GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall

Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7.30pm.

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| **Members of the Parish Council In attendance:** | Cllr Chris Wright (Chair), Cllr Ian Ashley, Cllr Judith Westgate, Cllr Anne Eastwood, Cllr Adrian Townsend, Cllr Richard Betteridge, Cllr Matthew Dovey and Cllr Paul Bolam |
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| **Public attendance:** | 6 members of the public were present. |
| **Minutes:** | Elaine Small (Parish Clerk). |

# 10/23/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Robin Bennett, and Cllr Claire Green. Cllr Sam James-Lawrie (did not attend)

# 10/23/2 Declarations of Interest

Paul Bolam and Richard Betteridge

# 10/23/3 Public Participation

9 Kiln Lane – A question was asked about whether a planning inspector`s ruling is legally enforceable (answer is that it appears to be no different from other planning conditions)

41 Southend – verge eroding by buses/farm tractors – resident asking for advice on who is responsible for protecting this, possibly by bollards The resident has spoken to OCC but they are not committing to take this on. So the question was, who is able to help with the guarding of the verge and what can be done about it. Cllrs Wright and Betteridge, will look at this and form a view.

8 and 12 Kiln Lane - resident wanting to have a meeting with the Enforcement Team to clarify what is enforceable.

Foot path/cycle path from Garsington to Wheatley, a member of the public suggested it would be a good idea if school children could safely walk to school at Wheatley and asked whether the PC would support this. Cllr’s agreed to walk along the route to look into the width available and whether it might be feasible. In the event that the analysis was positive we would consider contacting Wheatley and Horspath councils.

Pub windows UPVC – a member of the public has noted that the pub has installed new windows and it is not in keeping with the rest of the road and is breaching regulations in a conservation area. More houses have followed in suit. Cllr Ashley will investigate what can be done.

School buses – replacement bus service with a subsidy has been confirmed by OCC for 12months, but if there was a drop in head count this could jeopardise the funding for the buses.

# 10/23/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th September 2023

Approved and signed by Cllr Chris Wright.

# 10/23/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Cllr Dovey reported on Speed Watch. The average speed on the Oxford Road was calculated as 24.1mph and 31.4 on the Wheatley Road. Southend not calculated as yet.

Signs on entering Garsington from Wheatley and Oxford Road were discussed. Cllr Betteridge said that he would apply for funding from our County Councillor and at the same time chase him for feedback on the speed limit at Guydens Farm. In the same context we would want to explore whether the SODC £3k potential grant could be used to fund 30mph signs

Zebra crossing in the village outside the school - lights still ongoing to be repaired.

Standing Orders – Chair thanked Cllr Ashley for all his hard work. Cllr Ashley reported that he had looked at the NALC guidelines and found that the advice and guidelines were close to what GPC already use. Consequently he recommended that the Council adopted the NALC model regulations. The attending Cllr’s agreed to adopt these regulations from now on.

Rubbish on a path in Pettiwell has finally been removed.

# 10/23/6 County Councillor Report Cllr Robin Bennett.

Traveller sites are still being looked into - no update.

# 10/23/7 District Councillor’s Report Cllr Sam James-Lawrie**.** No report.

# 10/23/8 Finance

The following invoices were agreed and passed for payment by the PC

Parish Clerk salary £543.23

Parish Clerk expenses £12.56

Burial Ground Manager expenses £12.70

Burial Ground Manager salary £120.00

HMRC income tax £407.40

BGG Grass Cutting (Aug) £992.19

Yellow Rattle Seeds £75.00

Parchment – Newsletter £520.00

Grundon (DD) Waste £53.03

Village Hall hire (June, July and August 2023) £37.00

SSE invoice £153.84

Bank Statement and invoices were signed and agreed.

10/23/9 Planning

P23/S3285/LDE – 1 Downs View Cottages, Wheatley Road, OX44 9DU.

Use as a residential dwelling house without agricultural occupancy tie. No objection.

P23/S3122/HH – Gayfere House 37 Oxford Road, OX44 9AB. Demolition of existing conservatory.

Rebuilding of conservatory, addition of glazed link and new roof over study. No objection.

P23/S3054/DIS – 1 Fox Close, OX44 9AA.

Discharge of condition 4 (Landscaping) on planning application P23/S0977/HH (Demolition of

garage, one and half storey side extension, two storey side and rear extension). No objection; to

leave final decision with planning.

P23/S2215/S73 – 9 Kiln Lane, OX44 9AR. Removal of conditions 1(occupancy) and 4 (Named Occupants) application P17/S4216/FUL granted on appeal APP/Q3115/W/18/3209624.To remove the temporary nature of permission to make permanent. (The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for a limited period of four years for the change of use of land as a private one pitch gypsy and traveller caravan site consisting of 1no.mobile home:1no.touring caravan:1no.amenity block and associated development at Plot 9, Kiln Lane, OX44 9AR. The parish council objected as there is no current planning permission – since the 4 years expired 19/07/2023. Furthermore the proponent of this application has provided no grounds for consideration and during the period of the previous permission a number of conditions were not conformed to.

P23/S2814/HH – 23 Elm Drive. OX44 9AG. Proposed single storey, rear double storey, side frontage roof amendment from flat to pitched. No objection.

10/23/10 Speed Survey

The Speed Watch team monitored traffic over 2 occasions between 8-9am. At Oxford Road into Garsington there were 248 cars with 25 cars doing over 24mph and towards Parslers’s Piece 116 cars with 22 exceeding the speed of 20mph. Monitoring continues to record the make and colour of the cars and the police will intervene to send letters to car owners that continue to speed.

EV – proposing to place charging points in 3 areas if funding available.

10/23/11 Tribunal hearing concerning The Green

Witness statements needed to be submitted re: the land in front of what was the Three Horseshoes Public House before 11th September deadline.

10/23/12 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Cllr Dovey has been involved in sourcing pricing for Speed Watch signs and labels. Labels for information and signs saying “Speed Watch” on entering village were discussed along with pricing. The Council decided to proceed with these purchases.

Electricity contract with SSE – discussed and it was agreed to leave the standing order agreement as it is for now but to review in the future. Solar lights are being discussed as an alternative. Cllr Dovey would recirculate likely costs.

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10/23/13 Traffic Control on Wheatley Road – (pinch point)

A letter has been drafted and it was agreed that the Chairman should send it to OCC.

10/23/14 Northfield

Letter to Brasenose agreed at this meeting and Cllr Wright to sign and send. It is hoped that by the time of the next GPC meeting there will be a response.

10/23/15 Kiln Lane update

No sites identified at present.

10/23/16 Village maintenance

Grass cutting tender – Clerk to report when this is up for review.

10/23/17 Asset of Community Value for the pub

Ongoing- Cllr Ashley collating further evidence about events.

10/23/18 Any Other business

Parking on the “no named road” is not as available as would be wished for village hall users. The PC discussed seeking a 4 hour parking restriction.. To be brought up at the next meeting for discussion with our two councillors.

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# Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

# Date of forthcoming meeting:

# 6th November 2023 at 7.30pm Monthly Parish Meeting in the Village Hall.