

A Meeting of East Garston Parish Council was held in the Friends Meeting House Children's Room on
Wednesday 12th March 2008 at 6 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Present: - Mr. Chris Tonge - Chairman, Mr. Jonathan Rabbitts, Mr Brian Cowan, Mr. Peter Smith, Mr Gordon Swapp and Mr. Alan Breadmore – Clerk
Apologies: Lady M Eyre
2. Minutes of Bi-monthly meeting held 14th November 2007 – were read and signed as correct
3. Matters Arising
 - a. Further quotes for Millennium Field being obtained
 - b. WBC has confirmed that the Environment Agency would not support any proposals to make improvements at the western bridge in the village and that the council is unable to undertake any works without the agreement of the Environment Agency.
 - c. Clerk to post contact details for Parish Council on Notice Board
 - d. Clerk described the speed limit change application process and was requested to draft a proposal for submission to WBC for 30mph limit on Newbury Road where current 40mph exists.
 - e. Clerk to post notice re sandbags on Notice Board
 - f. Clerk still progressing Police attendance at Annual Parish Meeting
 - g. Clerk contacted WBC re posts at corner of School Lane and Front Street. WBC referred the queries to the residents who had undertaken the initiative. Clarification on queries from the PC has been gained from Mr. Percival of 3 School Lane and Councillors are now satisfied that no undue risk is presented by the posts. Clerk to respond to original complainant.
4. Minutes of Planning Meeting held Wednesday 23rd 2008 -were read and signed as correct
5. Matters Arising - none
6. Finance

- a. Paid since last meeting:

| Name | Goods or service | Amount |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Allan Austin Ltd | Sand Bags | £94.00 |
| Alan Breadmore | Clerk Salary and Expenses | £263.78 |

- b. To be paid by next meeting:

| Name | Goods or service | Amount |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Scofell Landscapes | Mowing | £420 |
| Village Hall Appeal | Tables | £200 |
| Ken Tarbox | Website Maintenance | £40 |

- c. Received since last meeting

| Name | Goods or service | Amount |
|------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Alliance and Leicester | Deposit Interest | 35.85 |

- d. To be received by next meeting

| Name | Goods or service | Amount |
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| WBC | Precept | £4000.00 |
| HMRC | VAT Refund | £436 |

7. Correspondence
 - a. BALC have asked for nominations of Councillors to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Pete Smith was proposed by Cllr. Tonge, seconded Cllr. Cowan. Clerk to submit nomination.
8. Annual Parish Meeting Agenda – As well as standard agenda items it was agreed that the areas to be addressed should be
 - a. Flood protection/awareness – Clerk has already secured WBC representative to attend
 - b. Policing strategy in the village – Clerk still attempting to get Police representative
 - c. Community/Parish Plan – Should we have one? – Cllr Tonge and Clerk to work on leading a discussion with a view to creating a community lead steering group. Councillors agreed that PC should support/sponsor but not lead this initiative.
9. Village Hall Trustees have requested a grant from the “Bruno Brookes Fund” to assist with the purchase of new tables for the Village Hall. Councillors agreed this was an appropriate use of the fund and voted to grant £200 for that purpose. Proposed Cllr. Tonge - Seconded Cllr. Smith
10. The Community Shop proposal was presented by Maria Carver. A public meeting is to be held on the 30th March. Councillors felt it inappropriate to comment directly on the proposal at this stage since there may be planning implications. However they expressed their concern to ensure the continued existence of a shop and post office in the village.
11. AOB.
 - a. Further to the flood reports produced by WBC. Cllr Tonge suggested a Flood Warden be appointed, to act as focal point for flood communication in the village. Cllr Swapp agreed to take on this role. Clerk to advise appropriate bodies.

Meeting ended – 7.30 p.m. Next meeting – 7th May 2008 at 6pm