

# William Gilbert Endowed School PTA

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## Minutes of the PTA meeting held Thursday 13 September 2007

**Chairman: Mary Johnson-Evans**

### 1. Opening Welcome

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Present

Mary Johnson-Evans ©, Sue Whyld ©, Jayne Stevenson ©, Rachel Abbott ©, Jane Arnold ©, Judith Carroll ©, Joanne Hare ©, Andrea Hewing ©, Kelly Houston, Karen Lawley ©, Gail Mann ©, Jane Munns, Kate Naylor ©, David Nehms, Debbie Preston, Sue Robey ©, Bronwen Skinner ©, Rachel Storr ©.  
© = committee member eligible to vote.

Meeting in quorum – 14 present (total committee eligible to vote = 17)

### Apologies

Anna Nandwani, Karen Nicholson, Ruth Slade-Walker, Suzanne Leeder, Helen Barr, Bridget Charlton.

### 3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the last formal meeting on 14 June 2007 were proposed by Karen Lawley and seconded by Rachel Abbott.

### 4. Presidents Report

Sue Whyld welcomed all to the meeting. She said that although the funds raised were enormously appreciated by the school, the top priority was the social aspect of the events organised by the PTA and the ‘vision to learn together’.

She reiterated the success of the Carnival, Street Dancer and the Style Night.

### 5. Chairman’s Report

Mary thanked Karen Lawley for singing at the Carnival. She added that Little Eaton was not the ideal venue for our float but was chosen in order not to disappoint the children and the Carnival Princess.

### 6. Past Events

The Style Night was a huge success, raising £250.  
The Leavers concert raised £150.

### 7. Forthcoming Events

#### Shading

Judith Carroll was thanked for taking on the task of looking at options for

permanent shading for both Infant and Junior playgrounds. For the Infant playground an area is needed which can be used for shading or as an outside classroom. She has obtained a quote which will cost approximately £10,000. The Junior playground requires a shading structure which will not take up too much space and can incorporate a memorial to Will Sheppard. Total estimated cost is £8,000.

Judith advised that we need to obtain planning permission, the £250 application fee was unanimously granted.

As work will involve tree felling, it was suggested that we should check if there are any preservation orders, Judith agreed to do this before the next meeting when she would give a final presentation.

It was also noted that a letter should be sent out in book bags informing parents that last years Ball profits were still definitely being spent on shading and that plans were well underway.

### **Barn Dance 29/9/07**

Class Reps asked to push ticket sales as 60 sales are needed to break even.

### **Pumpkin Competition**

This will be judged 27/9/07 during Harvest Festival. Karen Lawley agreed to obtain a third cup which will form part of the prizes.

### **Ladies Xmas Shopping Night**

A final date of Tuesday 23/11/07 has been set.

### **School Disco**

The date for the disco is now 16/11/07 as the DJ was unavailable for 9/11/07.

### **Xmas Fayre**

The date is now set at 23/11/07.

### **Junior Concert drinks**

The PTA will serve drinks during the intervals of the evening performances. Jane Arnold will buy the drinks.

### **Xmas Recipe Book**

As Sue Robey has only received four recipes to date, a reminder will be sent out asking for recipes to be submitted before October half term.

### **The Ball**

Date for the Ball is 2/2/07. The Ball committee has been formed with their first meeting taking place next week. As yet, a project for which the Ball should raise funds has not been decided.

### **Year 6 Leaver's Book**

It was agreed that this will be an annual spend, although a different format may be looked at.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

Bronwen advised that there was a balance of £22,000.

**9. Spending Requests**

Annual Curriculum request for £4000 and Year 3 recorders was agreed.  
It was decided not to pursue the Commemorative Coin.

**10. Fundraising Ideas/Proposals**

Restarting Operation Christmas Child or a similar charity was suggested.  
Producing a PTA 'Calendar of Events' to be given out in book bags, possibly to be printed on the reverse of the School's Calendar which is sent out at the beginning of the school year.

**11. Class Reps September 2007 to July 2008.**

Nursery	Andrea Hewing and Jane Arnold
Reception	Kelly Houston and Jane Munns
Year 1	Debbie Preston
Year 2	Jane Arnold
Year 3	Rachel Abbott
Year 4	Rachel Storr and Karen Lawley
Year 5	Nikki Allison
Year 6	Kate Naylor

**12. Date, time and venue of next meeting**

11 October 2007, 8pm, at the Lord Scarsdale Pub.