

A Bi-monthly Meeting of East Garston Parish Council was held in the Friends Meeting House Children's Room on
Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 7 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Present: - Jonathan Rabbitts (JR) - Chairman, Chris Tonge (CT), Liam Robson (LR), Jane Haddock (JH) and Alan Breadmore – Clerk; Apologies: - Deana Carpenter (DC) Sue Tulloch (ST)
2. Declarations of Interest: None
3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 3rd May 2017 – were read and signed as correct.
4. Matters Arising: -
 - a. c/f. Awaiting action from WBC re re-profiling and drainage on Back St outside PJS, WBC have indicated there is still no funding and that cost will be approx. £15K.
 - b. c/f. BT contract received for adoption of phone box. As previously agreed, Clerk to finalise. Payment of £1 required. Clerk to investigate insurance and initiate consultation with parishioners on use.
 - c. c/f. Wantage Bus have submitted Community Grant application
 - d. c/f. Clerk confirmed that he had identified a volunteer parishioner to take on the responsibility for maintenance of the Community defibrillator, the handover would take place over the next few weeks.
 - e. Clerk has identified a suitable "pooper scooper", cost £25. Councillors agreed to purchase. Clerk to seek volunteers.
 - f. JR to review clearing of grass around goalpost etc.
 - g. JR to arrange to "refresh" salt bins
5. Outcomes of Planning Considerations held 3rd, 31st May and 15th June 2017 were read and signed as correct.
6. Matters Arising: - None.
7. Finance and Compliance: -
 - a. Paid since last meeting: *unplanned

Name	Goods or service	Amount inc VAT	CQ number or on line banking approvers
Scofell Landscapes	Mowing x 2	£480	CT, DC- CT, LR
Zurich	Insurance	£280	DC,CT
Wilkins Kennedy (ex Griffins)	Payroll	£315	DD
CCB	Subscription	£30	DC,CT
Auditing Solutions	Internal Audit	£258+6	DC,CT
A Breadmore	Clerks Expenses	£20	CT,DC
PJS	Strimmer spares	£14	DC,CT
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator pads	£38*	DC,CT
BALC	Subscription	£138*	LR,CT
A Breadmore	Clerk Expenses (shredding)	£37*	LR,CT

b. To be paid by next meeting:

Name	Goods or service	Amount inc VAT
PJS	Strimmer Repair	£73
PJS	Bench Pins	£50
Mazars	External Audit	£120
WBC	Library contribution	£525
BT	Phone Box adoption	£1
Scofell Landscapes	Mowingx2	£480
Scofell Landscapes	MF additional mowing	£576
EGPCC	Community Grant	£500
EG Social Club	Community Grant	£30
Imagination Library	Community Grant	£350
Valley Community Bus	Community Grant	£50
Scofell Landscapes	JM additional mowing	£90
??	"Pooper Scooper"	£25
e-mango	Website domain renewal	£150

c. Received since last meeting: -

Name	Goods or service	Amount inc VAT
WBC	Precept	£4500
Unity Trust Bank	Deposit Account Interest	£1

d. To be received by next meeting: -

Name	Goods or service	Amount inc VAT
Thames Water	Contribution to Mowing	£240

- e. The May and June Current and Deposit Account statements were reconciled to the cash book and agreed and signed by the Chairman.

- f. The following Community Grants awarded under S137 powers were considered.
 - i. East Garston Parochial Church Council. Contribution towards new Lych Gates. £500. Agreed. proposed CT seconded JR
 - ii. East Garston Social Club. Contribution towards promotion of community event, the Big BBQ. £30. Agreed. proposed JH seconded CT
 - iii. Valley Community Bus. Contribution towards weekly bus service to Wantage. Agreed. proposed CT seconded JH
 - iv. Lambourn Valley Imagination Library. Contribution to East Garston children's literacy programme. £350. Agreed. proposed JR seconded LR

- g. Councillors considered request for contribution to Library services from WBC. They also took account of briefings from BALC regarding the terms under which such a grant might be made. They decided that subject to certain conditions that they could use their powers under S137 restricting the contribution to services provided to parishioners. The following to be communicated to WBC.
 - i. A contribution of £525 will be made by East Garston Parish Council in the financial year 2017/18 using their powers under Section 137 of the LGA.
 - ii. This should be considered as a one-off contribution, although Councillors will consider future requests in the light of the then current circumstances.
 - iii. The contribution should be used solely, explicitly and demonstrably for the provision of Library Services that benefit East Garston parishioners at Lambourn and Hungerford branch libraries and the mobile library service.
 - iv. An agreement is in place that acknowledges the above.

Clerk to communicate to WBC. Agreed. proposed JH seconded JR

- h. Clerk advised that the FY16/17 financial information required under the Transparency code would be on the website within the next few days.
8. Electoral Review: - Councillors considered the proposal from WBC that has been submitted to the Electoral Commission for changes to the electoral warding arrangements. The proposal moves the Parish of East Garston into the "Downlands" Ward. Councillors considered that it was not in the best interest of the community to support this change and determined that on balance a continued warding association with Lambourn was preferred. Clerk to submit feedback through the consultation process.
 9. Flood Management Status: - CT advised that there was nothing new to report other than that the river is in decline and would probably not need so much maintenance this year.
 10. Planning Status: - The WBC status of East Garston Planning Applications is as follows:

a. 12 College Way (trees) – approved	d. Ottery Cottage – approved
b. College House - approved	e. Greensleeves (satellite dish) – approved
c. Greensleeves (gates) - approved	f. Manor Farm (certificate of lawfulness) - pending
 11. Volunteer Programme: - Councillors discussed potential projects for the volunteer programme this summer. These mainly related to vegetation clearance on footpaths and verges. Community Speedwatch to continue with a presence/promotion at the Village fete. CT to propose next projects. Clerk to promote.
 12. Correspondence: -
 - a. "Young People and Children First" request for donation. No
 - b. SSEN Resilient Communities Fund, grant applications deadline 13th August. Clerk to circulate, Councillors to consider possible projects.
 13. Any Other Business
 - a. JH stated that the bench on Lorne Hill was in disrepair. This bench is not the property of the Parish Council. CT to speak to the owner.
 - b. JH believed the new tree by the middle bridge was being "stifled" by the metal cage. Once again, this is privately owned but the situation would be monitored by the owners.

Meeting ended – 8.00 p.m. Next meeting – Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 7pm