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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th May at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Judy Westgate, Paul Bolam, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale (left 8pm), District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie (left 8.25pm), with L Stevenson in attendance.

6 Members of the public were present.

5/18/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Anne Eastwood - holiday

Cllr Matthew Dovey – work commitments

5/18/2 Declarations of Interest

None

5/18/3 Public Participation

John Howell MP had recently visited Kiln Lane and met with residents and Parish Councillors. Plot 9 will be heard at the next planning committee and the Parish Council and representatives will speak. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the Planning Enforcement Officer was making a case for enforcement action regarding Plots 8 and 7.

5/18/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9th April 2018

These were agreed and signed.

5/18/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Richard Betteridge gave the position so far in that the Parish Council is still trying to get quotes from local builders to repair the wall by the electric box and where the wall meets the other boundary once work has been done. Cllr Paul Bolam requested details from Historic England regarding the old stone wall by the old stone cross and agreed to take photographs before and during the work, which is a requirement of Historic England. Clerk to send the information.

Regarding the grit bin for Sports and Social club – Cllr Mike Patrick asked if the Parish Council would pay for the bin for £79.00 plus delivery, to be sited inside the gates and the Sports and Social Club will organise filling it with grit. Agreed.

5/18/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated

5/18/7 District Councillor’s Report

Cllr Mike Patrick asked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie why the Village Hall had to pay for rubbish collection as a charitable organisation. Cllr Chris Wright also asked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie about an application fee of £116.00 to review the correspondence regarding the planning conditions attached to the new burial ground. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie left.

5/18/8 Finance

Online banking – forms were given to Cllr Paul Bolam to complete and present to the bank.

Draft Accounts for the year 2017-2018 were circulated and approved.

Balances and cheques for signature –

Barclays Current Account at end of April 2018 - £46,325.98

To note DD payment to Grundon of £48.20

Receipts

£48.00 cheque for Newsletter advertising

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£120.00 – direct credit for – Newsletter advertising

The following cheques were approved and signed

£15.00 – Oxford Greenbelt Network for a yearly membership

£36.00 – CPRE yearly membership fee

£766.66 – Zurich Municipal for annual insurance cover

£19.87 – SSE for electricity supply to the Green

£225.00 – D Loveridge for improvement cut to play area at Memorial playing field

£471.22 – BGG for grass cutting April

£727.08 – reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for materials for badger protection (part of the grant received for this)

£454.20 – Clerk’s salary April

£11.20 – PAYE due to HMRC

5/18/9 General Data Protection Regulation 2018

Draft policy previously circulated was agreed. The Clerk to be the Data Protection Officer.

5/18/10 Planning

P18/S1128/HH – 31 & 33 Poplar Close – proposed single storey rear extension and alterations to both properties

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P17/S3492/FUL – Amendment 1 and 2 conversion and alteration of existing garage and stores building to provide a two-bedroom dwelling with parking and garden. Alterations to the existing driveway to provide access and parking. Field House 23 Pettiwell.

The Parish Council had had a site meeting with a Planning Engineer and were awaiting further information from that meeting from Planning Officer Rice.

Cllr Mike Patrick reported that the application was listed as ‘pending’ on the SODC planning website.

4/18/11 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Chair had received a copy of a complaint letter sent to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale regarding Oxford Road.

The Chair had received an email from a resident complaining about drones overflying their garden. Cllr Richard Betteridge had also received a complaint from a resident on the same matter. Cllr Chris Wright will put information into the next Newsletter.

The Chair had also received a letter from a resident covering various issues in the village including parking in Pettiwell, Kiln Lane and overgrown hedges along Wheatley Road.

Cllr Richard Betteridge suggested an item in the Newsletter about overgrown hedges.

Agreed to ask the County Council for a ‘road narrows’ sign.

The Clerk had received a notification about the removal of ‘land at the Three Horseshoes’ from the Community Asset List as the 5 years for inclusion had passed. This was passed to Cllr Judy Westgate for action.

5/18/12 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that there was a bare patch in the middle of the ariel runway. Agreed to order 2 extra bags of bark. Cllr Chris Wright to action.

The Clerk had received a reminder for the annual Rospa safety inspection. The Parish Council agreed to go on an automatic inspection schedule offered by the company.

5/18/13 Village Maintenance

A resident brought up the matter of a silver birch planted in Combewell that has died. Cllr Mike Patrick agreed to arrange for the tree to be cut down and removed. Cllr Chris Wright suggested the residents plant a tree they would like in the spot.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the contractors who repaired part of Oxford Road left a wheelbarrow in the ditch. Cllr Richard Betteridge gave the name of the contractor to re-home the barrow.

5/18/14 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the speed device was still in Southend and had been turned around.

5/18/15 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

5/18/16 New Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright noted that the Parish Council needed to wait for District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie’s response from the point raised above.

5/18/17 Neighbourhood Plan

A further meeting will be held on 27th May and minutes taken.

5/18/18 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

No update

5/18/19 Any Other Business

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that a heavy-duty hedge cutter would cost in the region of £650.00. Cllr Chris Wright suggested approaching County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale for a grant to use the item as a means of tidying up the village. Cllr Richard Betteridge will circulate information about the equipment. Clerk will email County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale

Meeting closed at 9.10pm