors of the company in an effort to get things working properly and was told that one of the main reasons was the fact that not many residents were paying security fees and they were unable to pay their workers. He brought to their attention the unprofessional behavior of some of the guards and asked that they address the problems as quickly as possible to encourage residents to resume payments.

The Full Guard Security Company could not continue with the very low participation of residents so the decision was taken for them to leave.

Mr. Hutchinson proposed that we revisit the idea of the Neighbourhood Watch System and went on to give a brief explanation of what the Neighbourhood watch was and how it worked.

➤ **Dues**

A vote was taken on the amount of money to be paid for dues and how often it should be collected. It was voted on by residents present that the dues should be \$1,000 per quarter and \$350 for those who choose to pay monthly. Residents were also informed that we will be allocating road monitors for the different streets to collect on a quarterly basis and receipts would be issued to residents for payments made.

➤ **Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Athoy Neil at 7:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary: Athoy Neil

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Approved by: President Andrea Golding

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