

MINUTES

1. Present: - Jonathan Rabbitts (JR) - Chairman, Chris Tonge (CT), Sue Tulloch (ST), Jane Haddock (JH) and Alan Breadmore - Clerk. Apologies: - Deana Carpenter (DC) and Brian Cowan (BC), Parishioners: - David Bell.
2. Minutes of Bi Monthly Meeting held 7th January – were read and signed as correct.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a. c/f The siting of the Rogers Lane salt bin to be reconsidered. Action, JR and CT.
 - b. Community Speedwatch campaign to be run in March and PC funded speed indicators to be investigated. Action, Action, BC
 - c. Address change with Land Registry still ongoing. Action, Clerk.
 - d. WBC engineer to visit the village to discuss potential civil engineering tasks that would assist with flood alleviation in East Garston. Action, CT.
4. Minutes of Planning Decisions 7th & 30th January and 4th & 24th February 2015:- were read and signed as correct.
5. Matters Arising:- None
6. Finance and Compliance:-
 - a. Paid since last meeting:

Name	Goods or service	Amount inc VAT	
WBC	Dog Waste Service	£98	CQ 758
T&M Cooper	Hedgecutting	£158	CQ 763
Ross Gibbard	Bench Repair/replacement	£278	CQ 760
Alan Breadmore	Clerks Expenses	£39	CQ757
Foxes Tree Services	Horse Chestnut Tree Felling	£400	CQ 759
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator	£2100	CQ 756
R Wilder	Defibrillator Electrics	£93	CQ 762
PJS	Equipment Maintenance	£25	CQ 761

- a. To be paid by next meeting:

Name	Goods or service	Amount inc VAT
WBC	Wantage Bus contribution	£230
Valley Fencing	Fencing/Gate - Jubilee Meadow	£876
Alan Breadmore	Clerks Expenses	£45
Douglas Tonks	Payroll	£300

- a. Received since last meeting

Name	Goods or service	Amount
HMRC	VAT rebate	£671

- d. To be received by next meeting: None
- e. The December and January Current Account bank statements were reconciled to the cash book and signed by the chairman.
- f. Clerk highlighted the new legislation for transparency under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 which requires additional information to be publicly available on a website. The Clerk believed this would not require significant additional work but he would report back once there is more clarity. However he reported that it would require that either east-garston.com or another website would need to be available for easy editing before July 2015. JH is to continue her work on a new "Wordpress" platform which should fulfil the need.
7. Budget for 2015/16: - Clerk distributed the revised Budget incorporating decisions made at January meeting and confirmed that the unchanged precept request had been submitted.
8. Annual Parish Meeting: - Clerk reported that the work was under way on the Annual Parish Newsletter and that it would be ready for distribution by the beginning of April. The Village Hall is booked and Richard Benyon MP has accepted our invitation.
9. Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal: - Clerk reported that two contracts have been signed for premises in the village and third was expected shortly. It is hoped that installation will take place within 8 weeks.
10. Community Defibrillator: - Clerk reported that the Community Defibrillator was installed and available for use. The public awareness session is scheduled to take place on 11th March in the Village Hall.
11. Flood Management Status: - Clerk reported that Thames Water had completed manhole sealing in the village and would be starting work on new sewage pumps in Eastbury shortly.
12. Planning Status:-
 - a. Glebe House – approved
 - b. The Clink – approved
 - c. Hilltop House – approved
 - d. Fieldridge House –pending
 - e. Jimmies Farm Stables - pending

13. Correspondence:-

- a. Grounds Maintenance contract renewal received. There is a 3.5% increase but this is the first increase in two years. Councillors agreed to continue.
- b. The safety inspection for playground equipment is scheduled for April, no major issues anticipated. East Garston Amenities advised.
- c. Thanks received from the residents of 12 College Way for the cutting back of trees on Millennium Field.
- d. Thanks received from the PCC for the church yard maintenance contribution made by PC
- e. Information received regarding the Village Agent scheme, requesting attendance at PC meeting. Clerk to arrange.
- f. Advice has been received from BALC regarding Election Purdah. This raised concerns regarding the timing of the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to take further advice and confirm to councillors.

14. Any Other Business:-

- a. Clerk advised that election details had been confirmed and Nomination Papers were available from him or the Returning Officer at West Berkshire Council.
- b. Clerk has reported problems with parking area in Downlands, no response yet from WBC.
- c. Clerk advised that information regarding the replacement bus services during the Eastbury road closure was now available and would be distributed.
- d. CT and JR raised concerns re litter in the Parish. Councillors to consider another litter picking day.
- e. Clerk suggested that the date of the AGM be postponed by a week so that it is held after the election date. Councillors agreed.

Meeting ended – 8.05 p.m.

Next meeting – APM Tuesday 21st April 7.30pm - AGM Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7pm