**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL - draft minutes**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Matthew Dovey, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie (left 8.00pm), with L Stevenson in attendance.

8 Members of the public were present.

4/18/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Judy Westgate – another meeting

Cllr Paul Bolam – work commitments

Cllr Ian Dickinson – work commitments

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale -another meeting

4/18/2 Declarations of Interest

None

4/18/3 Public Participation

A resident noted that all 4 plots were occupied by caravans and there had also been an illegal rave on Easter Sunday resulting in police attending. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that the Police had informed her there had not been any criminal offence committed, but there was a domestic incident and the planning enforcement officer will provide a written report to District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie.

Cllr Chris Wright noted that the situation and responses by SODC were very frustrating partly reflecting the lack of long term leadership of the council and suggested it might be of use to invite John Howell to meet residents. Agreed to extend an invitation to John Howell from the Parish Council to meet residents. Also, to invite the press.

A resident mentioned a large pothole in Pettiwell and had reported this on the website although there were so many others nearby to cite it proved difficult. Cllr Chris Wright noted that in his opinion the answer is to claim for motor damage against the County Council and had put details of the claim process with a link in the Newsletter.

4/18/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5th March 2018

These were agreed and signed.

4/18/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

3/18/17 – Actions agreed by County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale. Clerk to send a reminder of these actions by email to be carried forward to the next meeting on 14th May.

4/18/6 County Councillor’s Report

The annual report will be circulated for the meeting on 14th May.

Clerk will email County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale to remind about outstanding actions.

4/18/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that there had been a challenge to the Leader who is to step down on 11th April, brought about by the discussions over the Local Plan.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie is part of the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway steering group representing 38 parishes. Presently there are 3 corridors to consider, 2 south and 1 north of the city. SODC favour northern corridor following the railway. County and City favour the southern corridors. Thursday 10.30am is the press launch at Ripon College.

Regarding parking at Pettiwell – SODC needs photos of cars to enable licence check. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that 2 cases have been progressed with police – Rebecca Judd at SODC is the enforcement officer to contact.

4/18/8 Finance

Online banking – forms were sent to Barclays bank on 20th March for Clerk, Cllr Paul Bolam still to complete relevant forms.

Balances and cheques for signature –

Barclays Current Account at end of March 2018 - £41,315.45

To note DD payment to Grundon of £46.73

Receipts

£11,500.00 from SODC for first half year precept

£60.00 – direct credit for – Newsletter advertising

The following cheques were approved and signed

£300.00 – donation to the Maple Tree Children’s Centre

£75.35 – SODC dog bin emptying for Jan- March

£50.00 - Positive Tree Care for removal of damaged limb of cherry tree in Combewell

£4404.00- Andy Grey, Chipping Norton Garden Company for bark to playground and repair of gate

£879.48 – Colourplus for printing of April/May Newsletter

£136.68 – to reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for ballast and mortar for burial ground wall

£188.40 – Inhabit for cement and ballast for burial ground wall

£465.40 – Clerk’s salary March

£54.96 – to reimburse Clerk for stationery materials

£57.00 – to reimburse Clerk for printing costs

£50.00 – donation to Expressway Action Group – Rutt RR EAG as agreed 12/17/8

4/18/9 Planning

P18/S0994/HH – 46 Wheatley Road – demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P18/S0662/LB – Hill Farm 18 The Green – removal of existing roof material and some of framework. New roof framework and re-claimed tile finish to The Barn.

The Parish council had no objections to this application.

P18/S0906/LDP – certificate of lawful planning 137 Cuddesdon Road Horspath – erection of new garage/machinery store. To note this application.

4/18/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received a letter from Community First asking if the Parish Council would like membership. The Neighbourhood Plan may involve work with this organisation and membership may become part of a proposal. Agreed to wait this item.

The Clerk had received a letter from the Oxford Greenbelt Network asking if the Parish Council would like membership. Agreed to join this organisation. Clerk to prepare a cheque for £15 for next meeting.

The Chair had received a copy of a letter sent by a resident to the Transport Minister regarding the Oxford Cambridge Expressway, this was circulated.

The Chair had received an enquiry from a resident about a fridge in their garage they want removed. The Chair will help the resident with this bulky item collection.

4/18/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Chris Wright reported that the bark looked good and proposed to let it settle until mid-summer and then see if a further amount of bark was needed. This was agreed.

The Parish Council agreed to ask the groundsman to do a preparatory one-off grass cut to the play area and kickabout pitch. Clerk to request this work.

Cllr Mike Patrick stated that members of the Sports and Social Club had experienced difficulty getting off the premises onto Denton Lane in icy conditions and wondered if a grit bin could be placed nearby. Clerk to explore this.

4/18/12 Village Maintenance

Old stone wall – Clerk sent out 3 invitations to quote for the repairing of 2 pillars of stone wall, one where the wall joins the other wall and one to support the electricity box. None had been received. Cllr Betteridge will pursue this matter. Cllr Betteridge also raised the matter of the roots of the Christmas tree which may cause a problem later on.

Grass cutting – Agreed that the Clerk to ask the current contractor to provide a schedule of work so that all work can be signed off as satisfactory. Agreed that the Parish Council will not renew the urban verge contract as the verge cutting is the responsibility of the County Council. In fact, Cllr Chris Wright informed the meeting that the contract which was returned to the County with comments is still with their legal department after 12 months.

Village Litterpick – Cllr Chris Wright thanked all those who had organised and taken part in this exercise. Large piles of litter were collected including 25/30 tyres collected just in Oxford Road.

4/18/13 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the speed device was still in Southend and would be turned around.

4/18/14 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

4/18/15 New Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright stated that the letter to have requirements to use land as a burial ground waived is ongoing.

An amount of £600 was agreed for the strengthening and repair of the wall between the two pieces of burial ground land.

4/18/16 Neighbourhood Plan

A further meeting had been held on 8th April and minutes taken. The Parish Council has 2 recommendations to consider from this meeting. Firstly, a recommendation to obtain a housing needs assessment within the parish, through a specification and quote process. This was agreed. Secondly, a recommendation to approach local landowners to ascertain their position in regard to their land for possible housing for the parish. The Parish Council has already had an initial meeting with PYE and propose to ask them for a contribution towards the cost of a housing needs survey. This was agreed.

4/18/17 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

Posters were distributed and others will be put up in the village in time for the presscall on 12th April at Ripon College.

There will be an Expressway Action Group meeting on 3rd May in Beckley, Cllr Judy Westgate and 1 other to attend.

4/18/18 Any Other Business

Cllr Richard Betteridge suggested that the SODC lottery should bed-in for a time before any decision to take part is made.

Cllr Richard Betteridge noted that there had been no planning application for work on 7 Southend. Clerk has raised a complaint with SODC.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm