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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Anne Eastwood, present were Cllrs Judy Westgate, Matthew Dovey, Mike Patrick, Paul Bolam, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, with L Stevenson in attendance.

6 Members of the public were present.

1/19/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Wright -holiday

Cllr Richard Betteridge – holiday

Cllr Ian Dickinson – work commitments

1/19/2 Declarations of Interest

None

1/19/3 Public Participation

A resident asked if any time scale regarding Kiln Lane had been received from the Head of Planning Enforcement. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that nothing had been received. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie volunteered to contact the Head of Planning Enforcement.

A resident asked if the Parish Council had received a response to their letter of complaint. The residents had received a response. Cllr Anne Eastwood explained that as the two letters of complaint were so similar, the letter from the Parish Council was withdrawn following agreement by the Parish Council. Cllr Matthew Dovey also explained that the letter from the resident group could progress further than the Parish Council letter because the Parish Council is a public body and as such could not be regarded by the Ombudsman. Cllr Anne Eastwood recommended the complaint from the residents should be progressed. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed her support for the resident’s complaint as did the Parish Council.

A resident brought to the attention of the Parish Council several break-ins to sheds along Oxford Road and asked if the Parish Council had considered cameras to detect movement. Cllr Matthew Dovey agreed to investigate solar powered 4G cameras further.

A resident reported that the ditch along Pettiwell near to Greenwoods was blocked, the illegally parked cars and narrowing of the road over time with bank encroachment were making it difficult to navigate the road. Cllr Mike Patrick also mentioned the junction of Watlington Road which was also blocked. Clerk was asked to contact Highways to see if anything could be done about the junction and bank encroachment and to contact the PCSO regarding the cars.

Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that Cllr Chris Wright not yet met with Greenwoods. Cllr Matthew Dovey asked if Cllr Chris Wright could mention the blocked ditch to Greenwoods when he met with them.

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These were agreed and signed.

1/19/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Mike Patrick asked about the Autumn cutback requested, this has still not been done, Clerk to contact Highways Inspector Tracy Morton again.

Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that Cllr Chris Wright had met with the resident who owned the motorbike on the Green at Pettiwell who had agreed to move it.

The Clerk confirmed that SSE had been invited to the next Parish Council meeting in February to talk about the poor performance of the electric supply to the village and resilience planning.

1/19/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated.

Cllr Anne Eastwood confirmed she would attend a meeting at Clifton Hampden on 16th January about infrastructure, to which other Parish Councils were invited. To report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

1/19/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that she had been suspended following her vote against the Local Plan and subsequent radio interview. 7 of the 8 strategic sites for building are within the Green Belt. Cllr Anne Eastwood agreed to write to Conservative HQ and John Howell MP to give support to our District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie thanked the Parish Council for their support.

Cllr Judy Westgate asked about the responses to the Local Plan which appear to needed in a very detailed form. Cllr Matthew Dovey stated he had spoken with the Save Garsington Group with a view to helping residents make their responses. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed that all comments will go straight to the Planning Inspector. Cllr Judy Westgate offered to include a comment form in the next Newsletter. The closing date for receipt of response forms is 18th February.

1/19/8 Finance

Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to increase the precept by 2.5% to £23,575.00. The request to SODC was signed by Cllr Anne Eastwood, the Clerk to arrange paperwork.

Balances and cheques for signature –

Barclays Current Account at end of December 2018 - £46,654.33

To note DD to Grundon of £47.71

Receipts

£72.00 – direct credits for Newsletter advertising

£48.00 – cheque for Newsletter advertising

£92.00 – Sports & Social Club for previous year’s rent

The following cheques were approved and signed

£24.19 – To reimburse Richard Jeffery for lighting cable and switch socket for Christmas tree lights

£114.00 – Banbury Turf for a replacement cheque as they reported they didn’t receive the August cheque sent, this remains uncashed. Clerk to arrange a stop on this cheque

£98.59 – To reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for expenses for a new Village map (£44.58), boundary fence at burial ground (£27.41) and cost of sending Housing Needs survey forms for analysis (£26.60).

£447.20 - Clerk’s salary December

£41.60 – PAYE due to HMRC

£28.95 – Reimburse Clerk for stationery items

Cllr Paul Bolam asked about the progress of the application for on-line banking. Clerk reported that it was still in very slow progress.

Following a discussion and examination of a proposed costing plan from the Save Garsington Group, the Parish Council agreed reimburse Save Garsington Group £150.00 this being a contribution to costs already incurred. A cheque for this amount was written to reimburse Ian Ashley and signed. Agreed to ask the group to request funding in advance of spending.

1/18/9 Planning

P18/S3954/HH – 60 Wheatley Road – New rear extension and roof extension to form rear bedroom and extended kitchen.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

P18/S41420/O – 2 Pine Close – Change of use for rear garden. To build 2x3 bedroom semi-detached house. Remove existing garage.

The Clerk had received a phone call from a resident with concerns about the size, impact and proximity of the building.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council wished to object strongly to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment.

Re P18/S2687 – variation of condition Land adjacent to The Green. An email had been received from planner Sharon Crawford, previously circulated, to ask the Parish Council to reconsider comments made concerning this minor variation and reminding the Parish Council that they would need to appear at any Planning Committee to support those comments. The Parish Council agreed to withdraw their comments, this had now been actioned.

1/19/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator in Willow Close had been used on Boxing Day and the unit was temporarily out of action until new pads had arrived. The nearest unit for Oxford Road was at the Village Hall.

The Parish Council were pleased that the unit had been used.

The Clerk had received an email from the Maple Tree Centre asking to speak at the next meeting. This was agreed and the Clerk will confirm.

The Clerk had received an email previously circulated from Cllr Richard Harding of Wheatley Parish Council re the Expressway, asking if Wheatley and Garsington could join forces. This was agreed and the Clerk will write to say that the Parish Council are already working with the EAG and are happy to move on this together with Wheatley.

The Clerk had received an email from a Pettiwell resident regarding fly tipping of a mattress, car tyres and builder’s rubble. The Clerk reported that SODC had been notified via the website.

The Chair had received an email from a resident in Poplar Close regarding anti-social behaviour. Following a discussion, it was agreed the Clerk to raise this issue with SOHA and PCSO.

1/19/11 Northfield Brook/Save Garsington

Apologies were received from Ian Ashley of the Save Garsington Group who had intended to speak to the Parish Council.

Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that Cllr Chris Wright had contacted Martin Harris at Horspath to suggest that Garsington and Horspath work together and share the cost 50/50 of legal consultation. This was agreed. A suggested 1hour consultation with a QC in London will cost around £600.00. It was also agreed to pay our share of the fee for a QC consultation. Cllr Matthew Dovey stated that early advice would be good and volunteered to attend if the meeting was needed before Cllr Chris Wright returned from holiday.

Cllr Anne Eastwood agreed to contact Martin Harris.

1/19/12 Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the old wooden picnic table still had to be removed. He would also check the state of the new woodwork repairs. No more broken glass had been found.

1/19/13 Village Maintenance

Cllr Paul Bolam reported an incident of graffiti on a wall in Oxford Road which had been cleaned off by residents. Cllr Matthew Dovey proposed offering to buy the remaining specialist removal product from the residents and use to remove the graffiti on the bus shelter near to the Village Hall. Cllr Anne Eastwood will speak to the residents to offer to buy the rest of the product.

1/19/14 Policing/Speed Monitoring

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

1/19/15 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported there was a new timetable in force with a slightly earlier morning bus. Cllr Mike Patrick reported that Southend will be closed for 3-5 days in March when water is laid to the new house by the church.

1/19/16 Burial Ground

Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that the fencing of the new burial ground had been finished although the gate had to be realigned. Cllr Anne Eastwood thanked all the volunteers for their hard work on behalf of the Parish Council and thanked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie for the grant. Cllr Mike Patrick reminded all to think of ideas to link the 2 sites for the next meeting. Cllr Anne Eastwood suggested all should have a look at the site.

1/19/17 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that Cllr Chris Wright had written his section of the plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan group will contact landowners including those approached who had declined to say that the plan detailing the sites of interest will be a final document.

Next meeting of the group to be on Sunday 3rd February.

1/19/18 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

Cllr Matthew Dovey stated there was nothing further to report.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that Liberal MP Layla Moran was raising the issue with the government.

12/18/19 Any Other Business

No further business.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm