GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall on Monday 5th June 2023 at 7.30pm.

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| **Members of the Parish Council In attendance:** | Cllr Matthew Dovey (Chair), Judith Westgate, Anne Eastwood, Paul Bolam and Adrian Townsend. |
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| **Public attendance:** | 3 members of the public were present together with Sam James-Lawrie ( District Councillor) and Robin Bennett ( County Councillor). |
| **Minutes:** | Elaine Small (Parish Clerk) |

# 6/23/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Wright, Ian Ashley, Richard Betteridge and Claire Green

# 6/23/2 Declarations of Interest

None.

# 6/23/3 Public Participation

Kiln Lane. A member of the village requested a push on this to get things resolved. District Councillor Robin Bennett along with Jeremy Peter at Planning Department are aware and putting pressure on this issue and looking for a permanent Traveller Site This is high on the agenda. Hopefully at next monthly Parish Meeting there will be progress to report.

# 6/23/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 15th May 2023

Agreed and signed by Cllr Matthew Dovey. Changed wording to state that Paul Bolam set up the bank payments and Judy Westage authorised them. Playground wooden fence changed to wooden gate.

# 6/23/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Asbestos sheeting dumped in a bin close to footpath in Pettiwell - it is a health hazard. Parish Clerk to report to Environmental Health.

Trees in Sports Field – Paul has met with the team concerned in cutting them back. This has been planned for July after nesting birds fledged and before schools return from summer holidays. A cherry picker will be required for this.

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

AGAR 2022/2023 Annual Governance Statement – passed round to members at meeting approved then agreed and signed by Matthew Dovey and Elaine Small.

# 6/23/6 County Councillor’s Report

Robin Bennett stated that school bus service agreed and “spare seat scheme” in place and agreed for Garsington school children. “Free travel” users have another bus timetabled for them. The Baldons are an issue at present as not agreed. Bus ticket for a year for a child is approximately £800.

Pettiwell: it was agreed to have new parking restrictions along by the Greenwood Garage, line painting scheduled work to commence 12th June and temp parking restrictions in place to enable line painters access.

# 6/23/7 District Councillor’s Report

Sam James-Lawrie reported on informal discussions regarding future revisions of the local plan, particularly housing allocations in some of the more controversial sites.

# 6/23/8 Finance

Parish Clerk salary £543.23

Parish Clerk expenses £9.42 and Paper for Printer £7.50

Burial Ground Manager expenses for May £12.70

Burial Ground Manager salary £120.00

Weedkiller £7.50 and wood £58.58

Election Admin SODC £200

Grass Cutting invoice - 166/23 £992.19

Printing Press invoice - 57755 £520 (now received) was not in at the time of the meeting but PC agreed to authorise to max of £550.00 to pay when invoice seen.

Direct Debit Grundon £98.

Direct Debit SSE £35.24

Paid into bank Barclays £2 for Pole cable A0324971

Agreed and approved by Matthew

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

6/23/9 Planning - None.

6/23/10 Northfield – no update/progress on this.

6/23/11 Neighbourhood Development Plan – update

Public consultation closes in a weeks’ time, to then go onto the inspector with responses and original plan .

6/23/12 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Chris Wright emailed – restriction far end Wheatley Road. There is some dissatisfaction about the 30m/hr to 20m/hr zone at the edge of the village. The PC will keep an eye on this. Comment on pinch point District Councillor , traffic is still extremely dangerous. The pinch point and school crossing to be actioned in the school summer holidays, funded agreed. For the other end pinch point funding agreed but not planned as yet nor a date.

Speed Camera – PC still waiting for the loan of the speed gun, there is a waiting list for this. 2 sites have been approved for area of use for this into and out of village at the Oxford Road end of Garsington, and also at Southend. At present there are 4 volunteers and PC are still looking for more volunteers from the public if they feel they can commit to a few hours.

Hedge by Combwell is overgrown ( agreement CC to cut once a year. The parish clerk will submit to “Fix my Street”). Grass cutting has been dumped in Parslers Piece. Contractors say it is not them they use the appropriate orchard compost area. It is thought maybe a kindly resident left it when tidying but PC not aware who.

Auditor Assets to sign, this was circulated at the meeting and approved Matthew should sign. These will be emailed to go on the website as soon as audit completed.

Championing Our Local Countryside meeting invitation Cocreating a knowledge and skills resource and local adaption tool which Ian and Adrian have expressed interest in attending.

6/23/13 Playground/Sports &Social Club

6/23/14 Village maintenance

Defibrillators have been checked regularly and are fit for purpose.

It has been noticed that whilst cutting the grass in the burial ground, graves have been left with cutting spilling on them, Adrian to ask the grass cutter BGG, to make sure graves are swept clear of cuttings.

6/23/15 Bus service nothing further to report at present. Noted that the bus is still speeding and this will be readdressed with the bus company by Matthew Dovey.

6/23/16 Burial Ground Report

Burial Ground Manager sent in her report. PC looking into this as there is some inconsistencies March-May. Judy checking bank statements and Chris is to be asked to speak to Burial Ground Manager about her contract and what her duties are. Also it is not clear who chases payments and if the vicar has already taken payments.

6/23/17 Draft letters to neighbouring Parish Councils and Oxford City Council

Letters have been drafted by Adrian and Ian, and passed around at the meeting for viewing. A vote was taken and the majority were in favour of the letter being sent by Adrian Townsend on behalf of the parish council.

The local plan is the responsibility of the District Council and views have changed from 3 years ago. Adrian and Sam will have further discussions regarding a potential meeting with SODC. SODC cabinet meeting is being held on 20th June and Adrian will attend to communicate his view .

6/23/18 Wider plan matters and Local/City plansARC etc.

None.

6/23/19 Any Other business

None

# Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

## Date of forthcoming meeting:

3rd July 2023 at 7.30pm Monthly Parish Meeting in the Village Hall.