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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, County Cllr Robin Bennett, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

No members of the public were present, representations had been asked for by letter or email

11/21/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Paul Bolam and Matthew Dovey

11/21/2 Declarations of Interest

None

11/21/3 Public Participation

None

11/21/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th October 2021

These were agreed and signed

11/21/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Mike Patrick asked about the court cases against Greenwoods. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that the County Council were pursuing these. To avoid confusion, Cllr Chris Wright offered to ascertain the progress of these cases and find out which authority was pursuing each case and will circulate that information.

On the matter of dead and dying trees along the field edge on Wheatley Road, the resident had reported on ‘Fix My Street’. Cllr Chris Wright offered to look at the trees to see who might be responsible for them.

On the matter of dog bins, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie offered to request 3 litter bins with posts for the village to be delivered to the Clerk. This was agreed, when these are received, Clerk will request remaining 2 dog bins are removed.

Cllr Richard Betteridge had circulated drawings of the two proposed road narrowing and the pavement at Pettiwell for comment, funding should be available from April 2022

11/21/6 County Councillor’s Report - circulated

County Cllr Robin Bennet informed the meeting that the 20MPH proposals had been passed. Clerk will look at the process of applying for the whole village and circulate information

County Cllr Robin Bennett confirmed that works requested at Combewell were on the list to be done, but was unable to say when. Clerk will inform the resident

County Cllr Robin Bennett confirmed that the road narrowing works in Wheatley Road were part of a project with County Highways

Cllr Richard Betteridge asked County Cllr Robin Bennett if streetlights could be turned off overnight to save energy, this is something the County and District would support. Following a discussion, it was agreed to put a proposal into the newsletter to turn off streetlights between 1am and 5am.

Cllr Richard Betteridge asked if a County Highways timetable of works could be shared with the Parish Council to ensure that the focus of work is on village priorities to ensure efficiency. County Cllr Robin Bennett agreed to feed this into the community engagement group.

The matter of the road condition in Southend was raised again with County Cllr Robin Bennett. Clerk will advise the resident to report this on ‘Fix My Street’

Cllr Anne Eastwood raised the matter of the fallen tree and other trees alongside the parking area at Elm Drive shops which are now causing concern. Cllr Chris Wright offered to view the trees.

11/21/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to circulate the minutes following the meeting with Brasenose. Cllrs Ian Ashley and Richard Betteridge stated that the three important aspects to focus on to begin with were the woodland area, upgraded sewerage provision and flood defence works.

Following a meeting with the owner, the restaurant contractor and planning officers regarding the Three Horseshoes, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed that the stables building was within the curtilage of the pub.

11/21/8 Finance.

The budget monitoring report had been circulated

The draft budget figures for 2022/2023 were discussed and revised, Clerk will circulate an updated version for further review to enable the budget to be set at the next meeting in December.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of October - £90,832.66

To note DD to Grundon of £55.60

Receipts

CIL - £5,124.60

Wayleaves - £2.00

Burial fees - £144.00

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£234.00 – Banbury Turf for playbark

£400.00 – AJ Young (Oxford) Ltd for scarifying, seeding in burial ground

£135.43 – to reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for expenses for timber, paint, wood – village maintenance

£87.00 – to reimburse Cllr Anne Eastwood for wildflower seeds for Parsler’s Piece

£551.63 – Clerk’s salary October

£220.65 – Burial Ground Manager salary October

Clerk confirmed the invoice from BGG for August grass cutting was cancelled

All payments signed and agreed by Cllrs Anne Eastwood and Chris Wright.

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

11/21/9 Planning

P21/S4260/LDP – 147 Oxford Road – demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of new single storey rear extension

The Parish Council had no objections to this application

11/21/10 Northfield

Cllr Chris Wright reiterated that minutes of the meeting with Chelgate/L&Q/Brasenose would be circulated. In addition, one item agreed at the meeting was to have regular meetings and to invite representative groups from the village. Clerk to draft an invitation to village groups to participate in the consultation process. Clerk will use information from the Newsletter.

Cllr Chris Wright will also add this information in the next Newsletter.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to highlight what facilities might be offered within the new development and to ask developer to consider reducing the carbon impact of the development at the next meeting

11/21/11 Neighbourhood Development Plan

This had been circulated. Following a discussion, the NDP was approved, but it was not unanimous with one councillor being over ruled

Following a discussion, it was agreed to put forward the field below the church and the field in Southend as having ‘Green Value’ Both fields have a network of paths running through them and are heavily used by walkers.

Cllr Ian Ashley requested that the selection criteria be amended to say ‘Brownfield sites first not Greenfield’. It was agreed to amend.

The NDP will now go back to SODC with these amendments.

11/21/12 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Regarding the Picasso Peace sculpture, the Clerk had circulated the latest drawings. Clerk will ask for the location of the sculpture to be moved away from the footpath and then ask for the application to be submitted.

The Clerk had received an email from a resident of Wheatley Road to ask for the hidden dip signs to be replaced. Cllr Ian Ashley had spoken with a Highways Officer who agreed to visit the site. Clerk will contact the resident.

Clerk had received an email from a resident to ask what could be done about the heavy lorries going through the village. Clerk had given details of the reporting page on SODC website which is listed in the Newsletter.

Clerk had received an email from Cleanslate asking for funding. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed not to offer any funding.

11/21/13 Playground Sports & Social Club

Nothing to report

11/21/14 Village Maintenance

The Clerk stated that the grass cutting contract was due for renewal in 2022. Cllr Richard Betteridge will review the tender documents and the map.

The Sports & Social Club had requested funding towards a sit-on mower to help with grass cutting. The Parish Council agreed not to offer funding at present.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that extra fencing was to be put in at the playground as a temporary measure.

11/21/15 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

11/21/16 Burial Ground

The Burial Ground Manager had issued an income report up to the end of October, previously circulated.

11/21/17 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/Joint Local Plan 2041

11/21/16 Any Other Business

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 6th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.45pm