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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held as a virtual meeting on Monday 5th October 2020 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Paul Bolam, Mike Patrick, Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate, Richard Betteridge, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

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

10/20/1 Apologies for Absence

None received

10/20/2 Declarations of Interest

None

10/20/3 Public Participation

Cllr Chris Wright welcomed the ‘virtual’ members of the public to ‘Public participation’

A resident gave information about a meeting with Brasenose College Principal and Bursar they had attended along with Parish Councillors to discuss contact with developers over the proposed site for housing at Northfield. (see item 16)

A resident brought up the matter of vehicles using the top gate entrance into the field at the Sports & Social Club, also citing a piece written in the Newsletter that they had found upsetting. The resident wished to point out that they were concerned only with safety aspects of the parking on that day and had no issue with any activities of the Sports & Social Club as an organisation.

A resident brought up the matter of The Three Horseshoes and the recent building work that had been done asking the date of the next visit by the Planning Officer. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that the Planning Enforcement Officer would be inspecting the recently installed dormer windows on their next visit and would be grateful for any evidence regarding the changes in the building from members of the public. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will forward information onto the Clerk for distribution.

10/20/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th September 2020

These were agreed.

10/20/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Ian Ashley stated that the PCSO and a colleague are due to visit Greenwoods in Pettiwell to look at the parking situation, and have agreed to enforce restrictions.

Clerk reported that the Dog waste bin collection service was still with SODC and costs associated with these 6 bins will be incurred. Cllr Chris Wright offered to write a piece in the next Newsletter outlining options for the future to reduce the cost of this service. Cllr Anne Eastwood reiterated that dog waste could now be put into regular litter bins. Cllr Paul Bolam offered to put notices to this effect on litter bins that are very close to dog waste bins and on all the other dog waste bins. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to remove dog waste bins that are next to conventional litter bins.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the drains had been cleaned out at the bottom of Oxford Road.

Clerk reported that the overgrown trees on the green area and hedges along the path at Combewell had been photographed and reported onto ‘Fix my Street’.

Cllr Chris Wright reported that that some information regarding the admin work associated with the burial ground had been received from the church administrator, but no clear idea of the costs or time involved. A request has been made to the PCC to put in place a means of recording the amount of work and costs involved with this process. Once this has been received, the matter will return to the Parish Council

Cllr Chris Wright brought up the matter of insurance and the guidance to revisit risk assessments in the light of the pandemic. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to revisit this for the volunteer work group and will report back at the next meeting.

10/20/6 County Councillor’s Report

previously circulated

Cllr Chris Wright asked why Wheatley Library had not reopened. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated that there was currently building repair work at Wheatley Library.

Covid-19 cases were increasing in the City, up to near red alert level. A Covid Secure Team of County and District officers to offer advice and support to businesses.

Regarding flooding at Southend, this matter will be attended to and officers are aware of the problem. Cllr Chris Wright asked if it would be more efficient to unblock all the drains at the same time rather than separate trips out. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed it would be more efficient to do these jobs at the same time. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated that the road hump at the bottom of Oxford Road would be repaired and the suggestion of a type of chicane was taken on board. Cllr Ian Ashley stated that the first step would be to put in a speed monitoring device to gather information to inform the best course of action.

On the matter of Denton Lane flooding, Cllr Richard Betteridge had spoken with the Drainage Officer and a solution would be to thrust bore underground channels right down to Oxford Road to take the surface water away. Unfortunately, the Officer reported that there was no money to do this groundwork. Regarding the Southend drainage problem, Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the gullies had not been emptied and the drains around the bend and down to the Manor were too far apart (150m rather than 30m apart).

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale confirmed that these jobs would get done but could not give a time scale. Cllr Ian Ashley offered his expertise to help with scheduling and funding issues with Officers and the Finance Director. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to set up a meeting with Cllr Ian Ashley, Officers and the Finance Director to this end and will contact Cllr Ian Ashley.

10/20/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that there had been a proposal put forward to remove the democratic voice of Parish Councils over planning objections that go to committee. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will resist any such curtailing of current powers. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that the Planning Inspector had added the major amendment of a community woodland with stewardship clause for Grenoble Road following the Examination in Public of the Local Plan 2034. December is the date for the decision

10/20/8 Finance

The Clerk had circulated a bank reconciliation to the end of August. This was reviewed and agreed.

The Clerk asked all Parish Councillors to consider projects they would like to put into the budget for 2020/2021.

The Clerk also brought up the matter of on-line banking signatories and the process required to change the mandates on-line. Cllr Anne Eastwood wished to be removed as a signatory, Cllr Paul Bolam and Cllr Ian Ashley agreed to be added as signatories. This was agreed

Cllr Judy Westgate will action this on-line and ask the Clerk to verify.

The Clerk stated that a request for a donation had been received from The Maple Tree Centre (circulated). The Parish Council agreed to give a donation of £200.00 to The Maple Tree Centre under s137 of the Local Government Finance Act 1972

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of September - £74,432.62

To note DD to Grundon of £50.02

Receipts – 2nd half year precept from SODC of £11,964.50

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£8,850.00 – Horspath Parish Council for 50% share of QC representation at EIP of the Local Plan from 4th June – 30th July

£542.40 – BGG for grass cutting September

£400.00 – Garsington Sports & Social Club for grass cutting up to 31st August

£228.34 – to reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for additional fence posts to strengthen burial ground fence

£516.10 – Clerks salary September

£14.39 – to reimburse Clerk for Zoom fee Oct/Nov

£312.00 – to Banbury Turf for 4 bags of play bark for the play area

All payments agreed.

Cllr Judy Westgate will set up the payments and authorise and Cllr Chris Wright will authorise them as well.

10/20/9 Planning

P20/S2904/HH -26 Wheatley Road – retention of a retaining wall.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P20/S3288/DIS – for development work at Land adjacent to The Green – discharge of condition 5 Archaeology on planning application P16/S3989/FUL. Application represents an amendment to approved application ref (APP/Q3115/W/16/3148649) as amended and supported by revised plans and arboricultural report received 13th March 2017, 5th April 2017 related to P15/S1890/FUL.

The Parish Council noted this application.

SODC Local Plan – strategic development sites in the Greenbelt. Cllr Ian Ashley spoke regarding a lobby group including Cherwell Development Watch Alliance supported by CPRE, Oxford Greenbelt Network and others that is challenging the ‘unmet need’ cited by Oxford City Council as their premise for housebuilding on land within Cherwell District Council surrounding the city. The data presented to the EIP had been ignored twice by the Inspector and this group is ‘crowdfunding’ to bring about a Judicial Review. Following a discussion, The Parish Council agreed to contribute £500.00 to this cause.

10/20/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had contacted BT regarding the payphone on The Green at OX449DF. No phone calls had been made from the box in the last month. BT were in the process of finding out if the ownership of the box could be transferred to the PC.

The Chair had been asked if there would be an Act of Remembrance this year. The Chair confirmed that there would be an Act of Remembrance and that the Royal British Legion would issue advice.

The Clerk had received an invitation from The Maple Tree Centre to attend their AGM. No one was available to attend.

10/20/11 – Asset of Community Value – The Three Horseshoes

See public participation 10/20/3

10/20/12 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Regarding the ‘medium risk’ of the bucket swing in the play area cited on the RoSPA report, Cllr Paul Bolam had heard back from the installers (Playdale) who confirmed that no additional staking was needed.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the bark had been spread on the play area and 4 large plastic bags remained. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to collect for use by the Green Gym.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the defibrillators had been checked.

Cllr Mike Patrick reported that a request had been received from the Sports & Social Club and school users for a footpath inside the hedge parallel to Denton Lane. The Clerk reported that no request had been received from the school and it was agreed to wait for this.

Cllr Paul Bolam proposed a meeting with the Sports & Social Club, Cllr Ian Ashley, Mike Patrick to discuss removing some of the scaffolding barrier around the carparking area to increase the parking area when needed. This was agreed.

10/20/13 Village Maintenance

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that he was in the process of finding prices for the repair of the footpath on Oxford Road and the extra footpath for the top of Pettiwell.

Cllr Richard Betteridge stated that there was some stone left over from the Denton Lane verge protection. Cllr Anne Eastwood suggested putting the leftover stone around the entrance to The Three Horseshoes up to the map stand to deter work vehicles parking on The Green. This was agreed.

Cllr Anne Eastwood also reported that the footpath on the hill on Oxford Road was overgrown. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to inspect.

Cllr Paul Bolam asked if help could be given to lift back the salt bin at Birch Close that had been tipped over.

Cllr Chris Wright reported that some of the ash trees on the bend by the Village Hall may have ash dieback. Cllr Anne Eastwood agreed to contact a tree surgeon to inspect these trees.

10/20/14 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

10/20/15 Burial Ground

Cllr Richard Betteridge raised the matter of who should dig the holes for interment of ashes as guidance on this has been sought from the Vicar.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the Undertaker should arrange for the hole to be dug. Cllr Paul Bolam will modify the Rules and Regulations for Funeral Directors and Gravediggers for Garsington Burial Ground to reflect this.

10/20/16 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway/Northfield Update

Cllr Ian Ashley had received an invitation to collaborate with other parishes and interested groups in their opposition to Northfield and other Local Plan Strategic Development sites in the Greenbelt developments. This was agreed. Clerk will contact the organiser.

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to consider engaging government to set up a full public consultation relating to the high level of jobs and population growth planned for Oxfordshire through the OXCAM Arc and England’s Economic Heartland’s initiatives which are contrary to the ‘levelling up’ manifesto promises. There are many residents of Oxfordshire that do not want this scale of unnecessary development.

Cllr Chris Wright referred to the meeting with the Principal and Bursar of Brasenose and the Northfield development. Following a discussion, it was agreed to engage with the developer with careful notes made of any meetings.

10/20/17 Any Other Business

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked that the speed indicator be moved from Wheatley Road to Oxford Road. Cllrs Richard Betteridge and Paul Bolam will arrange.

Cllr Paul Bolam suggested that the defibrillator at Kings Copse project be resurrected. Cllr Paul Bolam agreed to contact David Baker at Kings Copse.

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm using Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm