**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL – draft minutes**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 2nd August 2021 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Paul Bolam, present were Cllrs Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate, Richard Betteridge, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

3 members of the public were present, representations had been asked for by letter or email

8/21/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Robin Bennett, Cllrs Chris Wright, Mike Patrick and Matthew Dovey

8/21/1.1 Election of Chair for the meeting

The Clerk asked those councillors present who would be prepared to take the position of Chair for the meeting. Cllr Paul Bolam was proposed as Chair by Cllr Richard Betteridge and seconded by Cllr Ian Ashley

Cllr Paul Bolam was elected unopposed as Chair for the meeting

8/21/2 Declarations of Interest

None

8/21/3 Public Participation

A resident asked if there was any information regarding the planning appeal date for Kiln Lane. Cllr Paul Bolam noted that a summary of the situation from the residents group had not yet been received, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie asked for as much information as possible to go into that summary.

A resident asked for details about the recent road traffic survey completed in the village. Cllr Judy Westgate will check with Cllr Chris Wright about when this survey of traffic volumes through the village could be published.

A resident asked about the response from the Parish Council to the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. The resident would like the parish council to consider writing to Oxfordshire County Council to boycott the plan entirely. The date for responses to be received by is 6th October.

A resident asked about the balance between urban and rural communities regarding road spend. Cllr Ian Ashley added that the consideration to make all communities 20MPH is due to be discussed by County in September.

A resident asked about the potholes in Southend. Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that these manhole ironwork surrounds had been listed on ‘Fix My Street’. Cllr Judy Westgate offered to put details of how to claim compensation from the county council for car damage in the next Newsletter.

8/21/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5th July 2021

These were agreed and signed

8/21/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will report the ‘old style’ road signs to the relevant officer at SODC

8/21/6 County Councillor’s Report - circulated

Cllr Ian Ashley stated that once again, the report was generic. Clerk was asked to remind the County Cllr of the outstanding list of issues for the parish.

8/21/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie informed the meeting that the brown garden waste bin collection service was suspended for the month of August.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that she would be supporting plans for a community woodland for the Grenoble Road and Northfield brook area.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that applications for a grant of £3,000 was now open.

8/21/8 Finance.

Following the circulation of the NALC guidance concerning funding for the MUGA at the primary school, it was agreed to defer this decision until the next meeting.

Funding of a replacement bin for the play area was agreed at a cost of £611.82

Funding for a speed survey by OCC was agreed at a cost of £250.00 + VAT. The survey will be done in September.

The Clerk reported that a refund of £1475.00 had been received from Horspath Parish Council for an amount of VAT wrongly charged as part of the QC shared bill.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of July - £88,991.04

To note DD to Grundon of £68.92

To note DD to SSE of £31.69

Receipts

£574.00 – burial fees

£60.00 – Newsletter advertising

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£1050.00 – Alan Bailes Consultancy Ltd for transport survey/advice

£49.68 – SODC – dog bin emptying April-June

£36.00 – CPRE membership renewal

£551.63 – Clerk’s salary July

£220.65 – Burial Ground Manager salary

£475.00 – Parchment Prints newsletter Aug/Sept

£79.33 – reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for Community Orchard/burial ground/gate installation parts

All payments signed and agreed

Cllr Judy Westgate will set up the payments and authorise and Cllr Paul Bolam will authorise them as well.

8/21/9 Review of Financial Regulations and Financial Risk Assessment, Standing Orders, Voluntary Code of Conduct, Health & Safety Policy and Volunteer Policy

It was agreed to add the NALC recommended wording for contracts to the financial regulations.

It was also agreed to note on the financial regulations that most transactions were made on-line.

The current Financial Risk Assessment was agreed.

The current Standing Orders were agreed.

The current Voluntary Code of Conduct was agreed.

The current Health and Safety policy and Volunteer policy were also agreed.

8/21/10 Planning

P21/S1096/FUL – The Three Horseshoes, The Green – (amended plans received 1st July 2021) -change of use from manager accommodation and office to 4 bed and breakfast rooms (C1 use class) and staff accommodation on first floor. Amended plans received 1st July to extend red line for vehicle access, amended ownership certificate and show location of bin and cycle stands.

The Parish Council objected to the original application and these amendments on grounds previously submitted and object to any change in the vehicle access to the site and amendment to ownership. Garsington Parish Council have not received any amended ownership certificate regarding this application.

Garsington Parish Council would like to see the accommodation tied to the running of the site as a public house.

P21/S1551/FUL – The Three Horseshoes, The Green – (amended plans and supporting information received 15th July 2021) – conversion of the ancillary building to two-bedroom house. Amended plans received 15th July to extend red line for vehicle access, amended ownership certificate, amendment to proposed materials, structure survey, noise assessment and bat survey.

The Parish Council objected to the original application and these amendments on grounds previously submitted and object to any change in vehicle access to the site and amendment to ownership. Garsington Parish Council have not received any amended ownership certificate regarding this application.

Garsington Parish Council would like to see any ancillary building used for accommodation tied to the running of the site as a public house and not for market rent/sale.

Garsington Parish Council confirmed that to date no notice of amended ownership had been served on Garsington Parish Council by the applicant.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to write to the Head of Planning stating the concerns the Parish Council has over the handling of these applications relating to the Three Horseshoes. Cllr Ian Ashley will draft a letter and circulate.

Separate correspondence had been received from a resident regarding questions they had asked of SODC Planning department (previously circulated) regarding the above applications and wished to notify the Parish Council.

The Parish Council noted this correspondence with SODC.

P21/S3245/HH – 24 Birch Road – proposed single storey rear and side extension.

Garsington Parish Council had no objections to this application.

8/21/11 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Regarding the Picasso Peace sculpture, the Clerk confirmed that drawings were being done for the planning application.

The Clerk had received information from SODC regarding the South and Vale gambling policy consultation. This was noted by the Parish Council.

The Clerk had received information regarding the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Following a discussion and comments from a resident regarding spending public money on the monarchy that not all may agree to, it was agreed to discuss this further at the next parish council meeting.

8/21/12 Playground Sports & Social Club

Regarding the grass cutting in the kickabout and play area, Cllrs Paul Bolam and Ian Ashley agreed to meet with the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club to discuss further.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported another broken bottle found in the dugout and asked all to check on this area whenever they visit the memorial playing fields.

A resident congratulated the Parish Council on the fine play area available for the village to enjoy

8/21/13 Village Maintenance

The Clerk agreed to contact SOHA following complaints from residents about the grass bank not being cut on the corner of Denton Lane.

Cllr Paul Bolam raised the matter of several stiles around the village that need repairing. He will send details of these to Cllr Richard Betteridge.

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked the Clerk to contact Christchurch estates office to ask for the overgrown area at the end of Kiln Lane to be cut.

Cllrs Richard Betteridge and Ian Ashley had met with the school safety group. Following a discussion, it was agreed to support the school in their aim to install a controlled crossing. Cllr Ian Ashley agreed to contact County Cllr Robin Bennett to clarify what is appropriate and what funding is available for road safety projects around the village.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that Oxford Community Projects will come to view the site to advise how to improve disabled access to Parsler’s Piece.

8/21/14 Village Bus Service

Noting to report

8/21/15 Burial Ground

Garsington Parish Council agreed to formally adopt the revised Burial Ground Guidelines and Burial Ground Regulations for Funeral Directors and Gravediggers June 2021

8/21/16 Northfield Update/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/NDP

The NDP group will meet in the week to discuss comments on the proposed sites.

8/21/17 Any Other Business

None

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 6th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.59pm