**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL - draft minutes**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Judy Westgate, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Paul Bolam, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale with L Stevenson in attendance.

7 Members of the public were present.

4/19/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Matthew Dovey – work commitments

Cllr Anne Eastwood - holiday

Cllr Ian Dickinson – work commitments

4/19/2 Declarations of Interest

None

4/19/3 Public Participation

A resident raised the matter of 9 Kiln Lane planning inspectorate hearing. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie gave contact details for the Appeals Officer. Cllr Chris Wright brought up the matter of legal advice. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will ask the officers involved with the case.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that matters were in hand regarding the other plots.

Cllr Chris Wright stated that matters needed to be pressed to achieve the response from Head of Planning Enforcement within the quoted timescale of 5-6 weeks. He suggested arranging a meeting with Head of Enforcement around 22nd April. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to arrange this.

4/19/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th March 2019

These were agreed and signed.

4/19/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Re 3/19/5 -Cllr Mike Patrick asked about the refuse lorry problem in Willow Close - District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie has informed Cllr Matthew Dovey contact details at Biffa as their insurance will cover any claim for damage, not SODC insurance.

Re 3/19/11 – Clerk had circulated email from Clean Slate asking for a donation. Agreed not to donate.

Clerk had circulated an invitation from Community First to renew membership. Agreed to continue membership at a cost of £70.00.

Clerk had circulated an invitation from Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils to join. Agreed not to join.

Re 3/19/12 – School parking -County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale confirmed that the lines would be renewed along with the lines around the Village Hall following an accident. This would be done when the weather improves.

4/19/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated. Cllr Richard Betteridge asked County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale what position she held regarding the Expressway. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated she was against the Expressway and would not be voting in favour of this. As to housing, there were still amendments being put forward that needed deeper consideration.

Cllr Chris Wright stated that he and Cllr Richard Betteridge had met with Greenwoods that day and felt that solid cones (known as ‘big feet’), along the roadside would help to restrict parking, if this was acceptable to the County. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to pursue this matter.

County Cllr Lorraine-Lyndsay-Gale asked to confirm if a traffic survey was still wanted outside the school. Cllr Chris Wright confirmed that this was indeed still wanted.

4/19/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed that she will be standing again in the Local elections.

Cllr Chris Wright thanked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie for representing Garsington for the last 12 years and for attending regularly at Parish Council meetings, and wished her well for the future on behalf of the Parish Council.

4/19/8 Finance

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Internal Auditor was due on the afternoon of 3rd June and asked for the Parish Council meeting to be moved to 10th June to enable the paperwork to be completed. This was agreed.

Balances and cheques for signature

Barclays Current Account at end of March 2019 - £46,217.80

To note DD to Grundon of £48.26

Receipts

£120.00 – Newsletter advertising

The following cheques were approved and signed

£819.52 – Colourplus for Newsletter printing April/May

£168.00 – Village Hall hire Dec – April

£78.58 – Dog Bin emptying Jan- March – this will increase from 73p per bin to 89p per bin from 1st April

£360.00 – Stratford-on-Avon District Council – Housing Needs Survey Analysis

£78.28 – to reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for burial ground path edging and infill.

£447.20 - Clerk’s salary March

£41.60 – PAYE due to HMRC

4/18/9 Planning

P19/S0581/HH – 22 Combewell – Alterations to existing side extension to provide two storey side extension, rear single storey kitchen extension. Resident is now satisfied with the queries. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of insufficient car parking.

P19/S0623/FUL – Cowley Sub-station Blackberry Lane near Sandford. Construction and operation of a 49.9MW battery storage facility, access road and hard surfacing; and a habitat management area on the land to the South of existing Cowley Sub-station.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application but wished to raise concerns about bio-diversity and future mitigation. Clerk will respond to the Planners.

P19/S0936/HH – 119 Wheatley road – erection of conservatory to the North-West elevation. Erection of single storey extension to South-East elevation. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

To note planning appeal on Plot 9 Kiln Lane, under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78. APP/Q3115/W/183209624.

A resident reported they had sent a letter to Head of Planning Enforcement at SODC re 39 Southend regarding change of use of an agricultural field. It appears that there has been a change of view within Planning. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to take this up as an issue on the resident’s behalf with Head of Planning Enforcement Emma Turner.

4/19/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an invitation to fly the red ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September. The Parish Council agreed not to fly the red ensign for this.

4/19/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that all was well.

4/19/12 Village Maintenance

Cllr Chris Wright reported on the meeting with Cllr Richard Betteridge, PCSO Jordan Ede and Mr Yasseen, landlord of Greenwoods. As a result of that meeting, it was agreed to pursue ‘big feet’ cones for the side of the road, Mr Yasseen will install CCTV cameras to monitor the area and PCSO Jordan Ede will explore the large vans blocking the driveway out of the garage and will also explore blocking the farm gate with the farmer.

Cllr Mike Patrick suggested requesting County Council Enforcement to examine the licensing of the site regarding the parking of vehicles on the MOT site.

Cllr Chris Wright agreed to write to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale to enquire about the terms and conditions of the planning permission.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to investigate the licenses for the site for the 4 or 5 businesses that operate on the site.

Cllr Richard Betteridge brought up the matter of Village Security reporting that the lead and copper had been stolen from the roof of St Mary’s Church including some from the tower.

Also, fly tipping partially blocked Southend during a Saturday night which Biffa cleared it the same day. Southend, Wheatley Road and Oxford Road seem to be regular places to fly tip and suggested considering CCTV cameras. Cllr Richard Betteridge will ask Cllr Matthew Dovey for advice.

Cllr Chris Wright and Cllr Richard Betteridge walked around the village to survey trees as an initial attempt made to record all large trees that were growing on Parish Council land. Agreed to improve the tree record and add to the Asset List.

The Clerk to ask the insurance company if these are covered by public liability insurance.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the new hedgecutter had been procured and thanked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie for the grant money for this purchase. Three or four volunteers will be trained on its use.

4/19/13 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Nothing to report.

4/19/14 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report.

4/19/15 Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright has written to a landscape gardener to ask for ideas to enhance the look of this area and create a boundary of some sort to constrain the area for cremations.

4/19/16 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Chris Wright reported that the writing of the plan was going well.

4/19/17 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

Cllr Chris Wright reported that he had contacted Horspath who were arranging for Garsington to be part of their legal advice regarding the Northfield development.

4/19/18 Any Other Business

Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that she had fought hard for green belt and would like the opportunity to continue.

Cllr Mike Patrick asked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie to look at the Village Hall position for rates.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm