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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held as a virtual meeting on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Paul Bolam, Mike Patrick, Ian Ashley, Matthew Dovey, Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate, Richard Betteridge, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

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

3/21/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Matthew Dovey will join later

3/21/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ian Ashley declared an interest in the Bioabundance group, this interest has been declared and registered with SODC

3/21/3 Public Participation

A member of the public referred to an initial design to landscape part of the new burial ground. They acknowledged that it was a beautiful area with a lovely outlook. They hoped that the area would be as informal as possible without any dark tree planting which they feel would be oppressive. Another member of the public spoke in support of this and suggested that expertise within the village to be utilised for planting advice to gain a variety of insect supporting flowers and shrubs to enhance the natural feel of the area.

A resident also suggested one specimen tree or a group of trees could be planted in the current burial ground to break up the regimented lines of graves.

3/21/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1st February 2021

These were agreed

3/21/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Clerk reported that stated that the defibrillator was to be installed at Kings Copse on 5th March and will liaise with Cllr Paul Bolam to check on the siting.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that he had checked the bus shelter opposite Kings Copse, structurally it was fine. He removed ivy and will unblock the down pipe.

3/21/6 County Councillor’s Report

previously circulated

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated that the nearest testing centre for Covid-19 for the village was at Wheatley Campus.

Regarding the school road safety, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale reported that the Traffic Officer would conduct a people study of road crossers following reopening of the school as a pre cursor to see if there is a need for a crossing. Cllr Chris Wright asked if the criteria for the need for a crossing could be provided in advance of the people study. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to pursue this.

Regarding the pavement widening before the school and further along on the Wheatley Road along with other road safety aspects, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated that an assessment of these 2 projects would be done. It was also noted that the pavement continuation at the top of Pettiwell would also be included in any discussions.

Regarding the drainage problem at Denton Lane junction at the school, Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that following the works the drain on the Denton Lane side was still blocked.

Regarding the road repairs and repainting of the double yellow lines at Pettiwell, County Cllr Lorraine-Lyndsay-Gale agreed to pursue. Cllr Richard Betteridge stated that the road edge would need to be repaired first to have a suitable edge to repaint.

Regarding the resurfacing of the footpath on the hill on Oxford Road, Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that this was a project reported at least 2 or even 3 years ago which was agreed, but still not actioned. County Cllr Lorraine-Lyndsay-Gale offered to chase this issue up.

Regarding the 20MPH Low Traffic Neighbourhood Zones, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale confirmed that the demand was high and there was County commitment for this and County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale will keep the Parish Council updated on any progress.

Regarding the scheme for the cleaning of roads, Cllr Ian Ashley stated that SODC will do the sweeping but will not remove the live weeds SODC have stopped using weedkiller. He went on to state that between Kings Copse and Grenoble Road roundabout the road had been cleared and all the live weeds mechanically removed. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to find out if this could be done in the rest of the village.

Cllr Mike Patrick brought up the issue of the trees on the green in Combewell. Clerk confirmed that these trees are the responsibility of the County Council and had received information from the Arboricultural Officer that a survey would be undertaken later on in the year.

3/21/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that she was now a member of the Planning Committee.

Regarding the Greenwoods pending court case, Cllr Chris Wright stated that this may be deferred.

Regarding the Kiln Lane appeal, Cllr Chris Wright stated that this will be deferred to September, he will inform the resident’s group.

Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the £3,000 grant applied for by the Parish Council to landscape the new burial ground had been approved.

3/21/8 Finance.

The Clerk had circulated a budget monitoring report for the current budget with a forecast.

The Parish Council discussed the matter of receiving any CIL monies due to the Parish Council. The Parish Council formally agreed to receive any monies due from SODC. The Clerk will write to SODC to notify the District Council of this decision.

Cllr Judy Westgate had received an offer from a local company to print the Newsletter at the lower price of £475 per issue. The Parish Council agreed to accept this offer, Cllr Judy Westgate will give notice to the current printer.

The Clerk had received an invitation for the Parish Council to join the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC). Following a discussion, it was agreed to join this organisation for 1 year. Clerk will arrange the application.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of February - £71,050.39

To note DD to Grundon of £40.87

Receipts

£2180.81 – Newsletter advertising

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£2184.00 – Welmedical for defibrillator cabinet and defibrillator

£1025.00 – South Oxfordshire Sustainability (Bioabundance joining fee and donation) under s137 Local Govt Finance Act 1972

£520.18 – Colourplus for Newsletter printing Feb/March

£544.63 – Clerk’s salary February

£7.00 – HMRC PAYE

£64.02 – to reimburse Clerk for zoom fee Feb/Mar, stationery items, printer ink

£322.92 – SODC for dog bin emptying Oct-Dec (paid 5/2/2021 as overdue)

All payments agreed

Cllr Judy Westgate will set up the payments and authorise and Cllr Paul Bolam will authorise them as well.

3/21/9 Planning

P20/S0066/LB – 16 Oxford Road – repair to boundary wall.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P20/S4873/DIS – Lower Farm Road Garsington – discharge of conditions 4,8 & 9 – to note.

P21/S0467/DIS – Cowley Main Sub Station, Lower Blackberry Lane – discharge of condition 7 – to note.

P21/S0142/HH – Rectory Cottage 4 The Green – replacement of existing outbuilding with new structure including insulation to modern standards.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P21/S0458/LDP and P21/S0459/LDP – Kings Copse applications for certificates of lawful development.

The Parish Council made the following representation to SODC – see attached document at the end of these minutes

3/21/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Regarding the Picasso Peace sculpture, Cllr Richard Betteridge advised that he can arrange to use the pre cast concrete plinth offered by the sculptor (c£200.00) to keep costs down and the Parish Council can organise the concrete base. Cllr Chris Wright will contact Mrs Robinson to inform her of the project. Following a discussion, it was agreed to use the plinth offered by the sculptor and also to site the statue on the triangle near to The Gizzel. Clerk will investigate whether planning permission is needed to site the statue in a conservation area (on Parish Council land by The Gizzel)

The Clerk and Chairman had received a copy of an email sent to the District Council regarding vehicles and fly tipping and litter along Pettiwell. Chairman has forwarded this to Environmental Health. Clerk will forward the email letter to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale and the PCSO and inform the resident. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that there were 24 vehicles parked there in the afternoon.

The Clerk had received a response from the County Arboriculture Officer to say that the trees on the green in Combewell were the responsibility of the County Council. An inspection programme would be undertaken later in the year and any works would be carried out. Clerk will inform the resident.

The Clerk had received an email from a resident in Combewell regarding a tree damaged by site vehicles from the development on Oxford Road using the entrance to Combewell as a turning point. Clerk will contact the contractor. District Cllr offered to contact Planning Enforcement.

The Chair had received an email from a resident regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and a site they had offered. The Chair offered to contact the resident and inform them of the technical support that had been offered by SODC and once the outcome of that is received, then the matter could be taken forward. This was agreed.

Cllr Judy Westgate had received complaints from a resident regarding dog poo being left on their front lawn. Cllr Chris Wright offered to write a piece for the next Newsletter as this issue has been raised repeatedly within the village.

Cllr Matthew Dovey noted that traffic issues had been raised frequently on the village social media group and offered to host a virtual meeting to discuss this. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to this.

Cllr Matthew Dovey had received a message regarding the perceived request for a pathway along the edge of the memorial playing field from top to bottom was raised, but the Parish Council were unclear if the request was for a path along Denton Lane or behind the hedge on the memorial playing field. The Parish Council will wait to receive a request for this, but in the meantime will be looking at costings for the roadside pathway. Cllr Matthew Dovey will respond.

(No minute number 3/21/11)

3/21/12 Playground/Sports & Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that all was well in the play area. The broken catch on the gate will be replaced.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that all the defibrillators had been checked.

3/21/13 Village Maintenance

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that 4 of the dog bins will be removed by the end of the week leaving 2 remaining 1 on Wheatley Road and 1 on Southend. Clerk will notify SODC when the bins are removed.

Cllr Mike Patrick reported that the noticeboard outside the Village Hall had been repaired and replaced on the wall, Cllr Mike Patrick will send invoices to Clerk for payment.

Cllr Matthew Dovey confirmed that the new speed device had been ordered.

3/21/14 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey offered to respond to the County Council draft transport blueprint (previously circulated).

3/21/15 Burial Ground

Following a discussion, it was agreed to include a broad swathe of wildflower planting on the bank, some spring flowering saplings/trees in the Gizzel corner and some small oval planting near to the memorial stones. The corner on the East side will be reconsidered to not include holly trees. Cllr Chris Wright offered to collate all the revised proposals into a single document and will circulate. (see 3/21/3)

3/21/16 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway/Northfield Update/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/NDP

Cllr Chris Wright reported that an application for both pieces of technical support for the NDP had been submitted and approved and work had begun.

Regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the Northfield area is acknowledged as a ‘green corridor’ for people and animals to access Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOBs) and use the countryside that surrounds Garsington.

Cllr Matthew Dovey will pursue this link and inform the Parish Council of costs and work that could be done.

3/21/17 Any Other Business

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm using Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.04pm