**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL (DRAFT MINUTES)**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 7th August 2017 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Anne Eastwood, present were Cllrs Matthew Dovey, Mike Patrick, Judy Westgate, Paul Bolam and District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie (left 8.10pm), with L Stevenson in attendance.

5 Members of the public were present.

8/17/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Wright - holiday

Cllr Ian Dickinson – work commitments

Cllr Richard Betteridge – holiday

8/17/2 Declarations of Interest

None

8/17/3 Public Participation

A resident enquired about the outcome of a site visit to Kiln Lane. They also reported a lot of activity including site works and movements including police interventions and voiced their frustration at the inaction of the Council. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the Head of Enforcement had been absent, but is due to return to work this week. Plot 9 and plot 8 will go to the Planning Committee on 9th October. Cllr Anne Eastwood pointed out that District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie has worked tirelessly behind the scenes on behalf of the Parish Council and concerned residents and thanked her for her efforts.

A resident brought up the matter of the huge potholes on the Oxford Road near Combwell that have been unsuccessfully filled. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that she had been in touch with Thames Water, and despite contacting County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale several times, no definitive action had been taken. Cllr Anne Eastwood noted that County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale had not been present at any recent Parish Council meetings and not replied when contacted. The Parish Council agreed to make contact again and point out that the County Council would be liable if an accident occurred.

The Agent of the landowner, land North of Oxford Road, wished to address the Parish Council to give an update of their consultation with residents, near neighbours and the Highways Department. Cllr Anne Eastwood noted that the Parish Council would consider the application once it has been received.

8/17/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd July 2017

The minutes were agreed and signed.

8/17/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Item 7/17/5 - District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie not yet checked the council tax position re wheelie bins.

Item 7/17/7 - Cllr Mike Patrick informed the meeting that the Village Hall Management Committee had not yet met.

Item 7/17/10 – The trade waste bin had now been removed.

Item 7/17/13 – Yellow lines gap in Pettiwell. Cllr Judy Westgate reported that sand or some such had been put over some of the lines in a possible attempt to obscure them. Cllr Anne Eastwood noted that Cllr Chris Wright had written a piece in the current Newsletter asking residents to report parking on these lines directly to the Police.

8/17/6 Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Asset Register, Risk Assessment and Register of Members Interests.

These documents had previously been circulated. The Asset Register was updated, approved and signed at the Extraordinary meeting in June. The current register of members interests was updated, signed by individuals and sent to the district council for record. Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment were agreed.

8/17/7 County Councillor’s Report

This had previously been circulated, the Parish Council were disappointed not to see the County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale at another meeting.

8/17/8 District Councillor’s Report

This had previously been circulated. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie informed the Parish Council that SODC would recommend the Northern route for the proposed Cambridge Expressway. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie also informed the Parish Council that their application for part of her personal grant had been successful (£1,900 towards badger prevention in the burial ground).

8/17/9 Finance

Further explanation of the variance shown on the Annual Return 2016/17 between income and expenditure for 2015/16 and 2016/17 was requested by the External Auditor. The Clerk had sent a full explanation.

The Old Stone Cross had been insured with Zurich at no extra charge for the current year, but at an additional charge of £36.00 plus tax in 2018.

Balances and cheques for signature –

Barclays Current Account at end of July 2017 - £33,325.20

To note DD payment to Grundon for £45.67

Receipts –

VAT refund cheque for 2016/17 of £5,117.08

Cheque for £24.00 for Newsletter advert.

The following cheques were approved and signed

£15.72 – SSE for electricity supply to The Green

£35.00 – for data protection registration fee due 26/8/17

£444.40 – Newsletter Editor expenses February 2017 to July 2017

£100.00 – donation to Wheatley Park School towards prizegiving

£163.80 – RoSPA for annual playground inspection

£465.40 – Clerk’s salary July

£48.21 – to reimburse Clerk for printing ink expenses

£471.22 – BGG for grasscutting in July

£75.35 – dog bin emptying 1st April to 30th June 2017

£879.48 – Colourplus for Newsletter printing Aug/Sept 2017

£222.00 – IAC Audit and Consultancy Ltd for internal audit service 2017

8/17/10 Planning

P17/S2525/HH – Plough Inn 1 Oxford Road – proposed new detached outbuilding. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P17/S2395/HH – 16 Oxford Road – internal alterations and replacement doors and windows to stone outhouse. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P17/S2554/PDH – 15 Wheatley Road – demolition of existing extension, erection of single storey flat roofed rear extension with lantern. To note, as only adjoining properties owners/occupiers able to comment.

P17/S2522/LDP – 75 Southend – construction of garden room to provide storage and garaging for sit-on lawnmower. To note as an application for a certificate of lawful development.

8/17/11 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received a letter from the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum asking for funding towards their education programme. The Parish Council decided not to support this initiative and asked the Clerk to inform the museum.

The Clerk had been notified by a resident of flytipping in Pettiwell and had reported this on the SODC website for action.

The Clerk had contacted the owner of the building plot on The Green to request them to dispose of a fallen tree near the Village Hall. The owner has since removed the tree.

The Clerk had received a letter from Judith Ann regarding the ramp that the Parish Council had decided not to pursue. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to keep the budget amount already identified, look for a source of further funding towards the cost of the ramp and try to find a larger building company for a quote.

The Clerk had received a letter from The Maple Tree Children’s Centre (circulated) giving an update of their work and to say that they were now in a position to accept donations. The Parish Council felt that their initial question about how many people in the parish had benefitted from this service remained unanswered and asked the Clerk to ask the question again of The Maple Tree Centre.

8/17/12 Newsletter

The Parish Council wished to thank the Newsletter Editor for all her hard work over the years.

8/17/13 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported on the recent RoSPA inspection. One quote had been obtained so far for weeding and replacing the bark on the aerial runway of £5,425.00. There are also some repairs to fencing, the small gate and the lawnmower gate and painting of the tractor which Cllr Paul Bolam agreed to attend to.

Cllr Mike Patrick reported that locks were smashed and 3 internal doors were broken during the latest robbery at the Sports and Social Club.

8/17/14 Village Maintenance

Old wall behind Old Stone Cross – The Clerk reported that Historic England had spoken to her saying that they could see no objections to giving their consent, but no formal notification had yet been received.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that he had not obtained any quoted for the removal of the wall yet.

Parsler’s Piece – the brambles have been weed killed twice and the area had been cut back a lot by the working party.

The dead silver birch tree in Combwell – Cllr Mike Patrick suggested this was replaced.

8/17/15 Policing/Speed Monitoring

No report received.

Cllr Matthew Dovey will consider where to move the speed monitoring sign.

8/17/16 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the new timetable was not user friendly.

8/17/17 Burial Ground

Following a discussion, it was agreed the Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for meshing the area where the badgers are digging and ask Cllr Richard Betteridge to help with this on his return.

8/17/18 Neighbourhood Plans

The Clerk had circulated the timetable for Neighbourhood Planning for the Parish Council to agree provisional dates, these were agreed.

8/17/19 Any Other Business

None

Meeting closed at 9.00pm