GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall

 Monday 5th February 2024 at 7.30pm.

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| **Members of the Parish Council In attendance:** | Cllr Chris Wright, Cllr Ian Ashley, Cllr Judith Westgate, Cllr Anne Eastwood, Cllr Adrian Townsend, Cllr Richard Betteridge, Cllr Paul Bolam, Cllr Matthew Dovey and Cllr Claire Green. |
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| **Public attendance:** | 2 members of the public were present. |
| **Minutes:** | Elaine Small (Parish Clerk). |

# **02/24/1 Apologies for Absence**

# County Councillor Robin Bennett and District Councillor Sam James-Lawrie.

# **02/24/2 Declarations of Interest**  Cllr Green not commenting on planning application for 15 Wheatley Road.

# **02/24/3 Public Participation**

Problem of water run off at the war memorial has been sorted by a resident who has installed a draining point outside his property and will take on the responsibility of cutting the grass and keeping it tidy .

# **02/24/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8th January 2024**

Correction to wording to Huws Gray Buildbase and the word Horspath corrected. Approved and signed by Cllr Wright.

# **02/24/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

Hedge cutting arranged and planned to go ahead.

Pinch Point – Cllr Wright will draft a letter to OCC to ask for clarification of when this is to be done.

Land Registry Tribunal. Land on The Green. On 26th March 2024 there will be a visit by the tribunal, then on the 27th and 28th March there will be a hearing.

TOE Grant report to be compiled by Cllr Bolam, but request for final report will be delayed till end of December 2024.

CIL money – 16 and half thousand pounds to spend by March 2025. Moneys need to be spent as per the agreement or this would be lost. List of capital projects to be taken at next GPC meeting in March to discuss and decide.

# **02/24/6 County Councillor Report Cllr Robin Bennett.**

Report emailed to GPC and read out by Cllr Wright. Topics included OCC budget, Health and Wellbeing Strategy to improve health outcomes for local people. This is linked with NHS and developed by Oxfordshire’s Health and Wellbeing Board. Fix My Street changes to make reporting easier and clearer for reporting road defects, potholes and faulty streets etc. Concerning Garsington –

a) car-free development examples which might be relevant to Northfield.

 b) parking enforcement along Pettiwell,

c) waiting to hear back on the traffic order on parking for long periods of time along the nameless road,

d) councillor grant funding approved for £2000 towards replacing the boundary sign near Guyden’s Hamlet from the OCC priority fund.

# **02/24/7 District Councillor’s Report Cllr Sam James-Lawrie.** No report.

# **02/24/8 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk.**

Increasing amount of emails on the poor state of roads in the village. Samantha Drewett and Mike Darnell emailed about the poor state of the roads and Mrs Jones, a resident from Southend and the Gigaclear team were also discussed. Very difficult to establish who in OCC is responsible for these maintenance issues. Cllr Wright will correspond with Paul Fernham who was helpful over the pinch point.

a. Community First Membership. Cllr Wright will check with Mrs Rix whether there is a need to join.

b. MW.172/23 – Proposed south pumping station. Cllr Dovey working on writing a paper for GPC to review, comment and to then be sent in.

c. Solar Powered Xmas Lights This project was agreed and funded through the Councillor Community Grant Scheme. A grant of £710.00 has been awarded.

d. Denton Lane – The verges have been churned up and it is dangerously muddy for walking residents. Mr Darnell emailed about the deep ruts near his residence on the Green. It was decided to acquire large stones to be used for preserving the green spaces around the village. Cllr Betteridge will look into this

**02/24/9 Planning**

 P24/S0194/LB – Glebe Cottage 2 the Green – listed building, no comment required.

P24/S0259/0 - 15 Wheatley Road. - Formation of new detached house and 4 parking spaces. Noted this application was declined in February 2022 on grounds the parking. The objections included the that the character of the road would be altered, parking for 4 cars is too tight in the area proposed and when car alighting from parking to road the vision would be obscured and highway would be compromised. Comment as above replied to the planning department.

P23/S2661/FUL - 45 Wheatley Road. – clearance of existing structure, site preparation improvement of access. Erection of a single dwelling with parking, manoeuvring space, garden space for related use. Level area to road edge for pedestrian use. As long as the pinch point is approved and not compromised, with the same for the pavement widening, no objection.

# **02/24/10 Finance**

Bank statement approved and signed.

Financial balance in bank unreserved £23,309. Actual £58,785.51

Income and spend report reviewed by GPC.

TOE report to be complied by Cllr Bolam.

The following invoices were agreed and passed for payment by the PC

Salary & expenses Clerk and BGM £852.82

HMRC income tax £57.20

Parchments Prints advertising £535.00

Land Registry (Cllr C Wright) £30

TOE grant Engage Crop Solutions (water butts)£250.00

 Elixir Gardens Supplies (defenders and stakes) £135.99

 Ashridge (tree stakes and buckles) £397.45

 Wyevale (bareroot tree plants) £709.20 These to reimburse Cllr Bolam.

Invoice sheet to be signed off by x2 Cllr’s (Ian Ashley and Judy Eastwood).

**02/24/12 Village maintenance**

a. Gigaclear – Cllr Betteridge and Cllr Dovey are in contact with the company to arrange a physical meet with them in the village. Cllr Betteridge offered to visit site office in Abingdon to speak with team.

b. Working Group on path from Garsington to Wheatley. - No updated information from Horspath and Wheatley PC’s.

c. Spring Clean planned (OCC) and a Litter pick – planned for 7th April 2024.

d. Foot path at the top of Pettiwell - Cllr Bettridge is considering installing this during the period when Gigaclear will also be working in Pettiwell. An updated risk analysis is required. ( Cllr Betteridge).

e. Burial Ground policy discussed and agreed this will be emailed to BGM.

**02/24/13 Neighbourhood plan update**

SODC planning a 2nd consultation. 6 hard copies of the notice informing residents about this to be posted to Cllr Wright and displayed around the village . A hard copy of the revisions will be available in the church .

**02/24/14. SODC Local Plan consultation**,. It was agreed to hold a meeting in the village hall for the parish council on the 21st Feb to discuss and finalise a draft compiled by Cllr Townsend, Cllr Wright and Cllr Ashley.

**02/24/15 Any Other business**

a. Garsington Primary School is asking if anyone is interested in becoming a Governor. Cllr Townsend is drafting a paper for the PC on how to encourage a good relationship between GPC and the school and its benefits.

b. Overgrown hedge along the path on the left hand side towards school is making it dangerous for children and parents/walkers. Cllr Wright spoke to the residents and he will contact further with ideas and advice.

c. SSE versus GPC. Cllr Ashley working with Clerk to resolve the agreed cutting of electricity to the War Memorial on The Green. Clerk has again emailed to SSE for cancellation.

d. ACV. The Manor Bar and Restaurant – application confirmed with the Community Enablement Team SODC and GPC will be notified by 7th March 2024.

e. BGG. Planned to cut hedges in the village.

f. “No name road”. It was agreed that the PC should consider officially naming this road. GPC agreed to email in ideas/suggestions.

g. Discarded items at the back of shop in Elm Drive. Unsightly items left for months. Cllr Eastgate, discussed with the owner of these items and he is resistant to move them as he says he works in scrap metal. Environmental Health and Trading Standards to be approached for advice.

i. Discarded litter along the Oxford Road. “Fix My Street” to be asked to look into this- Cllr Bolam to telephone the team. Discussed that a ‘litter pick’ would be difficult due to the number of cars along this road.

j. Sports and Social Club. It was discussed that perhaps a grant could be applied for to upgrade the building. Under Section 106.

k. East West Rail (EWR) invited people to attend a planned consultation meeting.

#  Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

# **Date of forthcoming meeting:** 4th March 2024