

A financial meeting of East Garston Parish Council was held at the village hall on Friday 20th January 2023

MINUTES

1. **Present:** - Sue Tulloch (ST) -Chair, Councillors: - Peter Smith (PS), Jonathan Rabbitts (JR), Chris Tonge (CT), Annabelle Eyre (AE)
Clerk: Sonia Coyle (SC).

Apologies Deana Carpenter

Meeting started at 7:02pm

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Finance and compliance**

Paid since last meeting

Name	Goods or Service	Amount inc VAT	Approved
Clerk's salary	Nov & Dec	£366.36	ST/DC
SLCC	Membership	£80	ST/DC
CPRE	Membership	£30	ST/DC
Ecogreen Communities	Dog pooh bags	£90.60	ST/DC

To be paid by next meeting

Name	Goods or Service	Amount Inc VAT
East Garston Church	Lady Whent's Chq	£50
Autela Payroll	Q3 charges	£52.31
Unity Bank	Service charges	£18
HMRC	P32 Q3	£137.40
Clerk's salary	Jan & Feb	£366.36
West Berks Council	Library Contribution	£525
EG PCC	Churchyard maintenance	£200
EG Village Hall	Broadband	£200
Wantage Bus	20/21 & 22/23 donation	£100

Clerk presented the draft budget for consideration, the largest increase this year is emptying of the dog bins, however, Councillors agreed that all parishioners benefit by keeping the village clean and tidy. WBC will also be monitoring this service a lot more closely this year. The majority of costs have gone up more than in previous years, the clerk stated that it was important to note there had been no increase in the Precept since 2009 and there has also been no income since Covid. The Clerk also pointed out how much the PC saved by Councillors taking on tasks themselves along with volunteers.

Although this was a difficult decision Councillors agreed to increase the precept from £9,000 to £10,000. (This was not a unanimous decision).

Basing this on 234 households and 426 electors the £9,000 precept worked out at £38.46 per household or £21.13 per elector. Increasing the precept to £10,000 is equivalent to £42.74 per household or £23.47 per elector.

Clerk to submit Precept request to WBC.

The Clerk's salary was reviewed and agreed to remain on SCP 18, as per the 2022/2023 NJC pay scales (backdated to 1st April 2022).

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The clerk confirmed that currently there is a total of £18638.60 in the deposit account which is made up as follows;

Special & emergency fund	£6000
General fund	£679.77
Open Space Development fund	£3934.36
Community Defib Fund	£1421
CIL Fund	£6603.47

Following the recent quote received for rubber mulch for £2,300 to be used in the children's play area it was agreed to apply for the Tesco Grant which Councillor Hooker had made the PC aware of.

Meeting ended 7.59pm

Next meeting Thursday 2nd March 2023.

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