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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Paul Bolam, Matthew Dovey with L Stevenson in attendance.

6 Members of the public were present.

5/19/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Judy Westgate – holiday

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale – other meetings

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie – other commitments

5/19/2 Declarations of Interest

None

5/19/3 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

These were completed at or before the meeting and signed at the meeting and given to the Clerk.

5/19/4 Public Participation

A member of the public raised the issue of the sale of the Three Horseshoes pub. Cllr Chris Wright informed the meeting that the pub was registered as a community asset and the Parish Council had been notified of the sale. The Parish Council then has 6 months from the date of the notice to put together a community bid. There are a number of interested groups within the village who have had a couple of ad hoc meetings to which Cllr Chris Wright had been invited. One such group wished to arrange a public meeting around 6th June to gauge interest, support, to gather skills and to take this forward. The Parish Council is keen for this to be representative of the whole village. Contact details were given to the member of the public.

A member of the public also raised the issue of school traffic. Cllr Matthew Dovey agreed to share the traffic survey information and agreed to move the traffic monitoring sign to a suitable point outside the school. Cllr Chris Wright noted that the Parish Council shared his concerns. Another member of the public asked if the Parish Council could pursue a restrictive single yellow line which was agreed. Cllr Anne Eastwood wondered if the school could pursue having a Lollypop person now that the school was an academy.

5/19/5 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1st April 2019

These were agreed and signed.

5/19/6 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Chris Wright noted that a letter from the consultants had been received regarding planning application P/19/S0623/FUL - Cowley substation Blackberry Lane regarding mitigation. This had been circulated.

Cllr Chris Wright informed the meeting that County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale had agreed to arrange a traffic survey outside the school and also to renew the lines outside the school and outside the Village Hall following an accident on the bend.

Cllr Chris Wright also noted that he was pursing County Cllr Lyndsay-Gale regarding the planning conditions given to Greenwoods for their site.

5/19/7 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated.

5/19/8 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie sent the following statement

‘Having represented the four village communities in my Garsington Ward for the past 12 years on South Oxfordshire District Council, I am really heartened by the very strong support which the residents of these villages have given me this month by electing me again as their representative, and with such a good majority. The two main concerns of the residents in my ward have been to avoid the destruction of their village communities by the proposed building of large housing estates near them in the Green Belt, as set out in SODC’s Local Plan 2034, and to avoid the further destruction and dislocation of these village communities by having the proposed Oxford-Cambridge Expressway imposed upon a ten-mile-long swathe of South Oxfordshire countryside near them. I have undertaken to represent the views of the residents in the hope that these threats to our City and our communities in the Green Belt can be averted. Seven SODC Conservative Councillors voted against the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034 when it was put before the Full Council for approval in December 2018. It is perhaps significant that six of those Councillors, including me, have subsequently been disciplined by the Conservative Group in SODC which supports the Local Plan 2034 and all six of us have appealed against our penalties to the Conservative Association. I have been notified on Wednesday 8th May that my appeal has been rejected.

I now have no further alternative left but to resign from the Conservative Group in SODC and to continue to serve my constituents but as a District Councillor according to my own conscience as an Independent Conservative.’

5/19/9 Finance

Balances and cheques for signature

Barclays Current Account at end of April 2019 - £56,400.47

To note DD to Grundon of £49.78 and DD to SSE of £19.87

Receipts

£11,787.50 – first half precept

£170.00 – Newsletter advertising

£848.00 – burial fees to 31/3/19

£198.23 – grass cutting contribution from OCC

£2000.00 – grant for seating/gates from District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie

£4.00 – Wayleaves income from SSE for use of the cable over parish land

The following cheques were approved and signed

£779.61 – Zurich Municipal for insurance cover (the last year of the 3 year agreement)

£542.40 – BGG for grass cutting in April

£70.00 – Community First subscription

£488.80 – Clerk’s salary April

£82.64 – to reimburse Clerk for printer and stationery items

5/18/10 Planning

P19/S1298/HH – 1 Sadler’s Croft – demolition of existing porch and a single storey extension to garage and kitchen.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

P19/S0577/O – 2 Pine Close – amendment received to reduce development to one property on the site. This was circulated round. The Parish Council agreed to uphold their objection as still overdevelopment of the site.

P19/S0308/FUL – conversion of Scenery Barn to provide new unit of staff accommodation – Garsington Manor. The Parish Council had objected to this on grounds of overdevelopment, increased traffic, limited vision splay and pedestrian safety. Following discussion with the Planning Officer, the Parish Council agreed to remove their objection on Highways grounds.

To note Amendment dated 8th May to P19/S0936/HH – 119 Wheatley Road – for information only.

To note planning appeal on Plot 9 Kiln Lane, under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under section 78. APP/Q3115/W/183209624. The Parish Council agreed to spend between £750.00 and £800.00 on legal representation.

5/19/11 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received a letter from SODC re notice of disposal of a community asset (pub).

As previously discussed, there is interest within the village community to make a community bid. The Parish Council agreed formally that it would be putting in a bid for the community asset and asked the Clerk to write to SODC and also ask for an acknowledgment of the letter.

The Clerk had received a letter from Oxford Greenbelt Network for £15.00 subscription for the coming year. It was agreed to renew the subscription.

The Clerk had received a letter from CPRE to renew their subscription for the coming year of £36.00. It was agreed to renew the subscription.

The Clerk reminded everyone that an extra bin load of garden rubbish could be put out w/c 20th May for those who are part of the paid-for service.

5/19/12 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that there had been some vandalism on the fencing on the far side which he had repaired and now was again vandalised. Cllr Paul Bolam agreed to repair this again. The ROSPA survey would be done in July and there was an outstanding metal repair to the slide. A member of the public was able to give the contact details of a metal fabricator.

Cllr Paul Bolam also stated that extra bark would be needed for the playground before the inspection. It was agreed to order 2 bags of bark from the previous supplier. Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked about the replacement picnic table. Cllr Richard Betteridge stated that part of the £2,000 grant would be used to buy a heavy duty recycled plastic table for around £550.00. This was agreed.

5/19/13 Village Maintenance

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that at the end of Kiln Lane there was a manhole where the surround was falling apart. Clerk will send contact details of Highways Inspector to Cllr Paul Bolam.

Cllr Anne Eastwood noted that the graffiti was still visible on the bus stop by the Village Hall and suggested painting the inside. Clerk to investigate and buy suitable paint.

5/19/14 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Cllr Matthew Dovey stated there was nothing further to report.

5/19/15 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported some minor changes to the bus timetable which would go into the next Newsletter.

5/19/16 Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright has received a report from the landscape gardener and will circulate this ready for the next meeting.

5/19/17 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Chris Wright reported that the writing of the plan was reaching a critical stage, which should be completed during the summer.

5/19/18 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

Nothing to report.

5/19/19 Any Other Business

Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that the map stand was now complete and being used and thanked Cllr Richard Betteridge and former Cllr Ian Dickinson for their work.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm