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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Richard Betteridge, Paul Bolam, Judy Westgate, Matthew Dovey, Claire Green District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, with L Stevenson in attendance.

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

10/22/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ian Ashley – unwell

County Cllr Robin Bennett

10/22/2 Declarations of Interest

none

10/22/3 Public Participation

None

10/22/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5th September 2022

These were altered agreed and signed

10/22/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Clerk confirmed that she had written to two prospective internal auditors to ask for details of their service

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the Volunteer Policy would be ready for the November meeting

Cllr Chris Wright reported that there was a draft letter for the Sports & Social Club ready to be sent

10/22/6 County Councillor’s Report

Report circulated

10/22/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that SODC had now moved to their temporary office in Abingdon.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie also reported that her personal grant for parishes would now be shared with Cuddesdon. Cllr Chris Wright thanked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie for all the grant payments made to Garsington

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the solar farm planning application to increase terms from 35-40 years had been turned down, and thanked the Parish Council for their support. CPRE wish to appeal the original decision to grant the solar farm

10/22/8 Finance.

Clerk reported that the External Auditor’s certificate for the annual return had been received. Two points were raised – the documents for some of the historic annual returns were not showing clearly on the website and there was a small rounding error in section 2 of the return showing a difference in the figure between that and the bank reconciliation. Clerk will address these points

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of September 2022 - £72,293.49

DD to Grundon of £62.77

Receipts

£12,000.00 – 2nd half year precept

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£520.00 – Artisan Litho Parchment Prints for Newsletter printing Oct/Nov

£360.00 – Moore for external audit services

£168.00 – Banbury Turf for 2 bags of play bark

£112.23 – BGM salary September

£12.70 – BGM expenses September

£631.35 – Clerk’s salary September

£30.00 – D Hopkins for contribution towards electricity for defibrillator

£39.80 – HMRC PAYE

£46.70 – reimburse Clerk for stationery

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

Cllr Judy Westgate will set up payments and Cllr Paul Bolam will authorise

10/22/9 – Planning

P22/S3392/HH – 5 Larch End – erection of single storey side extension

The Parish Council had no objections to this application

P22/S2591/HH – Hill Farm 18 The Green – new swimming pool and associated pool room within the rear garden – amendment received by SODC 16/9/2022

The Parish Council had previously discussed this application and objected to it on the grounds of overdevelopment of ancillary buildings within the conservation area. Following examination of the amended plans, the parish council was of the same opinion and added that 1. There is no explanation as to the changes in the amended application 2. The design statement (in supporting documentation) they refer to is the same as in the original application 3. Measurements on the drawings in the original application are in error

10/22/10 Northfield development

Nothing further at present

10/22/11 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to proceed with the current policies (5) – concerning views, local gap, housing mix, new housing, and biodiversity despite receiving the blow that the main element of the NDP, pursued and encouraged over 5 or 6 years, would not now be able to proceed. It was hoped that the family involved would contact the Parish Council to discuss the reasoning.

10/22/12 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email from a resident concerned over the speed of traffic along Denton Lane outside the 30MPH zone. Clerk will advise the resident to contact the PCSO and inform the resident of the proposed 20MPH limit which will be in force on roads around the village. This matter will be raised with County Cllr Robin Bennett at the next meeting.

The Clerk had received an invitation from Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice to their AGM on 18th October. The Parish Council decided not to attend, Clerk will write to the organisation.

Chair had received an email from a resident regarding the proposal to install some play equipment for adults at the memorial playing field. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to proceed with this purchase once the grant was secured and location and size was decided. Cllr Paul Bolam will respond to resident.

10/22/13 Playground Sports & Social Club

Regarding the repair needed on the cableway platform, Cllr Paul Bolam and Clerk have contacted Playdale to quote for the repair and received a quote (£3,112.90 inc VAT). The Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the repair.

The bark will be put down when the runway platform has been repaired

Cllr Paul Bolam reported on the findings of the RoSPA safety report (previously circulated). Cllr Richard Betteridge will look at some of the concerns highlighted by the report, in particular the corrosion on the tractor and the external gate and trip hazards.

10/22/14 Village Maintenance

Regarding the traffic calming and the decision deferred from the previous meeting. Discussions, meetings, emails, and correspondence had been entered into with concerned residents. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to go with the original plan. Cllr Chris Wright will write to the County Council to inform them of this decision which is still subject to the decision of the County Council and any observations from Thames Valley Police.

Regarding the quote received for £200.00 for ash tree management at Parsler’s Piece, this was agreed as the tree in question overhangs the gateway. Cllr Anne Eastwood will contact the contractor.

Regarding the battery situation of the speed device, Cllr Matthew Dovey will obtain a quote for replacement to run on solar power

10/22/15 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the service was now more frequent than before on Sundays and bank holidays, despite some delayed or cancelled services reported on social media.

Cllr Matthew Dovey also offered to investigate EV charging points and suitable locations within the village, following a point raised by a member of the public

10/22/16 Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright reported that further information and clarification of drawings had been requested by the Diocese office, these have been sent.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that there had been a significant increase in dog soiling within the churchyard. Cllr Richard Betteridge offered to look at the gate catches leading to the burial ground as dogs can push the gate open. Cllr Chris Wright will write a piece in the next Newsletter to remind dog owners that dogs should be on a lead in the churchyard and burial ground.

It was agreed to purchase extra signs. Cllr Anne Eastwood offered to order signs regarding dogs

10/22/17 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/Joint Local Plan 2041/ City Local Plan 2040

Clerk reported that Cllr Ian Ashley had informed them that he will examine the 2040 Local Plan and circulate proposed views to all

10/22/18 Any Other Business

Cllr Chris Wright informed the meeting that a resident will contact the Parish Council regarding land use following the outcome of the Kiln Lane Inspector report.

Cllr Richard Betteridge stated that a new bin had been placed on a concrete pad at Tadpole Lane

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked about the grass cutting at Denton Lane junction. Clerk to send copies of the land registry documents to SOHA.

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked about the handrail for the Village Hall, this could be a project for next year

Cllr Paul Bolam asked if he was covered by the council insurance policy when cycling to perform Parish Council business. Clerk will contact the insurance company to clarify

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Next meeting 7th November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall