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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Matthew Dovey, present were Cllrs Paul Bolam, Richard Betteridge, Mike Patrick, Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

6 Members of the public were present.

1/20/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Wright - vacation

1/20/2 Declarations of Interest

None

1/20/3 Public Participation

A resident again raised the matter of the cutting of the hedge at the Sports & Social Club. Cllr Matthew Dovey stated that in the current lease it was the responsibility of the Sports & Social Club to cut it.

A resident brought up the matter of a large hole in the play area by the aerial runway at the Sports & Social Club (see 1/20/11)

A resident brought up the matter of the lack of road sweeping going on in the village which is causing drain blockages.

A resident brought up the matter of the Pick me Up bus which was now going to Horspath and asked if it could come to Garsington. Cllr Matthew Dovey stated that this would be Horspath’s only bus service. Cllr Matthew Dovey undertook to raise this again with the bus company and discuss whether a surcharge on the fare could entice the bus to the village.

A resident raised the matter of the flooding at the Denton Lane junction with Wheatley Road. Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that he had sent a further email to the County Council but not yet received a reply regarding these planned works.

A resident raised the matter of the churned-up verge and bank along Denton Lane to the play area at the Sports & Social Club causing all to walk in the road. Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that if the grounds were used by the school for PE maybe the County Council could do something to sort out the problem. Cllr Ian Ashley was due to meet with the County Council and possibly the school Business Manager regarding safety issues outside the school and agreed to raise this with the County Council. Cllr Anne Eastwood also reported that there were currently no PCSO officers but were hoping to recruit.

A resident brought up the matter of the road surface in Kiln Lane where a grey topping had been put on by other residents raising the level of the lane and deepening the existing potholes from 3 to 5 inches. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to contact Environmental Health to ask them to look at the substance used and take samples. Photos will be sent to Jeremy Peters and District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie.

1/20/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd December 2019

These were amended, agreed and signed.

1/20/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the meeting with the owner of Greenwoods was still to be arranged, he also reported that several cars had been issued with tickets by the Police.

Regarding the advertising rates of the Newsletter, Cllr Judy Westgate reported that Wheatley Newsletter charge twice the amount that Garsington charges and Wheatley make a profit. Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that the Newsletter was a public service and did not exist to make a profit. Cllr Judy Westgate will investigate further to see if the Newsletter could potentially break even.

1/20/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the works on the grips in Oxford Road was poor as the spoil was not removed it was just left in a pile giving a very uneven verge. He also reported that the drainage works on Denton Lane should have been started on 2nd December, this had not happened as the correct notification had not been done. Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that major flooding was occurring each time it rained at this location, often coinciding with school open days causing people to wade through in the road.

Cllr Matthew Dovey commented on the poor quality of the road repairs which were often purely cosmetic short-term patches that never solved the underlying problem.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the new road surface on Oxford Road by Combewell had started to break up. Cllr Anne Eastwood also reported that there was another water leak in the same area.

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale apologised.

1/20/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that there was no more news regarding the Local Plan 2034, although the Inspector had recognised the City’s unmet housing need stating that surrounding districts should meet part of this unmet need. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will keep the Parish Council informed on current fights against developments in the Greenbelt and the Growth Board issue.

Cllr Paul Bolam thanked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie and Cllr Ian Ashley for their efforts.

1/20/8 Finance

1. The budget for 2020/2021 was finalised. It was agreed to add in an expenditure item for a speed device including ANPR, but to delay the expenditure until there was clarity on any legal fees expenditure for Kiln Lane, Northfield etc.
2. The precept for 2020/2021 was set with an increase in line with current CPI of 1.5% (£353.63) to bring the precept up to £23,928.63 for the year. This was approved by all and the papers were signed for return to SODC by 10th January 2020.

To note – the grant of £3,000.00 for the removal of the Old Stone Wall from SODC had been awarded.

Balances and cheques for signature

Barclays Current Account at end of December - £54,498.50

To note DD to Grundon of - £38.80

The following cheques were approved and signed

£879.48 – Colourplus for Newsletter printing Dec/Jan

£992.40 – BGG for grass cutting and verge maintenance in November

£100.00 – Donation under s 137 Local Government Finance Act 1972 to Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice

£66.09 – to reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for expenses re copying plans of burial ground and wood for kissing gates

£516.10 – Clerk’s salary December

£5.40 – PAYE to HMRC

To note – There was a problem with the cheque written at the last meeting for the removal of the Old Stone Wall – the bank returned the cheque to the contractor as ‘unable to read image’. Clerk contacted Barclays Bank, the original cheque was cancelled at no charge and a replacement cheque was arranged for the contractor.

1/20/9 Planning

P19/S4171/HH – 197 Oxford Road – single storey rear extension with roof terrace.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P19/S0577/O – 2 Pine Close – Amendment Number 4 – change of use of garden to build 1 X 3-bedroom detached house and remove existing garage (As amended and amplified by revised drawings received 20th December 2019).

Following a lengthy discussion, the Parish Council were not fully supportive of the application and had valid objections, but no planning objections.

P19/S4253/FUL – 7/8 Kiln Lane – The use of land as a Travellers caravan site consisting of a mobile home, and amenity block, two touring caravans and associated works.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that this application was refused by SODC as late and as a result, the applicant has now applied for a Judicial Review.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie asked residents to send any relevant photos to Jeremy Peters.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that central powers needed to be tightened and John Howell as our local MP needed to be encouraged to act. Cllr Ian Ashley proposed that he look into current central planning policy constraints along with District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie and present this to John Howell. This was agreed as an action.

1/20/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk received an email from ONPA (Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Planning Association) (circulated) regarding a meeting on 11th January. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that she would be attending that meeting and will report back.

1/20/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam will check on the hole near the aerial runway.

Cllr Mike Patrick reported that the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club was looking into the cost of the storage container.

Cllr Mike Patrick also stated that the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club would send details of the cost of cutting the grass on the play area and kickabout which would then be circulated for approval. Cllr Richard Betteridge stated that the changes in grass cutting areas would need to be clarified with the contractor.

1/20/12 Village Maintenance

The Clerk stated that the Deep Clean dates this year would be 13-17th February.

Areas agreed were Combewell pathway, Hazel End alleyway, pathway from North Manor to Tadpole Lane on Wheatley Road, Southend pathway from grit box down to post box, High walkway on Southend, pathway outside Old School.

Cllr Richard Betteridge proposed the purchase of a wooden seat for the new area of The Green at a cost of around £600.00. This was agreed.

1/20/13Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey agreed to approach the bus company again about the Pick Me Up service coming to Garsington, possibly for a surcharge. This service is now going to Horspath.

1/20/14 Nominated Asset – The Three Horseshoes

Cllr Ian Ashley stated there was nothing further to report. The aim was to refund monies at the end of January.

1/20/15 Burial Ground

Cllr Richard Betteridge showed the plan of the Burial ground marked with the proposed pathway. Cllr Matthew Dovey stated that the proposals will be shown to the Churchwardens and the new Vicar and then go for wider consultation in the village.

1/20/16 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway/Northfield Update

Gone for review

1/20//17 Any Other Business

Cllr Ian Ashley raised the matter of funding towards the No Expressway Group. Clerk will add this to the agenda for February.

Cllr Mike Patrick brought up the matter of a zebra crossing outside the school, in that he was disappointed that it had appeared too far down the ranking of projects to be included in the next budget. Cllr Ian Ashley stated that he had asked the school to consider enforcing the existing yellow lines and will ask again at their next meeting and will continue to look for funding towards a zebra crossing.

Cllr Richard Betteridge has sent an email to Nick Green to arrange a suitable date for the litter pick.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm