

A Meeting of East Garston Parish Council was held in the Friends Meeting House Children's Room on  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 6 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. Present: - Mr. Chris Tonge - Chairman, Mr. Jonathan Rabbitts Lady M Eyre, Mr. Peter Smith, Mr Gordon Swapp, Mrs. J Rabbitts - outgoing clerk and Mr Alan Breadmore – new clerk  
 Apologies: Mr Brian Cowan
2. Minutes of Bi-monthly meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007 – were read and signed as correct
3. Matters Arising
  - a. Payment requested by P Smith for skip for village cleaning day. Agreed and paid at meeting.
  - b. Millennium Field, at least 3 quotes to be obtained for land work; proposed to approach Robin Cannings, Keith Gibbard, The Hawkins' and one other – action Cllrs Tonge and Rabbitts.
  - c. Clerk to pursue correspondence re bridges in village which has still not been resolved.
4. Minutes of Planning Meeting held Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2007 -were read and signed as correct
5. Matters Arising - none
6. Chairman confirmed that Alan Breadmore had been appointed as the Clerk to the Parish Council. The council also wished to be placed on record their appreciation of the outgoing clerk, Joanne Rabbitts', outstanding contribution to the parish over the past 8 years.
7. Cllr Swapp brought to the council's attention that notices have been posted in Eastbury extending the 30mph limit towards East Garston. Council agreed now was the time to yet again request that the speed limit on the top road be reduced. Clerk to investigate procedure and report to next meeting
8. Finance
  - a. Paid since last meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Goods or service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CPRE	subscription	£27.00
Scofell Landscapes	Mowing	£203.42
G Swapp	Notice board maint. materials	£25.87
Poppy Appeal	Donation for wreath	£20.00
Scofell Landscapes	Mowing	£203.42
J Rabbitts	Salary	£207.74
K Tarbox	Web site Maintenance	£40.00
G Swapp	Notice board maint. materials	£9.91
All Saints Church	Maintenance	£200.00
P Smith	Skip for village cleaning day	£50.00
Public Works Loan	Open Space	£1253.03

- b. To be paid by next meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Goods or service</b>	<b>Amount</b>

- c. Received since last meeting

<b>Name</b>	<b>Goods or service</b>	<b>Amount</b>

9. Correspondence
  - a. Letter from Thames Valley police re attendance of Neighbourhood Community Support Officers at parish meetings. Agreed to invite to Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to reply
  - b. email from Ken Tarbox re PC content for website. Clerk to respond.
  - c. Invitation to Flood Protection Products Fair received. Chairman to attend and posters to be displayed in village.
10. It has been drawn to the attention of the council that ALL meetings of the PC and its committees should be properly noticed and open to the public.
11. It was agreed that the Parish precept should be maintained at its existing level for the year 2008/9
12. AoB
  - a. Posts at corner of School Lane – matter to be further pursued with WBC. Clerk to action
  - b. Problems with hedge cutting in Humphreys Lane due to parked cars. Cllr Smith to speak to residents so that cars can be moved and not damaged.
  - c. Website signs to be taken down for a while, Cllr Rabbitts to action
  - d. Sand Bags to be purchased. Cllr Tonge to action

Meeting ended – 6.55 p.m. Next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 6pm