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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate, Matthew Dovey, Mike Patrick, Paul Bolam, Richard Betteridge, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, with L Stevenson in attendance.

7 Members of the public were present.

2/19/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale -another meeting

Cllr Ian Dickinson – work commitments

2/19/2 Declarations of Interest

None

2/19/3 Public Participation

A resident asked if the indicative time scale regarding Kiln Lane had been received from the Head of Planning Enforcement. Cllr Chris Wright offered to contact the Head of Planning Enforcement.

A short presentation was given by Anne Purse from Maple Tree Children’s Centre regarding the shortfall of the centre funding for 2019/2020. The centre will have to use reserves to keep running. Anne Purse confirmed that 13 Garsington families were registered with the centre. Cllr Chris Wright thanked Anne Purse for her presentation.

A short presentation was given by Chelsie Bickford of SSE regarding the resilience of the power circuit in Garsington, which had experienced 24 faults in the last year. SSE stated that resilience was improving in the village and would like to identify buildings where people could group if there was an outage. Often the faults lie with tree problems or bird strikes. SSE have a continuing tree cutting programme relating to high voltage wires to help with this and are also in the process of replacing faulty switches which should be completed by April. Leaflets for any vulnerable person to register for priority services were left with the Parish Council which will be made available to users of the lunch club and voluntary drivers. The speaker gave information about a Resilient Communities Fund which has grants available that the village can apply for. Details to be sent by SSE. Cllr Chris Wright thanked Chelsie Bickford for her presentation.

2/19/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th January 2019

These were agreed and signed.

2/19/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Mike Patrick noted that the cutback along the path in Combewell had been done but not completed.

The Clerk confirmed that the fly tipping in Pettiwell had been removed.

Cllr Chris Wright confirmed he had met with the owner of Greenwoods and agreed to arrange a further meeting with the owner, the Parish Council and the PCSO and possibly the County Council regarding the number of cars parked along the road and damage to the bank.

Cllr Mike Patrick asked about the junction at the bottom of Pettiwell, the Clerk has contacted County Highways and has been asked to log the issue on the fix my street page.

Cllr Anne Eastwood had attended a meeting at Clifton Hampden on 16th January about infrastructure. A new road from Didcot via Appleford and a new Thames crossing to the West of Culham railway had been approved. With the new Clifton Hampden by-pass that was to emerge near Golden Balls roundabout, concerns were raised about the traffic that would end up at Golden Balls roundabout and where it would go, no solutions were offered. There was no mention of the Expressway at the meeting.

2/19/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated.

2/19/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that the resident’s complaint letter regarding the planning process at Kiln Lane was with the legal team.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that she was appealing against her suspension. Also confirming that she was standing in the May elections.

A resident enquired about point H14 in the Local Plan regarding enlarging current sites for Gypsy Travellers. Cllr Chris Wright stated that the Parish Council will make its own response to the Local Plan and will include reference to this.

2/19/8 Finance

The budget for the year 2019/2020 was discussed and agreed by the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that an amount of £600.00 was included in the budget for donations. Last year £300.00 was given to the Maple Tree Centre and the Parish Council agreed to give the same amount to the Centre from the new budget. Cllr Chris Wright informed Anne Purse at the meeting.

Balances and cheques for signature

Barclays Current Account at end of January 2019 - £46,447.62

To note DD to Grundon of £38.33

To note DD payment to SSE of £19.87

Receipts

£168.00 – direct credits for Newsletter advertising

£60.00 – cheque for Newsletter advertising

The following cheques were approved and signed

£78.58 – Dog Bin emptying Oct – Dec

£43.08 – Wel Medical for replacement defibrillator pads for Willow Close

£447.20 - Clerk’s salary January

£41.60 – PAYE due to HMRC

£45.92 – Reimburse Clerk for stationery items, graffiti remover

2/18/9 Planning

P18/S3309/HH – 15 The Hill – amendment number 2 dated 28th December 2018 – demolition and rebuild of collapsing stone and tiled outhouse (retrospective), as amended by drawing accompanying email received 28th December 2018.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application and agreed to withdraw an earlier objection following explaining comments received from the planning officer.

P19/S0180/FUL – South Oxford Business Centre, Lower Road, Garsington. Variation of condition 2 of P14/S0567/FUL for the substitution of proposed plans. Conversion and alteration of vacant first floor office accommodation (approved by applications PO2/N0295 and PO4/W0773) to create 2 x two bed flats with shared amenity space.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Cllr Paul Bolam asked how many residences there were on the site. Cllr Anne Eastwood agreed to ask on her next visit to the Business Centre.

2/19/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Chair had received a letter from Reaston Brown whose client was interested in acquiring and developing the Greenwoods site for housing. Cllr Chris Wright will respond to inform the agent that the Parish is developing a Neighbourhood Plan for housing within the village.

The Chair had received a further email from a resident in Poplar Close regarding anti-social behaviour. Clerk has previously contacted SOHA and the PCSO. Cllr Chris Wright agreed to respond directly.

The Clerk had received an email from a resident regarding mud and leaves around the bend at the Gizzel and also the weed growth on the path on the high walkway which is becoming dangerous. The Clerk has contacted Tracy Morton the Highways Inspector who advised to log the problem and then it will be looked at.

The Clerk had received an email from Culham Parish Council asking to sign a joint petition of parish councils against the SODC Local Plan. Cllr Matthew Dovey agreed to find out who the petition will be addressed to and what they propose to submit and report back to the Parish Council.

The Clerk had received an email from the Salvation Army requesting a clothing bank be sited in the village. The Parish Council agreed not to have a clothing bank. Clerk will write inform the Salvation Army of this decision.

The Clerk had received a follow up email from a resident regarding vibration problems. The Clerk will respond to the resident outlining actions taken so far.

The Clerk had received an email regarding the South Oxfordshire volunteering grant scheme. It was agreed to publicise this in the next Newsletter.

The Clerk had received an email from Oxfordshire Together (OXTOG) asking the Parish Council to complete a survey regarding community-led highway services. Cllr Chris Wright asked the Clerk to respond requesting that the Parish Council query regarding the verge maintenance contract be answered.

Cllr Matthew Dovey had received an email from a resident in Willow Close regarding car parking problems resulting in the refuse lorry being unable to gain access to make a collection. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie offered to follow up damage caused by the refuse lorry to a resident’s car. Cllr Chris Wright noted that none of the parking was illegal, the problem was one for the residents of Willow Close to address with this being common land.

2/19/11 Northfield Brook/Save Garsington

Cllr Chris Wright stated that the Parish Council response will be submitted.

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the Save Garsington Group will work within the Garsington Society.

Cllrs Chris Wright and Matthew Dovey reported that they had received nuisance phone calls the day after the letters for response to the Local Plan had been distributed around the village.

2/19/12 Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam stated there was nothing to report.

2/19/13 Village Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the 2019 Spring Clean date is 14th April kindly arranged by Nick Green again. The village hall was booked for refreshments from 11.30-2.00.

2/19/14 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the sign in Wheatley Road is working.

2/19/15 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported there had been a problem one day when the bus couldn’t run as there was a parking problem in Watlington.

2/19/16 Burial Ground

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that there would be hedging planted along the new fencing.

2/19/17 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the analysis of the Housing Needs survey had been received. Sections of the Plan had been allocated to be completed by 3rd March.

Cllr Chris Wright voiced concerns about the Parish Council having received grant money for the Neighbourhood Plan and may be seen in a poor light if it were to delay the plan in any way due to Northfield. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated there was no problem with holding up or slowing down the process and still retaining the grant given.

2/19/18 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

No further update

2/19/19 Any Other Business

The Clerk reminded all Parish Councillors that elections were on May 2nd.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that 2 quotes and 2 rejections had been received for the grass cutting contract 2019-2021. The 2 quotes will be circulated round for discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm