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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Paul Bolam, Richard Betteridge, Mike Patrick, Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate, Matthew Dovey, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

9 Members of the public were present.

3/20/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale – unable to attend

3/20/2 Declarations of Interest

None

3/20/3 Public Participation

A resident raised the matter of the state of the path from the Lych gate to the burial ground, Cllr Chris Wright stated that there had been a short meeting with a Churchwardens to discuss this issue as it was the Church’s responsibility. The matter will be considered and be brought back to the Parish Council meeting in due course.

A resident raised the problem of builder’s lorries churning up the verge on the Village Green opposite the Old School. Clerk will write to the builder to ask them to restore the verge.

A resident brought up the matter of the SODC Local Plan where a meeting was due to be held by the County Council whereby a vote would be held that could remove powers from the District Council to implement the plan and give those powers to the County Council with the backing of the Secretary of State (Robert Jenrick).

The resident felt that the Parish Council should examine the premise that our County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale (by abstaining on this vote) and also the County Council have acted in an undemocratic way and have lost the confidence of residents.

The Parish Council did not have a representative available to attend the full council meeting on 5th March, but agreed to send a letter which District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to read out on their behalf opposing the undemocratic action and seeking judicial review of the Secretary of State’s actions.

Cllr Mathew Dovey agreed to draft the letter.

Cllr Chris Wright agreed to write to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale regarding the matter of no confidence in both herself and the County Council that was raised at the meeting and ask that she attend the next Parish Council meeting to answer.

A resident brought up the matter of Kiln lane and the legal action. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that there was no further update.

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These were agreed and signed.

3/20/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the works at the Denton Lane had not solved the problem as the design was not suitable, this was to be reviewed by County Drainage Engineer. He will continue to pursue the issue.

Cllr Ian Ashley reported that he would be writing to John Howell MP regarding enforcement planning policy when he had received further information from District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie.

Clerk had written to Walters coaches regarding unnecessary trips and speeding through the village. Cllr Chris Wright reported that empty coaches were still speeding. Clerk to contact again.

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that there had be no response from Thames Travel regarding the ‘Pick me Up’ service.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the matter of the proposed footpath in Pettiwell had been raised with County Highways and he would monitor this.

3/20/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated

3/20/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported on her views regarding the Local Plan 2034

3/20/8 Finance

Clerk asked the Parish Council to decide formally whether or not to receive any monies due as a Parish from CIL payments. The Parish Council agreed to receive any monies due from CIL payments. Clerk will write to SODC to state this.

Balances and cheques for signature

Barclays Current Account at end of February - £55,146.10

To note DD to Grundon of - £50.14

Receipts – The Clerk had received £60.00 cheque for Newsletter advertising

The following cheques were approved and signed

£1,000.00 – J S Brearley for professional planning law advice

£785.00 – Colourplus for Newsletter Jan/March

£51.00 – Village Hall Hire Jan-March

£100.00 – donation to The Maple Tree under s137 Local Govt Finance Act 1972

£70.00 – membership fees to Community First

£510.70 - Clerk’s salary February

£5.40 – PAYE to HMRC

3/20/9 To set a date for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to set the date as May 4th at 7.30pm

3/20/10 Planning

P20/S0402/LDP – Kings Copse Mobile Home Park, Lower Road Garsington, P19/S1822/LDP – Kings Copse and

Appeal ref APP/Q3115/X/19/3240630

It was agreed to object with the same arguments as before including a response to say this does represent a ‘material change’ and make a representation to the appeal process. Clerk will respond.

P20/S0460/HH – The Well House, 15 Southend – 12 metre diameter circular wildlife pond in grass lawn, rain water fed.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P20/S0636/HH – 61 Southend – renovation and extension of an existing 3bedroom 2 storey dwelling with single storey flat-roofed entrance stores and carport to form a 4bedroom 2 storey dwelling under pitched tiled roofs with a 2storey side extension and art single storey rear extension.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P20/S0678/HH – Valerian 127 Oxford Road – conversion of loft space, change north elevation from hip to gable, single storey extension and internal alterations.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P20/S0562/FUL – Cowley Main Sub Station, Lower Blackberry Lane, Garsington – installation of 33kV Underground Cable.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

3/20/11 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Chairman had received several emails from the BBC regarding Garsington taking part in a programme on the ‘war on waste’ and was invited to attend the Parish Council meeting, but had not appeared.

The Clerk received an email from a resident (previously circulated) regarding increased speeding traffic on The Hill and Wheatley Road and the possibility of the village installing EV points.

Cllr Matthew Dovey gave information regarding speed monitor stats coming along Wheatley Road into the village.

Cllr Ian Ashley reported that he was in discussion with County Highways regarding speed reduction measures outside the school and would ask what measures could be taken on the bend by the Village Hall.

Cllr Matthew Dovey had contacted the County Council to ask for information about funding for EV points. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to send information to Cllr Matthew Dovey about funding sources for installing EV points.

The Clerk had received an email from Cllr Ian Ashley re directed from Friends of the Earth regarding doubling the tree cover in Oxfordshire. Cllr Anne Eastwood suggested a copse at the far end of Parsler’s Piece or some tree planting on the new burial ground. Cllr Mike Patrick suggested filling in some spaces on the sports field with trees. Cllr Matthew Dovey suggested that this could come within the scope of the Neighbourhood Development Plan along with consideration of EV charging points within the village. This was agreed.

The Clerk had received an email from a resident regarding footpath registration. Cllr Chris Wright stated that all registered footpaths in the village were registered.

The Clerk had received an email from a resident regarding a blocked ditch in Pettiwell, parked cars in Pettiwell and an overgrown hedge in Pettiwell.

Clerk to write to the landowner regarding the hedge.

Clerk already in discussion with SODC regarding an abandoned car on Pettiwell. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie offered to help with this issue, Clerk will send the details of the car.

Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to look at the blocked ditch to see what action could be taken.

The Clerk had received an email invitation from Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils to join this year. The Parish Council agreed not to join.

The Clerk had received and circulated an email from SODC Fix My Street asking for volunteer ‘Superusers’. The Parish Council agreed not to participate in this scheme.

3/20/12 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that all was fine at the Play area.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that there was no update from the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club regarding the cost of the storage container.

Regarding the grass cutting proposal from the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club to cut the area at a cost of £100.00 per cut. It was agreed to set a maximum of 10 cuts over the season.

The Clerk has sent an order for this to the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club, to be paid quarterly. Cllr Mike Patrick reported that this was due to be discussed at a meeting of the Sports & Social Club. Following a query over collection of grass clippings, the Clerk will write again to clarify that the first cut should be removed and later cuts can be left.

3/20/13 Village Maintenance

It was agreed to put timber posts along Denton Lane/North Manor verges to stop the parking of cars at school time. The Parish Council agreed to fund this project, Cllr Richard Betteridge will organise and write to residents to inform them of this decision.

3/20/14 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report.

3/20/15 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Chris Wright noted that following review, the plan had been deemed to be within the law. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie congratulated the group on their work. A further meeting of the NDP group to be arranged.

3/20/16 Burial Ground

Nothing further to report

3/20/17 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway/Northfield Update

Nothing further to report

3/20//18 Any Other Business

None

Meeting closed at 9.10pm