**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL –**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Paul Bolam, Judy Westgate, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance. Cllr Matthew Dovey attended via remote camera link

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

1/22/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Robin Bennett – Covid related absence

1/22/2 Declarations of Interest

None

1/22/3 Public Participation

Regarding street lighting, a resident felt it was too dangerous to turn the street lights off with continual traffic during the night. Also, if any suspicious noise or activity was heard during the night, there would be no light to see with. The resident also stated that the alley way down from Wheatley Road to Oxford Road in the centre of the village was very dark and needed illumination.

1/22/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th December 2021

Regarding salary payments to the Clerk, these were amended to read ‘an underpayment of c10% of paid salary since the beginning of the contract’.

 Minutes were then agreed and signed

12/21/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Regarding the court cases against Greenwoods, Cllr Chris Wright will contact SODC officer responsible again.

Regarding the 20MPH proposals, The Clerk had received a supporting email from County Cllr Robin Bennett. Clerk will begin to progress.

Regarding the reported dead and dying trees along the field edge on Wheatley Road, Cllr Chris Wright is happy to meet with the resident, Clerk to arrange.

Regarding Northfield, Cllr Chris Wright stated that there would be a further meeting on 17th January. He was also waiting for County Cllr Robin Bennet to come back with details of a meeting with the appropriate officers.

Regarding the initial anchoring cited in the RoSPA report, Cllr Paul Bolam has still to send the email from RoSPA to Playdale.

1/22/6 County Councillor’s Report - circulated

Regarding the hedge cutting and trees on the green at Combewell, Cllr Mike Patrick has been approached again by residents as no action has happened. The Clerk will raise this again with County Cllr Robin Bennett.

Regarding the report of funds remaining in the County Councillor priority fund for 2021-2023, Cllr Richard Betteridge suggested asking County Cllr Robin Bennett if funds could be available for any adult exercise equipment for the village. Cllr Paul Bolam agreed to enquire.

1/22/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed that the circular arguments around Neighbourhood Development Plan will be addressed

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the solar farm to be built to abut Grenoble Road will cover 378 acres and will be the largest in England.

1/22/8 Finance.

The budget monitoring report had previously been circulated

The Parish Council discussed the setting of the precept for 2022/2023. The Parish Council agreed to set the precept for 2022/2023 at twenty four thousand pounds £24,000.00. The papers were completed and signed by Cllr Chris Wright as Chairman of the Parish Council. Clerk will submit to SODC.

Cllr Ian Ashley, noted that there is almost £38,000 of CIL money resting with the parish council to spend over the next 5 years or so on infrastructure. It was agreed to wait to see how much CIL contribution for traffic calming measures would be offered by SODC before the parish council decides on an amount to offer from parish council CIL money. Cllr Ian Ashley will contact District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie to find out further details of the process.

Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had asked for paperwork to be transferred electronically to begin work on the Annual Return for 2022

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of December - £89,282.09

To note DD to Grundon of £73.06

Receipts

nil

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£150.00 – donation to River Learning Trust for Wheatley Park school prizegiving under s137 Local Government Finance Act 1972

£500.00 – donation to The Maple Tree Centre under s137 as above

£551.63 – Clerk’s salary December

£220.65 – Burial Ground Manager salary December

£37.99 – to reimburse Clerk for printer ink

£117.00 – SODC for planning permission for Picasso Peace sculpture already paid

All payments signed and agreed by Cllrs Judy Westgate and Paul Bolam who will set up and authorise them for on-line payment

1/22/9 Code of Conduct – arrangements for dealing with complaints under the Code of Conduct for Town and Parish Councillors – papers circulated

Clerk stated that these arrangements had already been adopted by South and Vale District Councils.

The parish council agreed to accept these arrangements in full

1/22/10 Planning

P21/S5052/FUL – Lower Road – proposed conversion external and internal alterations of allocated domestic stores to provide 5 X one bedroom ground floor flats with associated parking and secure cycle storage provision and with private and shared amenity space (revision to extant pp ref: P19/S3205/FUL)

Following a discussion, the parish council had no objections to this application but would like to request that a path be built from the site to connect to the bus stop on the main road.

P21/S5183/HH – 120 Oxford Road – proposed single storey rear extension to dwelling and alterations including conversion of garage to additional accommodation.

The parish council had no objections to this application

P21/S5214/HH –7 Wheatley Road – proposed front and rear extension with internal and external associated works.

The parish council had no objections to this application.

1/22/11 Northfield

Cllr Chris Wright reported that there had been a meeting with the Executive team of SODC to express parish council views on the community development of the site and there would be a further meeting in the coming week. A further meeting had also been confirmed with the agent (Chelgate) only via Teams.

1/22/12 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Please see earlier comments under 1/22/7

1/22/13 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The planning application for the Picasso Peace sculpture was with SODC

The Clerk had received an email from the Pageant Master with details of Jubilee Beacon arrangements on 2nd June 2022. Following a discussion, it was agreed to ask Mr Aziz if a beacon could be lit in the same area as the bonfire night bonfire. Cllr Ian Ashley offered to contact the Mughlai Manor. If other groups wanted to organise other events, the parish council would offer their support. Cllr Richard Betteridge offered to contact those groups interested.

The Clerk had received an email invitation from OALC to join a zoom briefing on Operation London Bridge – the death of a senior national figure. Clerk will attend.

The Clerk had received a request for funding from Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice. Following a discussion, it was agreed to donate £500.00 to this organisation under s137 Local Government Finance Act 1972. Clerk will arrange a payment for authorisation at the next meeting.

Clerk had received an email from OALC inviting the parish council to support a petition to allow parish and town council to choose to have virtual meeting. The parish council agreed to support this petition.

Cllr Ian Ashley had requested an update from John Howell over the progress made by him on the matters discussed with the parish council at their ‘catch-up’meeting with him on 15th October 2021. This was noted.

1/22/14 Playground Sports & Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the defibrillators had been checked and all was well. He stated that he had contacted South Central Ambulance Service for refresher training with the view to becoming a trainer.

Safety on the site was discussed following the last glass event and a child catching their hand on the tractor play equipment. Following a discussion, it was agreed to have an annual safety review in August to look at any reported events. Clerk will timetable this. Clerk will also inform Cllr Paul Bolam of the cost to attend the annual RoSPA inspection.

Cllr Paul Bolam felt that a barrier of some sort was needed at the gate to stop straight access onto the road. This was agreed. Cllrs Paul Bolam and Richard Betteridge will work together to find a solution.

Cllr Paul Bolam will put notices on the gate asking for it to be closed and also to contact Cllr Paul Bolam or Clerk if glass discovered. Clerk will laminate the notices.

It was also agreed to look at the problem of containment of the bark under the zip wire.

Regarding exercise equipment for adults to use, Cllr Chris Wright agreed to put a piece into the next Newsletter to canvas opinion. Cllr Paul Bolam offered to put a piece on ‘Garsington Greatness’ and also to ask other parish councils what adult exercise equipment they have found to be popular and used.

Regarding grass cutting on the play area and kick a bout, it was agreed that this work would be within the tender process currently underway.

1/22/15 Village Maintenance

Regarding the proposal put into the newsletter to consider switching off streetlights from 1am to 5am, responses (40) had been circulated by Clerk. Cllr Chris Wright summarised that there were strongly held views both for and against. It was agreed to try to gain a larger response and find out some more technical/practical information. It was agreed that this proposal should join and be part of the referendum process on the 20MPH for the whole village proposal.

Cllr Richard Betteridge stated that the invitations to tender for the grass cutting contract had been sent to 5 contractors, 2 responses had been received after extending the time to mid-January. He confirmed that 3 weekly cuts had been asked for. The contract offer will need to have the play area and kick a bout pitch included before the tender process is complete. Cllr Richard Betteridge and Clerk will contact tenderers.

1/22/16 Village Bus Service

The bus service is now with the Oxford Bus Company. Cllr Matthew Dovey will circulate the email regarding this when received.

1/22/17 Burial Ground

A report had been received by Cllr Chris Wright from the Burial Ground Manager, during the period there had been no interments or burials. The BGM had received a request to reserve space for a ledger stone in the burial ground next to a relative. This was agreed, BGM to write to the resident.

Cllr Richard Betteridge asked if the bank in the new burial ground should be turfed. This was agreed. Cllr Richard Betteridge will investigate costs. Cllr Richard Betteridge also asked for agreement to extend the gravel path from the burial ground into the new burial ground. This was agreed.

1/22/18 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/Joint Local Plan 2041

Cllr Ian Ashley informed the parish council about information received from Friends of the Earth regarding a proposed dual carriageway (in effect) from Milton Interchange to Golden Balls roundabout and onto Chiselhampton which currently 6 parish councils were trying to resist. It was agreed to resist this proposal. Cllr Ian Ashley would draft a response and circulate to all.

1/22/19 Any Other Business

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 7th February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.12pm