

William Gilbert Endowed School PTA

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Minutes of the PTA meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007  
Chairman Susanne Leeder

**9. Opening Welcome**

Susanne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**9. Present**

Suzanne Leeder (C), Mary Johnson-Evans(C), Sue Whyld(C), Jayne Stevenson(C) Lisa Tipping, Rachel Abbott, Jane Arnold(C), Helen Barr, Judith Carroll(C), Joanne Hare(C) Andrea Hewing(C), Judy Hooker (C), Gail Mann(C), Kate Naylor(C) Karen Nicholson(C) Bronwen Skinner (C),

(C) = Committee member eligible to vote

Meeting in quorum - 13 present (total committee size 21)

**Apologies**

Rachel Storr, Anna Nandwani Karen Lawley, Bridget Charlton

**9. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

Minutes of the last formal meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2007 were proposed by Jane Arnold and seconded by Bronwen Skinner

**9. Presidents report**

Sue Whyld gave a big thank you to all those people involved with the Willy Gilly Ball. She thanked every one on the organising team for such a fabulous evening and raising such an amazing amount of money. She stressed how important the money was to the school.

**9. Chairman's report**

Deferred to the AGM

**9. Treasurers report**

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**9. Past events**

- **The Ball** The ball was a huge success both as a fantastic night's entertainment and raising such a large amount of money. The PTA wanted to thank every member of the team and acknowledge all the hard work they put in. They are Joanne Hare, Jane Arnold, Bridget Charlton, Tracy Batchelor, Gail Mann, Karen Wanger, Lindsey Allen, Karen Fairholme. At the moment there is a possibility that some of the organisers may be prepared to be involved with next years ball.
- **Mothers Day Gifts** A very successful event. Thanks to Karen Lawley and her team for buying and wrapping the presents and organising the event. Mrs Tipping commented how special the event was for the children.

## **8. Forthcoming event**

**Fun Day 19<sup>th</sup> May** The organisation is well under way. An informal meeting will be held at Susanne's house on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm to finalise the arrangements. Visiting ferrets have been suggested. Mrs Whyld stressed that the ferret company needed to have their own risk assessment to cover the liability issues.

## **9. Spending requests**

**Infant Garden** Mrs Willis submitted a detailed written request for funds to redevelop the infant garden. The approximate total is £1450. Annual maintenance will be built into Mr Palethorpe's (caretaker) contract. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

**Shading** Mary has done some research into the options to shade both playgrounds. Two alternatives are being looked at. The first is sun sails. This involves permanent poles to which fabric is clipped. She and Mrs Whyld are visiting a local school where they have been fitted to have a closer look. The option is parasols. The company that have been approached gave references of a local pub who are not happy with the purchase.

## **10. AOB**

- The chair was asked if the PTA was planning to organise a disco for the children. It was suggested that any interested parties could get together and organise it. Last year there were problems getting enough helpers at the Junior Disco in particular.

## **11. Next meetings**

**Next unofficial meeting Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm at the Fiddlers**

**Next formal meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Year 6 classroom**