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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 9th May 2022 following the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Matthew Dovey, Richard Betteridge, Judy Westgate, Claire Green, Paul Bolam, County Cllr Robin Bennett, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

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

5/22/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Wright again stated that he had received the resignation of Cllr Mike Patrick

None received

5/22/2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest.

5/22/3 Public Participation

A resident enquired about any preparations needed by the resident’s group for the forthcoming planning enquiry for Kiln Lane. Cllr Chris Wright urged people to attend the days of the hearing

A resident brought up the matter of the road condition in Southend including the safety aspect. Cllr Richard Betteridge informed the resident that the Parish Council had received an email that day from County Highways copied to County Cllr Robin Bennet to confirm that the road works are programmed for the beginning of June-August this year. Cllr Matthew Dovey added that the ‘Fix My Street’ website would be upgraded by the County and will, in time, indicate what action is to be taken over an issue reported.

Regarding public safety, Cllr Chris Wright felt that this would be a good point to raise with our County Cllr.

5/22/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th April 2022

Minutes were agreed and signed

5/22/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the football net at Parsler’s Piece had been moved.

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked about the litter bin survey. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to follow this up with the officer involved

Clerk reported that they had contacted the electrical supplier regarding the cable shrouding in Southend, but had not received a response.

Cllr Matthew Dovey stated that he had researched costs for secure storage of documents – around £100.00pcm. Cllr Richard Betteridge offered to ask other local village organisations if they had documents to store and report back in June. Clerk stated that approx. 1m3 would be needed for new parish council documents.

Cllr Chris Wright had received a response from the Diocese regarding the consecration of the burial ground and had answered all questions asked, but had received no further response.

5/22/6 County Councillor’s Report – previously circulated

Regarding works undertaken by Highways, Cllr Chris Wright stated that an understanding of the prioritisation of works would be very helpful to the Parish Council.

Regarding the 20MPH speed limit in the village, Cllr Ian Ashley had received an email from the County Council to inform the Parish Council that the village has been placed on a waiting list for this to be actioned. There was also information about the proposed turning off of streetlights during the hours of darkness with details of how to progress this matter. Cllr Ian Ashley will circulate the email.

Regarding the road condition of Southend County Cllr Robin Bennett stated that the road was programmed in for works between June and August. Cllr Richard Betteridge asked for a site meeting to help to progress these works. Cllr Chris Wright and Cllr Anne Eastwood underlined the safety concerns of the current treacherous road condition. County Cllr Robin Bennet agreed to arrange a meeting.

Regarding the trees in Combewell, County Cllr Robin Bennet had contacted the Tree Officer and was informed that the trees would form part of a separate bigger piece of work. Cllr Ian Ashley stated that it would be helpful for residents to know when the work might be undertaken.

Cllr Chris Wright raised the concerns about how works that are prioritised and undertaken in the village with some works happening that the Parish Council were unaware of – the path works on Wheatley Road – and other works not being programmed that have been asked for. There appears to be a lack of consistency and transparency between the County priorities and the Parish Council priorities. County Cllr Robin Bennet stated that he had asked that question of Highways.

5/22/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to follow up the matter of the bin survey

5/22/8 Finance.

The budget monitoring report had previously been circulated

Bank reconciliation to end of March 2022 was reviewed and signed

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of April - £90,784.40

To note DD to Grundon of £74.86

Receipts

£12,000.00 – 1st half year precept

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£963.30 – BGG for grass cutting March

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£785.74 – Zurich for insurance premium 2022-2023 (agreement ends 1/6/2025)

£550.00 – Parchment prints (Artisan Litho Ltd) for NDP plan printing

£475.00 – Parchment Prints (Artisan Litho Ltd) for Newsletter printing April/May

£15.00 – Oxford Greenbelt Network annual subs

£631.55 – Clerk’s salary April

£224.46 – BGM salary April

£19.80 – HMRC PAYE

£27.93 – to reimburse Clerk for printing ink

All payments signed and agreed by Cllrs Judy Westgate and Paul Bolam

Following the resignation of Cllr Mike Patrick, it was agreed that the Parish Council should set apart and amount of £200.00 per annum as a Chair’s Allowance to be used by the Chair at their discretion, but with no requirement to spend by year end.

5/22/9 Planning

P22/S0346/DIS – 9 Kiln Lane discharge of conditions 10 and 13

This was noted by the Parish Council

P22/S0937/HH and P22/S0935/LB – Glebe Cottage 2 Southend – amendment number 1 received by SODC 21/4/2022 – change of stairs in annex

This was noted by the Parish Council

P22/S1541/FUL – Solar Farm at Ninevah Farm – planning variation discrepancy between 35 and 40 years in documentation

This was noted by the Parish Council

5/22/10 Northfield development

Cllr Chris Wright stated that there had been no contact from the agent. Cllr Ian Ashley requested to see the test results for phosphates etc from English Nature and also requested that District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie raised the motion formally to all Council to require the physical upgrading of the sewerage system a condition before any planning permission granted. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to action these requests.

5/22/11 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that there had been 110 hits on the on-line plan to date.

Consultation runs until the 25/5/2022

5/22/12 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email from the Vicar regarding Operation London Bridge. The Vicar is happy to have a condolence book in the church. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to fund half of the cost. Clerk will contact the Vicar.

The Clerk had received an email from OALC asking if the Parish Council would be interested in the installation of EV charging points with a survey to complete by the end of May. Cllr Matthew Dovey offered to respond

The Clerk had received an email announcing the St Mary’s Songs of Praise on Friday 3rd June at 6pm and would the Parish Council like to choose a hymn and a reserve hymn for this occasion. The Parish Council agreed to let the PCC choose the hymns.

The Clerk had received an email from John Howell MP to say he had been thinking about the issue of virtual meetings and had sent a link regarding this. Cllr Matthew Dovey agreed to look at this.

The Clerk had received an email from the waste team offering tours of the food waste processing facility at Wallingford and the energy recovery facility at Ardley (previously circulated). Anyone interested to inform the Clerk

The Clerk had received another email from the waste team asking if the Parish Council would like to participate in the Litter Bugs Detective Trail. The Parish Council agreed not to participate

The Clerk had received an email from the National Grid Community Relations Team regarding a community grant programme aimed at community organisations and charities. Cllr Paul Bolam offered to look into this

The Chair had resolved a query from a parishioner regarding the burial ground.

Cllr Judy Westgate had received a request via the website to site a chalk board on the highway by the War memorial to advertise the pub. This was agreed. Cllr Judy Westgate will respond

5/22/13 Playground Sports & Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam stated that a group of volunteers had come forward to help repaint some of the rusty metalwork on some of the play area equipment. Cllr Paul Bolam also stated that he would repair the latch on the gate to the play area.

Cllr Claire Green stated that following a meeting to organise the Jubilee Celebrations, there had been a request for the Parish Council to subsidise the BBQ. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to funding of £450.00

5/22/14 Village Maintenance

Nothing to report

5/22/15 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

5/22/16 Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright stated that the Burial Ground Manager would be leaving the village and would no longer undertake the duties of the Burial Ground Manager. They have sent in a resignation notice ending on 8th June

5/22/17 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/Joint Local Plan 2041

Nothing to report

5/22/18 Any Other Business

Cllr Chris Wright referred back to the Annual Parish Meeting and points raised – to use the OALC guidelines (Clerk will circulate) for filling a casual vacancy on the Parish Council; the website to have a note on it to say that minutes of each meeting would be posted onto the website following their approval; any further meetings with the MP should be open to all and the NDP declaration and to consider the ‘no confidence’ motion in SODC put forward at the Annual Parish Meeting by a resident.

On the matter of the no confidence in SODC issue, following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed that just a single vote of no confidence would not cover all concerns and the Parish Council wished to go forward with more focussed action to try and resolve issues with our District Cllr over the next few months.

The rest of these matters to be considered at the next meeting

Cllr Paul Bolam raised the issue of a gift for the retiring Cllr Mike Patrick, it was agreed to ask relatives for suitable ideas.

Cllr Ian Ashley thanked Cllr Chris Wright for all his work on the Kiln Lane Appeal

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th June 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting closed at 9.30pm