GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 4th September 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 Claire Green, and Cllr Sam James-Lawrie (District Councillor) and Cllr Robin Bennett (County Councillor). |
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| **Public attendance:** | 7 members of the public were present. |
| **Minutes:** | Elaine Small (Parish Clerk). |

# 9/23/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Paul Bolam, and Cllr Matthew Dovey.

# 9/23/2 Declarations of Interest

None.

# 9/23/3 Public Participation

Kiln Lane resident asked if there was any further development on the enforcement of planning conditions. (This is discussed on 9/23/15 of these minutes).

Grass cutting. A resident informed the PC about cuttings and debris hitting his residence, also it was noted that after strimming grass is left on paths and roads cause an unsightly look to the village. It was stated that strimmer’s were used for safety reasons due to access on the village paths. Richard Betteridge will take this up with the grass cutting team.

Fox Close – PC monitoring. A request for the acceptance of a landscaping proposal was rejected by SODC on 30th August due to non-compliance re-biodiversity and landscape - Cllr James-Lawrie will chase.

45 Wheatley Road. A representative of the site owner talked about their objective of making the road safer outside the house for people crossing the road to access the path on other side. Members of the PC explained that the proposal conflicts with the SODC / OCC funded project for a pinch point at this location which would widen the existing path that is on the opposite side of the road to the proposed house.

Guydens Hamlet at end of Oxford Road. A resident from there said pulling out onto the road is dangerous and speeding makes the house shake. The resident is pushing for a lower speed limit outside these dwellings. It was suggested to extend the speed restriction at Huws Gray to just past Guydens and to reinstate the Garsington Parish Sign on the approach just past Huws Gray. Cllr Bennet would pursue with OCC.

# 9/23/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th August 2023

Approved and signed by Cllr Chris Wright subject to amendments reported by Matthew Dovey and Ian Ashley and changing Kiln Road to Kiln Lane.

# 9/23/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

1. It was discussed that vehicles were still driving too fast along the Wheatley Road.

Speed Watch was discussed, and a resident showed interest in volunteering to be part of this team in the village. Cllr Dovey will contact him for training.

Cllr Dovey is being asked if he could provide updated average speed figures which will be taken from the 2 Speed Indicators in the village and take these figures to the next meeting in October 2023.

Hedge cutting needs doing again.

Standing Order review by Ian Ashley to be carried forward to the October 2023 meeting.

Rubbish on a path in Pettiwell, part removed. Cllr Wright to chase this with the team that will remove this.

# 9/23/6 County Councillor Report Cllr Robin Bennett.

Crossing outside Garsington School completed but was noted that one of the bulbs are not working installation team to be informed and fix. Action Cllr Betteridge

Pinch point is funded and approved but no date has been given for the job to be done. Cllr Bennett will chase this up.

Flood alleviation. Information on OCC website if public would like to attend a meeting.

Signs for informing public that they are entering Garsington Village. Cllr Bennett said there is a Priority Funding online for GPC to apply given on a “first -come first-serve “basis. Cllr Betteridge would apply for funding.

EV- Cllr Dovey is applying on the online application with potential sites.

Cllr Bennet then left GPC meeting at this point.

# 9/23/7 District Councillor’s Report Cllr Sam James-Lawrie.

Kiln Lane plots – informed will try to get a plan to bring to next meeting. Cllr James-Lawrie to engage SODC Enforcement Team such that they take overdue action relating to enforcement of planning conditions set by National Planning Inspector following hearing in Autumn 2022.

Fox Close – nothing to report.

Northfield – Cllr Townsend asked if a report could be brought to next meeting, as he has not heard any update since he attended the meeting of the SODC cabinet and was assured his views would be considered. Cllr James-Lawrie will approach Cabinet for comments/report.

# 8/23/8 Finance

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

Parish Clerk salary £543.23

Parish Clerk expenses £16.96

Burial Ground Manager expenses for May £12.70

Burial Ground Manager salary £120.00

Welmed Defib Battery x 1 £ 279.54

The Bank Statement and invoices were signed and agreed by Judy Westgate and Chair.

Burial Ground Manager was asked to provide numbered invoices for each, and every transaction known, for future audit processing.

9/23/9 Planning

P23/S2661/FUL - Former Garage/Allotment Plot north of 45 Wheatley Road, Garsington OX44 9ER.

Phase 1: Clearance of existing structures and site preparation, including improvement to access.

Phase 2: Erection of single dwelling with parking, manoeuvring space, garden, and related works.

Phase 3: Provision of new level area to edge of road for pedestrian use. No report from Highways had been posted on the SDC website. In view of the OCC`s proposals to introduce a pinch-point, this was thought to be a key, requirement before the PC could discuss. Extension was requested for commenting by GPC until October GPC meeting.

9/23/10 Speed Survey 2021. Cllr Dovey to bring to next GPC meeting readings from the 2 Speed Watch cameras sited in Village.

9/23/11 Tribunal hearing concerning The Green

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

9/23/12 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Landscape Study – Action Cllr Dovey to respond to this.

Resident’s email to the PC was used in a reply to SODC re the 81 Oxford Road planning application, Cllr Wright will write to the resident concerned.

9/23/13 Traffic Control on Wheatley Road – (pinch point)

Discussed as this is an ongoing issue and will be chased up, with Highways.

9/23/14 Northfield

Resident mentioned there is a cable on their property and they were going to have a discussion with the developer as they have been asked to have this removed for going forward in building these homes.

Cllrs Ashley and Townsend are preparing a letter to Brasenose College for circulation to the PC for comment.

9/23/15 Kiln Lane update

SODC need to identify sites (Cllr Ashley). Cllr James-Lawrie will inform at next meeting of any update. Cllr Townsend commented on the historic expense.

9/23/16 Village maintenance

Cllr Bolam reported Playground checked and bins emptied three times.

Order for Zip Wire bark to top-up for safety when using.

New infant swings installed.

New fencing pales cut to size and drilled.

Defibrillators checked three times.  New batteries available and will be replaced as and when required.

Note that the number on the defibrillator boxes is no longer used to locate them.  Cllr Bolam will label each with location and postcode (some done already).

“Deep Clean” due and needed for tidying along pathways and kerbs.

9/23/17 Asset of Community Value for the pub

Cllr. I Ashley will collate the various responses before getting back to SODC.

9/23/18 Any Other business

Sports and Social Club – It was agreed not to increase the fees, but for audit purposes GPC would like transparency on the accounts. Cllr Wright to ask the Treasurer to speak/email to understand how the accounts are calculated etc.

Cllr Eastwood asked if more Yellow Rattle could be spread at Parson’s Piece and around the burial ground, cost of £75 per 20gms. This was agreed by GPC at the meeting.

# Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

# Date of forthcoming meeting:

# 2nd October 2023 at 7.30pm Monthly Parish Meeting in the Village Hall.