**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL – draft minutes**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Richard Betteridge, Paul Bolam, Judy Westgate, Matthew Dovey, Claire Green, Ian Ashley, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, with L Stevenson in attendance.

No members of the public were present, representations had been asked for by letter or email

1/23/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Robin Bennett – clash of meetings

1/23/2 Declarations of Interest

none

1/23/3 Public Participation

None

1/23/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5th December 2022

These were altered for a typo, agreed and signed

1/23/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

12/22/5 Cllr Richard Betteridge had circulated risk assessment document and will circulate further documents

12/22/5 Cllr Paul Bolam agreed to arrange defibrillator training for a group at Kings Copse

12/22/5 Cllr Paul Bolam reported that there was still more work to do on the burial plan for ashes. Spare turf from the play area could be used in the burial ground.

12/22/7 Cllr Chris Wright had written to SODC Chief Executive, copied to Head of Planning regarding future sites for Travellers and will circulate the reply

12/22/7 District Cllr Elisabeth Gillespie reported that it was not possible to circulate the PPA

For Northfield

1/23/6 County Councillor’s Report

Report circulated

Clerk will contact County Cllr Robin Bennet to ask for an update on outstanding issues

1/23/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elisabeth Gillespie reported that a new housing delivery action plan would enable the council to buy or build its own properties for renting as affordable homes. Also, developers would have to contribute a higher level of CIL money

1/23/8 Setting of the Precept 2023/2024

Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to increase the precept by 7.5% on the previous year to levy a figure of £25,800.00 (twenty five thousand and eight hundred pounds). This was approved, precept forms were signed and Clerk will send to SODC

1/23/9 Finance.

Following submission of an advert for a new Clerk, the Parish Council agreed to raise the level of pay to the existing Clerk to point 24 of the NALC grades effective from beginning of December 2022

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of December 2022 - £62,471.94

DD to Grundon of £56.89

Receipts

£60.00 from Jem Chimney Sweep – newsletter advertising

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£4951.20 – Westcotec Limited for the new speed sign indicator

£500.00 – Donation under s137 Local Govt Finance Act 1972 to Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice

£245.15 – to reimburse A Miller for materials for playground painting of equipment

£209.93 – to reimburse R Jeffery for Christmas Lights

£150.00 – Donation under s137 Local Govt and Finanace Act 1972 to River & Learning Trust Wheatley Park School for prizegiving

£150.00 – donation under s137 Local Govt Finance Act 1972 to Howe Trust for Christmas hampers benefitting 6 families in Garsington

£9.00 – OCC History DCI for burial ground plans as requested

£98.03 – to reimburse Cllr Judy Westgate for website running expenses

£120.90 – BGM salary December

£12.70 – BGM expenses December

£742.65 – Clerk’s salary December reflecting increase in pay from 1st December 2022

£85.41 – HMRC – PAYE and NI

£33.37 – to reimburse Clerk for printer ink

All payments signed and agreed by Cllrs Paul Bolam and Judy Westgate

Cllr Paul Bolam will set up payments and Cllr Judy Westgate will authorise

1/23/10 Planning

P22/S4419/LDP – 54 Pettiwell Garsington – proposal to use an existing office space for receiving phone calls for a taxi business

Following a discussion, the Parish Council asked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie to qualify the application with the planning officer. The Parish Council provisionally wishes to object to this application as there is no capacity for additional parking on the site or room on the site for any additional employment. Also, the Parish Council feels that there is no commercial logic to this application

P22/S2220/FUL – planning amendment received 21/12/2022 by SODC – Dodwells Solar Farm land North of A40 near Cuddesdon.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to object to this amendment for the previous reasons stated and wished to add that

In the view of Garsington Parish Council, this doesn’t appear to be an amendment as such merely part of the initial information required. 1)The ecological appraisal makes it quite clear a. The applicants don’t yet know (4.3.2) whether it will go under the verges or the road and until this is known they won`t complete the appraisal b. The ecological appraisal took place in autumn when it was impossible to see what was present in the verges. Garsington Parish Council would like to insist that the verges are not dug up in Denton Lane OR Pettiwell; that no waste material is dumped on the verges and that our rare plants in Denton lane (eg Dwarf elder) are fully protected. 2) There seems to be no consideration of the impact of this new cabling on the groundwater flows. Garsington Parish Council would not want the springs at the interface between the Purbeck stones and the clays to be diverted from their current routes.… This would only cause further break up the road surface; nor would Garsington Parish Council want any changes to the groundwater conditions which could affect the footings of listed buildings adjacent to the roads. 3) Garsington Parish Council would see a more natural route for this as being via Chippinghurst.

1/23/11 Northfield development

No new information

1/23/12 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Chris Wright reported that the reports were almost compiled and ready to submit

1/23/13 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Clerk agreed to provide details of the June Cycle event in the Newsletter

The Clerk had received an email from Community First regarding membership for 2023. Following a discussion, Clerk will write to Community First to ask them to present a persuasive argument to the Parish Council for continuing their membership

1/23/14 Playground Sports & Social Club

Regarding the repair needed on the cableway platform, Playdale had contacted the Clerk to say that repairs would take place w/c 23/1/2023

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the new adult play equipment was due to be installed w/c 16/1/2023 and will co-ordinate with the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club for access. Cllrs Paul Bolam and Richard Betteridge will agree distribution of spoil from these works.

Cllr Paul Bolam will order the litter bin for the dug out

1/23/15 Village Maintenance

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that 2 of the defibrillators had been removed for upgrading – the Village Hall and Kings Copse. Notices have been put up to show nearest defibrillators at these sites as the machines are removed for several days. Once returned, the defibrillators at the Sports & Social Club and Willow Close will be upgraded.

Wel Medical agreed to check and replace any batteries required and will invoice the Parish Council

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the trees had been ordered for the play area and would arrive mid/end February. (Costs up to £1500.00 previously agreed.)

1/23/16 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that there had been a complaint regarding the proposed new signage of bus stops in that the proposed new signs were not in keeping with a rural area and querying why the County was unable to use a telegraph pole to secure the timetable

Cllr Chris Wright offered to speak with the resident

1/23/17 Burial Ground

The consecration of the new burial ground will be held on 6th April at 4pm. Residents will be invited. The Parish Council agreed to fund part of any costs incurred with the consecration.

Cllr Paul Bolam will measure and check the placing of ashes stones ready for the new burial area

1/23/18 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/Joint Local Plan 2041/ City Local Plan 2040 (City)

Cllr Ian Ashley reported that all districts apart from Cherwell were pushing back against the Oxford City Local Plan 2040 as it appears to be a plan for expansion of the city.

Regarding the Joint Local Plan 2041, Cllr Ian Ashley reported that there would be a delay on that plan

1/23/19 Any Other Business

Clerk reported that SSE will install a smart meter at The Green on 2nd February between 1and 5pm

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that he had received thanks from a resident for the Parish Council objection to a recent planning application

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Next meeting 6th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall