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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held as a virtual meeting on Monday 4th May 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.

1 member of the public was present, representations had also been asked for by letter or email

5/20/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale

5/20/2 Declarations of Interest

None

5/20/3 Public Participation

Cllr Chris Wright welcomed the first ‘virtual’ member of the public to ‘Public participation’

The resident stated that letters regarding the planning application for Plot 7/8 Kiln Lane had been sent to some residents. The Parish Council suggested that residents submit their comments as soon as they can.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed that the planning officers were in dialogue with SODC regarding site visits during the pandemic.

5/20/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 26th April 2020

These were agreed.

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

Cllr Anne Eastwood complimented BGG for their helpful attitude when cutting Parsler’s Piece.

5/20/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated

5/20/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the 2034 Local Plan was going ahead.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that councillors had been asked by the Leader not to have direct dialogue with officers and vice versa.

5/20/8 Finance

Draft accounts for 2019/2020 had been circulated

Cllr Chris Wright raised the matter of the audit of income from burials. Cllr Richard Betteridge is due to meet with the Church warden and will ask to see the register. Clerk will provide figures of income.

Cllr Paul Bolam asked about the increase in ‘general administration’. Clerk explained that the increase was represented by significant payments for legal advice and payments to cover the costs associated with the village bid for the pub.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of April - £69,869.98

To note DD to Grundon of - £73.21

DD to SSE of £28.92

Receipts – £6,314.30 – CIL share from SODC

£200.00 cheque from Crazy Bear for Newsletter advertising (Clerk unable to pay into the bank as shut due to Covid-19)

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£769.50 – Colourplus for Newsletter printing April/May

£36.00 – CPRE for subs

£516.10 - Clerk’s salary April

£14.39 – to reimburse Clerk for Zoom fee

Cllr Judy Westgate will set up the payments and authorise and Cllr Chris Wright will authorise them as well.

Cllr Chris Wright made a suggestion to ask John Brearley for an indication of his costs for the further planning advice that has been given. This was agreed.

5/20/9 Planning

P20/S1171/DIS – discharge of condition 4 contaminated land – Land to West of Chiselhampton Hill

The Parish Council noted this.

P19/S4253/FUL – Kiln Lane Plot 7/8 – the use of land as a Travellers caravan site consisting of a mobile home, an amenity block, two touring caravans and associated works.

The Parish Council agreed to send a statement in final form once received from Planning Advisor.

P20/S1369/RM – 2 Pine Close – reserved matters application.

The Parish Council noted this.

5/20/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email (previously circulated) from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind asking for financial help. As the association was supporting 13 residents in the parish, Cllr Chris Wright suggested that Garsington Good Neighbours who had received some money from SODC might like to support. This was agreed. Clerk will send details on the Garsington Good Neighbours.

5/20/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that all was fine at the Play area and defibrillators had been checked.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that he had passed the key to the gate back to the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club (he now has 2). Cllr Mike Patrick will ask the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club to return one key, to be given to Cllr Paul Bolam.

Cllr Mike Patrick agreed to check the grass cutting programme with the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club.

5/20/12 Village Maintenance

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the flooding problem at Denton Lane junction had not been solved.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that letters had been given to residents regarding the proposed works concerning the Denton Lane/North Manor verges.

Cllr Richard Betteridge stated that he was pursuing grant funding from District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie to spend on creating a small orchard area at Parsler’s Piece.

5/20/13 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the bus company was running a Saturday service timetable with an additional early morning bus. The busses were often empty, although some workers relied upon the service.

5/20/14 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Chris Wright reported that the NDP group had met and provided responses to all questions from SODC. A further meeting of the NDP group was needed to approve a draft to bring to the next Parish Council meeting. The approved Plan will then go back to SODC.

5/20/15 Burial Ground

Regarding the grave spoil mess left by gravediggers, Cllr Paul Bolam had sent round the document with comments to the Churchwardens, this will then go to the Church Administrator. Clerk will provide contact details to Cllr Paul Bolam.

If the document is satisfactory, Cllr Paul Bolam will ask the Church Administrator to send on to Funeral Directors.

5/20/16 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway/Northfield Update

Regarding Northfield, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the Sec of State Robert Jenrick had said that the Local Plan had to be through by December and there would possibly be and Examination in Public (EIP) virtually, but notice would be given.

Cllr Chris Wright stated that it would be prudent to not engage a Barrister until there was a firm date for the EIP. This was agreed.

5/20//17 Any Other Business

None

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 1st June at 7.30pm using Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.27pm