GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7.30pm.

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| **Members of the Parish Council In attendance:** | Cllr Chris Wright (Chair), Cllr Judith Westgate, Cllr Anne Eastwood, Cllr Adrian Townsend and CllrRichard Betteridge. |
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| **Public attendance:** | 5 members of the public were present. |
| **Minutes:** | Elaine Small (Parish Clerk). |

# 7/23/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ian Ashley, Cllr Paul Bolam, Cllr Matthew Dovey, Cllr Claire Green and Cllr Sam James-Lawrie ( District Councillor)

# 7/23/2 Declarations of Interest

Member of the PC declared conflict of interest on planning - 81 Oxford Road.

# 7/23/3 Public Participation

Members of the public voiced concern at 1 Fox Close. There has been approval for 4 trees to be cut down these were deemed to be dead so therefore removal approved by the Forestry Officer. Public spokesman voiced concern as this is next to a conservation zone and has an abundant biodiversity with deer, pheasants and foxes all using this area which then will be affected if clearing of the area. The owner 1 Fox Close has planned fencing is to be put in place to “keep in her dogs”! if there is no preservation order around this land the applicant can cut trees and change the landscape. Public spokesman asked the PC if they could monitor landscape plan, biodiversity and boundary that will be effected.

# 7/23/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 15th May 2023

Correct, approved and signed by Cllr Chris Wright. The Extraordinary Meeting minutes correct, approved and signed by Cllr Chris Wright.

# 7/23/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Asbestos sheeting dumped in a bin close to footpath in Pettiwell is still there Cllr Chris Wright to visit area and action if necessary.

Line painting along Pettiwell: new parking restrictions along by the Greenwood Garage, line painting scheduled work done.

Asset of Community Value. It was agreed that Cllr Ian Ashley submitted an application on behalf of the parish council to renominate our remaining pub, The Manor Bar & Restaurant as an asset of community value.

Outcome of Audit 2022/2023. Auditor recommendations PC agreed to review/look at and check we are in line with NALC templates for Finance risk assessment and accounting Cllr Ian Ashley and Parish Clerk are in process of reviewing this. Assets trees risk/monitor and manage, etc and budget risk. Assets and statements agreed. Standing Orders and risk assessment to keep/change after comments at next PC meeting. Cllr’s invited to comment and this will be action appropriately

# 7/23/6 District Councillor Report - Sam James-Lawrie no to report.

# 7/23/7 County Councillor’s Report Robin Bennett circulated a report.

This included

Reading Challenge run by Oxfordshire Libraries in the county. For all who like to read

Home sharing support programme for people with additional needs and refugees where training and support is given to help .This information can be accessed via oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives

Decarbonising Pension investments. The Oxfordshire part of the Local Government Pension Scheme is overseen by the Pension Fund Committee, which is hosted by us at the county council. It also represents

the district and city councils and other public sector organisations, including Oxford

Brookes University, academy schools, further education colleges and housing

associations.

Broad Street Oxford expansion of outside seating and walking area. An online consultation for residents to share their views is now live until 31 July. <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/broad-street-consultation/>

HIF1 planning application: The plans for the road(s) and bridge linking the A34 Milton interchange to Golden Balls roundabout are again scheduled to come to the OCC planning and regulation committee at the end of the month.

Council Priority Fund – this is between 13 councils to apply if they need funds for improvements, ie. Fencing, signs etc.

# Comment on the Line painting in Pettiwell and agreed that it is much better there now.

Hedges and verges have been cut back but it was commented by PC that in some areas not far enough as view was still not great, and that in it needs cutting back further – Robin Bennett said he would raise this with County Council, but the policy is to let the grass verges grow as long as they do not impede on view and safety. He also mentioned that “Fix my Street” should be used. Cllr Richard to email Robin some “hot spots” to be looked at and actioned by the grass cutting team.

Combewell OCC trees being inspected 4th July by OCC Tree officers.

Pettiwell double yellow lines now completed.

School pedestrian crossing still has a planned start date for installation of 24th July.

Chelgate meeting planned for talks about Northfield plans.

# 7/23/8 Finance

Parish Clerk salary £543.23

Parish Clerk expenses £39.12

Burial Ground Manager expenses for May £12.70

Burial Ground Manager salary £120.00

Grass Cutting invoice – 331/23- £992.19

Direct Debit Grundon - £99.77

Leaflets £98.22

Garsington School “Wellbeing” £150.00

Agreed and approved by Cllr Just Westgate and Chair.

Bank Statement - signed and agreed by Judy Westgate and Chair.

7/23/9 Planning

P23/S1925/0 Minor - 81 Oxford Road, Garsington, OX44 9AD Sub division of residential garden + erection of new dwelling. No planning rules to stop this, noted non compliant net biodiversity and highways.

P23/S2108/HH – 1 Fox Close, OX44 9AA New roof replacing original + new box dormer. Members of the public asked for PC if possible to monitor appropriate enforcement early in planning.

P23/52186/HH – Stable View, 29 Pettiwell, OX44 9DB Single storey side extension. PC has an extension on comments until next PC meeting.

7/23/10 Northfield – Charter for Parish and Northfield CEO aware, PC await feedback.

7/23/11 Neighbourhood Development Plan – update – no opportunity to make comments, noted that biodiversity non compliant, views need clarification , build environment need clarification.

7/23/12 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Clean Slate, Contribution request by them this was discussed and voted on to look at PC budget and assess what is in the funds and how this money is used throughout the year. To be decided at next meeting.

Discussed playground, Zip Wire and the final part payment to be agreed after playground inspection.

Wall preservation perhaps to place a large cement bell on corner to stop bus/ vehicles damaging the wall.

7/23/13 Playground/Sports &Social Club Fees were discussed Chair to draft a letter to get clarification of how fees are generated and used for what etc.

7/23/14 Village maintenance Trees and hedges still overhanging too much. Verges at Pettiwell and Southend need more attention as still potential danger to walkers and drivers with impairing the view. Pathway walking up towards Fox Close has trees and bushes overhanging making it difficult to walk safely for children going to school, dog walkers etc. This will be raised with O C Council to have a re-look.

7/23/15 Bus service Nothing to report.

7/23/16 Burial Ground Fees were discussed and reviewed PC voted and agreed to raise the fees by 10% in line with RPI. Karen (the vicar) will be informed. Burial ground regulations to stay as they are.

7/23/17 Any Other business

Cllr Adrian Townsend added he attended the SODC Cabinet Meeting Joint Local Plan. Adrian had a 3 minute slot which he was thanked for his contribution and views these were positive comments which they had taken on board. Robin added that this was a good way to get maximum impact. Approval still required and the new plan approval goes to the developers, this could be well in to 12 months before any changes and policy agreed.

# Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

## Date of forthcoming meeting:

7th August 2023 at 7.30pm Monthly Parish Meeting in the Village Hall.