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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 4th October 2021 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Paul Bolam, Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Judy Westgate, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

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

10/21/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Robin Bennett, Cllr Matthew Dovey

10/21/2 Declarations of Interest

None

10/21/3 Public Participation

A resident thanked the Parish Council and especially Cllr Richard Betteridge for arranging the relaying of the pavement on Oxford Road Hill.

10/21/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th September 2021

These were agreed and signed

10/21/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Paul Bolam will send details of the stiles that need repairing to Cllr Richard Betteridge

Cllr Richard Betteridge asked about the resurfacing of Kiln Lane. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that this would be a civil matter.

Cllr Chris Wright reported that there had been one response to his request for ideas for to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee and that was to plant 75 trees in the parish to represent 75 years of service.

10/21/6 County Councillor’s Report - circulated

County Cllr Robin Bennett will attend every other meeting of the Parish Council.

Clerk will contact County Cllr Robin Bennet to pursue the hedge cutting on the path parallel to Oxford Road/Combewell.

10/21/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie informed the meeting that there would be election of a new leader of SODC by the end of the week.

Cllr Ian Ashley asked about the court case against the landowner of the Greenwoods site. Cllr Chris Wright stated that there was also a case against the tenants of Mr Yasseen. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to find out the current situation. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that there were 4 oil drums in Pettiwell left in the area and the ditch was blocked. Cllr Richard Betteridge confirmed that the oil drums were being removed. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will investigate as this is a matter for SODC.

10/21/8 Finance.

The budget monitoring report had been circulated

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor Report and Certificate and Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been received and circulated. The Parish Council discussed the report and noted the contents. Clerk will arrange for the Notice of Conclusion to be posted on the website.

The Clerk had circulated a bank reconciliation to 31st August which was received and signed.

The Clerk asked if there were any amendments to the Register of Interests held by SODC. Cllr Ian Ashley will send an amendment to SODC and copy to the Clerk.

The Clerk’s salary was due for review and the Clerk could report that there had been no national agreement finalised. Cllr Chris Wright will pursue this matter of a salary review with the rest of the Parish Council and then contact the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that a notice had been received from the Village Hall Committee to inform the Parish Council that they would not be charged for hire of the Hall for Parish Council meetings for one year from October. The Parish Council thanked the Village Hall Committee.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of September - £93,388.14

To note DD to Grundon of £52.31

Receipts

Second half precept - £11,964.31

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£5,000.00 – JSB Planning Law

£600.00 – Garsington Sports Club for grass cutting 1/6/2021-31/8/2021 (15 cuts top and 8 in playground)

£475.00 – Parchment Prints (Artisan Litho) for Newsletter Oct/Nov

£360.00 – Moore for External Audit services

£115.80 – Playsafety for RosPA report

£542.40 – BGG for grass cutting September – Clerk noted that August invoice had been cancelled)

£551.63 – Clerk’s salary September

£220.65 – Burial Ground Manager salary September

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

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

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked if she could have funding for more wildflower seeds for Parsler’s Piece for approx. £80.00. This was agreed.

10/21/9 Planning

P21/S3921/LB – 16/18 Oxford Road – repair of wall.

Garsington Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P21/S3991/LDP – 116 Wheatley Road -certificate of lawful development for erection of an outbuilding

Garsington Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P21/S1551/FUL – The Three Horseshoes, The Green – planning amendment re ancillary building.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council stated that their original objections still stand and would echo the Environmental Officer’s concerns around sound.

P21/S1096/FUL – The Three Horseshoes, The Green – planning amendment 2 re accommodation.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council stated that their original objections still stand.

P20/S4360/FUL – Land SW of Cowley Substation – planning amendment.

The Parish Council had no comments to add to the application

Clerk had received a hedgerow removal notice (2) for Blackberry Lane – to carry out overhead work, hedgerow to be reinstated. This was noted.

10/21/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Regarding the Picasso Peace sculpture, the Clerk had circulated the latest drawings. The Parish Council thanked Tony Wyer for his help in this matter. Cllr Chris Wright asked all to look at the drawings and send any comments to the Clerk.

Clerk informed the meeting that the Catch Up meeting with John Howell was to be held on 15th October at 2pm. Clerk will find out if members of the public can attend.

Clerk had received a phone call from a resident to report dead/dying trees along part of Wheatley Road by gap opposite Tadpole Lane. The resident had reported on Fix My Street.

The Clerk had received an invitation for councillors to attend an OCC workshop on the 9 priorities of the County Council.

A resident had sent an email to suggest holding a public meeting in the village to establish a new community government framework (Garsington Magna Carta) and inviting all of the community to attend and seeks the view of the Parish Council. Following a discussion, the Parish Council had no objections to such a meeting.

10/21/11 Playground Sports & Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that there were several minor issues to address following the receipt of the Rospa report (prev circulated). Cllr Paul Bolam will attend to all the minor issues. The swing seat was cited again in the report and the manufacturer had previously stated that it did meet all safety requirements. Cllr Paul Bolam will contact the manufacturer again to confirm this is the case and will also contact Playsafety who performed the Rospa survey to inform them of this.

Regarding the parking of vehicles on the top part of the field and the difficulties that had recently arisen, the Parish Council welcomed the presence of the Chairman of the Sports and Social Club to the meeting. The large gate installed at the top of the field in 2000 had planning permission for access of grass cutting equipment and maintenance vehicles, not access for parking. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllrs Ian Ashley, Paul Bolam and Richard Betteridge would meet on site with the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club to look at options to consider and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

10/21/12 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. It was agreed to ask the new contractor to collect the grass where possible and to obtain tenders for more regular cutting at the same time as the regular cutting programme.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that he was still investigating how to improve disabled access to Parsler’s Piece.

Clerk had received a notice from SODC to inform the Parish Council of an increase in the dog bin collection charges from April 2022. The Parish Council has 2 dog bins. Following a discussion, it was agreed to defer the decision to remove the dog bins. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to contact the officer to see if the bins could be replaced with litter bins.

10/21/13 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

10/21/14 Burial Ground

The Burial Ground Manager had issued a report to the Parish Council. It was agreed to ask for a reconciliation between income received and services provided that would be available for audit purposes.

10/21/15 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/Northfield Update/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/NDP/Joint Local Plan 2041

Cllr Ian Ashley will respond to the Oxford-Cambridge Arc on behalf of the Parish Council

Cllr Chris Wright had responded to accept the invitation for a meeting with the representative of the developer of Northfield. Following a discussion, a resident expressed a wish to also attend such a meeting.

Cllr Ian Ashley had previously circulated a suggested response on behalf of the Parish Council to the consultation regarding the 2050 SODC Local Plan and the Joint Local Plan 2041. The response was agreed, Cllr Ian Ashley will submit.

Regarding the NDP, Cllr Chris Wright hoped to bring back to the next Parish Council meeting.

10/21/16 Any Other Business

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed that Kings Copse had a certificate of lawful development for 145 mobile homes on the site.

Cllr Paul Bolam asked about the metal frames next to the bus stop, Cllr Richard Betteridge confirmed that these would be used as road diversion signs for the imminent bridgeworks at Horspath.

Cllr Paul Bolam also stated that there would be 3 spare builders bags from the playground bark delivery. Cllr Richard Betteridge asked for these to come to the church shed for use by the Green Gym.

Cllr Ian Ashley reported that following a meeting at the primary school, funding for the 3 road projects (2 narrowing areas on Wheatley Road and the path extension on Pettiwell) could be linked together to secure CIL funding from both OCC and SODC. Cllr Richard Betteridge had circulated some drawings which all need to look at and comment on for the next meeting. Cllr Richard Betteridge will ask for pricing for all 3 projects.

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 1st November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.55pm