**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, Judy Westgate, Paul Bolam, Richard Betteridge, Ian Dickinson, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, with L Stevenson in attendance.

6 Members of the public were present.

10/17/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Matthew Dovey – work commitments

10/17/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Paul Bolam – Planning item P17/S3281/FUL

10/17/3 Public Participation

A resident raised the matter of the poor standard of grass cutting in the play area and the burial ground and that half a dozen sheep could make a better job. The Chairman agreed it was unsightly and disrespectful. The resident also commented on the state of the aerial runway in the memorial playground. Cllr Paul Bolam stated that quotes were being sought for replacement of the bark under the runway. Another resident commented that in Combewell the grass was collected, but in their opinion the cut was not short enough. Clerk to check the wording of the contract for grass collection and review the contract. Clerk to contact the company.

The resident also raised the matter of the lack of road sweeping, gully emptying and weedkilling around the village. Another resident was able to say that this service had been cut back but they had in the past requested that an area was cleared. They suggested that the Parish Council could request certain areas for clearing each year (see item 10/17/6 below.)

Suggestions for road sweeping were offered by residents of Wheatley Road, The Gizzel and Oxford Road. Cllr Chris Wright stated that SODC should be asked to road sweep throughout the village.

Another resident raised the weeds putting kerbstones under pressure which could be a problem in the future.

The resident also raised the matter of an abandoned vehicle in Pettiwell. They had contacted the Police who were unable to issue a ticket as the car was not registered and it was then a district council matter.

A resident raised the matter of the planning application for number 8 Kiln Lane. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie informed the meeting that this application was due to go to Planning Committee on 18th October at the earliest, but more likely to the meeting on 9th November. A resident pointed out that this planning had expired 13 months previously.

Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie went on to say that due process was being followed.

Regarding plot 12, Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie informed the meeting that the Enforcement Officer was working with the applicant regarding the planning conditions although these had not yet been discharged.

10/17/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th September 2017

The minutes were agreed and signed.

10/17/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked if the speed indicator was working. Cllr Richard Betteridge will speak to Cllr Matthew Dovey about this.

Item 9/17/5 - Cllr Mike Patrick informed the meeting that the Village Hall Management Committee would be putting in a planning application soon for solar panels on the roof of the Village Hall.

Item 9/17/5 – Cllr Mike Patrick stated that there had been nothing done to repair Oxford Road apart from one pothole. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that 3 potholes had been mended, others marked but the water had washed away the markings. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated that Keith Stenning and the Area Drainage Team would visit in the week and will inform the Cllrs Anne Eastwood and Richard Betteridge of the date.

Item 9/17/5- Cllr Mike Patrick raised the matter of the Elm Drive ramp. Cllr Richard Betteridge was looking into ways of raising money towards this project. Cllr Judy Westgate had attended a grants workshop and explored the possibility of funding as the hairdressers served a part of the elderly community. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie informed the meeting that there may be a possibility of some funding from capital grants and will pass the information to Cllr Richard Betteridge.

Item 9/17/3 Vibration – Following concerns raised at the last Parish Council meeting, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to investigate the previous vibration recordings. Clerk to send details of the 3 who left email addresses at the previous Parish Council meeting to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale.

10/17/6 County Councillor’s Report

This had previously been circulated. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to make a bid for money towards general road weedkilling around the village in the Spring. Cllr Mike Patrick also raised the matter of the footpath near Combewell which is now overgrown.

10/17/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie responded to matters raised during the meeting.

Cllr Mike Patrick asked about grants for young people involved in non-sponsored sports. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie suggested asking the Stonepit Trust.

10/17/8 Finance

The Clerk had received the notification of conclusion of audit for the year ending 31st March 2017 from the external auditors. This has been displayed on Parish Noticeboards. The Parish was notified of their new external auditor for 2017 – 2022 (Moore Stephens).

Balances and cheques for signature –

Barclays Current Account at end of August 2017 - £29,986.09

To note DD payment to Grundon for £46.14

Receipts – The 2nd half precept of £11,330.00 and District Cllr Grant of £1980.00 were received. Also, cheques for advertising in the Newsletter of £720.00.

The following cheques were approved and signed

£240.00 – BDO external auditor services

£51.00 – for Village Hall hire July-September

£465.40 – Clerk’s salary September

£471.22 – BGG for grass cutting in August

£879.48 – Colourplus for printing October/November Newsletter

£471.22 – BGG grasscutting September – this cheque was not signed as complaints had again been received about the burial ground clippings left strewn on graves. Clerk to contact the company again and check the contract re grass collection after cutting.

10/17/9 Planning

P17/S3281/FUL – Great Leys Farm, Lower Road, Garsington – Alteration and extension to existing residential curtilage outbuilding to provide separate dwellings. New access from existing driveway. Cllr Chris Wright notes that there was a holding objection on the website from Highways.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

P17/S3225/FUL – Land to the West of Chiselhampton Hill, Garsington – Redevelopment of existing builder’s yard to provide 1 residential dwelling, provision of associated private garden, courtyard, parking, landscaping and other ancillary works.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council came to the decision to object to this application as the application was in the greenbelt, not infill and the application would not make a material impact on the shortfall of supply of housing.

P17/S3408/HH – 15 Southend Garsington – detached oak framed garage.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

10/17/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email from Cleanslate Victim Support asking for a donation of £100.00 which had been circulated. The Clerk contacted the organisation for further information and was informed that over the previous 3 years, 3 clients from the local area had received support. The Parish Council decided not to make a donation.

The Clerk had received a thank you letter from Wheatley Park School following their receipt of the donation from the Parish Council along with an invitation to attend the prizegiving. The Parish Council declined to attend.

The Clerk had received an email from a resident concerning late night noise from the Kiln Farm Juggler’s convention in September. The Clerk to write to the organisation regarding noise levels.

The Clerk had received a letter from Be Free Young Carers (formerly South and Vale Young Carers), requesting a donation. The Clerk asked for further details and was informed that currently the organisation had no young carers registered in Garsington, which may not be representative as this group does not readily come forward. The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £100.00 towards the work of this organisation.

The Clerk had received an invitation from the Expressway Action Group inviting 2 representatives from the Parish Council to a meeting in Cuddesdon Village Hall on 10th October. Cllrs Chris Wright and Anne Eastwood to attend.

The Clerk had received an email from Indo lighting about upgrading inefficient street lighting to LED. As the Parish Council does not pay for street lighting, agreed the Clerk to send the information onto County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale.

10/17/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam agreed that the grass was a mess and reported that no further quotes had been received for weeding and replacing the bark on the aerial runway. Cllr Ian Dickinson asked if tree cutting bark waste could be used. Cllr Paul Bolam to check with RoSPA if this is a possibility.

Cllr Mike Patrick raised the matter of hedge cutting in the children’s playground and along Denton Lane. Agreed that Cllr Mike Patrick would ask the President of the Sports & Social Club to arrange the hedge cutting and the Parish Council would pay as in the past.

10/17/12 Village Maintenance

Old wall behind Old Stone Cross – The Clerk reported that written consent from the Secretary of State had now been received and work could proceed. The Clerk had sent the letter with the further restrictions onto Cllr Paul Bolam. Cllr Chris Wright had been in contact with a contractor to move the wall, their main concern was over the Leylandii trees nearby. Cllr Paul Bolam reminded the meeting that the planning permission was to remove the wall. Cllr Chris Wright summed up that there were some technical aspects to consider – what to do with the stone spoil, the portion of the wall retained for the electric box, the difference in levels each side of the wall and the finishing off.

Cllr Paul Bolam will pursue this matter.

Parsler’s Piece – the contractor had been reminded to do a full cut. The Clerk noted that the contractor offered to weed kill the brambles free of charge in September and would recommend a weedkilling programme beginning next year.

Cllr Anne Eastwood had received an email regarding overgrown hedges along Southend. Clerk to write to residents to ask them to cut back along the footpath.

10/17/13 Policing/Speed Monitoring

No report received.

10/17/14 Emergency Planning

The Clerk had received a letter from Oxfordshire County Council Emergency Planning Unit about available workshops for community emergency planning along with a survey to complete. The Parish Council decided not to attend the workshop.

10/17/15 Village Bus Service

Cllrs Mike Patrick and Matthew Dovey to attend a meeting with 5 parishes and the Bus Company on 11th October.

10/17/16 Burial Ground

Cllr Anne Eastwood noted that a question had previously been asked about whether putting up a fence satisfies the planning condition enough to keep the permission live.

Cllr Mike Patrick suggested that the grass cutting in the burial ground might be done by the team who volunteer in the churchyard, or maybe ask through the Newsletter. Cllr Chris Wright volunteered to ask the PCC to cut the grass in return for a donation to the church.

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked about progress on the badger protection. Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the pins and mesh had been ordered and there would be a working party to install this on 13th October. Cllr Chris Wright noted that the licence to interfere with the sett had been followed and all work allowed had been done.

10/17/17 Neighbourhood Plans

The Clerk reported there was no further contact from Ricardo. Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that Ricardo Rios of SODC should send a form for the Parish Council to complete for funding. Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to set up a meeting with the Neighbourhood Planning team. Cllr Chris Wright and the Clerk to attend.

10/17/18 Any Other Business

Cllr Anne Eastwood raised the matter of the Parish Council being one Cllr short.

The Clerk requested all Parish Councillors to put forward costs and details of any projects for the next financial year.

Cllr Mike Patrick informed the Parish Council of the Village Hall AGM on Monday 23rd October.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm