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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 1st August 2022 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Richard Betteridge, Paul Bolam, County Cllr Robin Bennett with L Stevenson in attendance.

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

8/22/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Claire Green – out of the country, Judy Westgate – unable to attend,

Matthew Dovey – unavailable

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie – family matters

8/22/2 Declarations of Interest

none

8/22/3 Public Participation

A resident asked when the Kiln Lane public inquiry would resume. Cllr Chris Wright stated the inquiry would resume on the 31st August. The Parish Council and the community had given evidence and been cross examined, only one other resident still to speak and be cross examined.

Several residents spoke on the 2 pinch points and zebra crossing at Wheatley Road and The Hill (see below 8/22/6) requesting further detail, more precise drawings and assessment of impact on nearby residents

8/22/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th July 2022

These were agreed and signed

8/22/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the cleaning of the bus shelter on Oxford Road was ongoing.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that he has put the postcode on the defibrillator at Kings Copse. Both the Clerk and Cllr Paul Bolam are in contact with the national defibrillator network (The Circuit) to locate the defibrillator used in a recent emergency to re locate at the Village Hall

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that he had received a cost for the refurbishment of the wrought iron gates at the Sports & Social Club of £1,500.00 and would discuss this with the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club

Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that the ‘no dogs’ signs were in place.

8/22/6 County Councillor’s Report

Following a discussion and exploration of a range of options to consider, the Parish Council agreed to proceed with the zebra crossing and the pinch point (1) on Wheatley Road and to defer pinch point (2) until further proposals explored by early September.

8/22/7 District Councillor’s Report

Cllr Chris Wright informed the meeting that District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie had been working hard on pinch points issues raised by residents

8/22/8 Finance.

The bank reconciliation to end of June 2022 was signed by the Chair

The Parish Council reviewed the fees and charges for the Burial Ground and Newsletter.

The Newsletter Editor had recommended no change to the advertising fees, some advertisers had been lost and some local businesses were struggling and the Newsletter was a way of supporting local businesses. The Editor had also stated that there would be an increase in the printing costs to £520.00 per issue, but costs continued to be covered even with the increase.

The Parish Council agreed not to increase advertising charges.

Regarding Burial Ground charges, following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to an increase of 5% from 1/7/2022. Clerk will inform the Burial Ground Manager of the new fees.

Following advice from OALC, the Parish Council is unable to offer donations under s137 Local Government Finance Act 1972 to individuals or groups unless that group is a properly constituted organisation with a bank account or a local charity which benefits local people.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of July 2022 - £63,422.67

DD to Grundon of £63.00

DD for Data protection renewal fee of £40.00 will be collected on or before 25/8/2022

Receipts

£200.00 from Mr Pratelli towards Kiln Lane fees incurred

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£520.00 – Artisan Litho for Newsletter printing Aug/Sept

£52.89 - reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for stile expenses

£280.00 – Alan Bower for church wall repairs and removal of materials (church wall grant)

£19.60 – to reimburse Cllr Anne Eastwood for ‘no dogs’ signs

£27.00 – Village Hall hire for NDP meeting and defib training

£132.83 – BGM salary July

£17.49 – BGM expenses July

£631.35 – Clerk’s salary July

£963.30 – BGG grass cutting July

All payments signed and agreed by Cllrs Paul Bolam and Anne Eastwood

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

8/22/9 – Planning

P22/S2373/LDP – 5 Larch End – single storey side extension with a flat roof

The Parish Council had no comment to make

8/22/10 Review of Financial Regulations, Financial Risk Assessment, Standing Orders, Health and Safety Policy, Volunteer Policy (all prev circulated)

The Parish Council reviewed these policies and agreed all, apart from the Volunteer Policy which Cllr Richard Betteridge will further review and present at the next meeting

8/22/11Northfield development

Cllr Chris Wright reported that he and Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate met with L&Q and their agents. County and Brasenose College have not moved forward with any agreement. The current excavations are archaeological surveys. At the meeting, the Parish Cllrs were pressed on matters included in the Neighbourhood Plan particularly the views and design guide. These matters are subservient to the SODC plan strat 12.

8/22/12 Neighbourhood Development Plan

There is to be a meeting on 8th August

8/22/13 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email from SouthandVale Monitoring Officer offering Code of Conduct training (dates circulated)

The Clerk had received an email from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind (now MYVision Oxfordshire) giving further information of clients helped who live in Garsington. The Parish Council agreed to donate £100.00 to this organisation under s137 Local Government Finance Act 1972

The Clerk had received an email from OCC asking if the parish council needed salt bags for the winter. It was agreed to order one pallet of bags, Cllr Richard Betteridge to check if delivery can be taken at the pub

Clerk received an email from southandvale regarding the ‘Everyone Active’ grant scheme for projects within the community up to £1,000.00. It was agreed that this grant should be applied for with project details.

Clerk had received an email from the Oxford Greenbelt Network with an invitation to attend the AGM in September. Cllr Chris Wright suggested that District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie might attend.

Clerk had received an email from southandvale regarding the Settlement Assessment questionnaire for Town and Parish Council. It was agreed not to complete this survey

Clerk had received an email regarding dog fouling on paths, dog bins and signage from a resident. The Clerk had responded to say that a survey for litter bins was in progress and further signage would be used

Clerk had received a response from SOHA regarding the uncut verge on Denton Lane corner. According to SOHA this has never been cut by them and the land is owned by OCC. Cllr Richard Betteridge will contact BGG re cutting

Clerk had received a reminder for subs for CPRE, the Parish Council agreed to continue with membership.

Chair reported about the registration of the ownership of The Green. The Land Registry had been in correspondence with residents on The Green.

Chair had received an email from a resident regarding the poor road surface lower down Southend. The Chair had directed him to OCC and our MP

Chair had been in correspondence with a landowner regarding infringement of property by Kiln Lane residents. Landowner had made a donation to the Parish Council towards fees incurred, Clerk will write and thank.

8/22/14 Playground Sports & Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the grass cutting was good. There was also a repair needed on the cableway platform, Cllr Paul Bolam will investigate

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that he had received a complaint from a resident about the grass cutters hitting the wooden beams at the base of play equipment.

Cllr Paul Bolam requested that 2 bags of play bark were needed to fill under play equipment. This was agreed, Clerk to order.

8/22/15 Village Maintenance

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the stile at Kings Copse was padlocked and not accessible easily. Cllr Richard Betteridge offered to speak to the site manager at Kings Copse

The list of CIL projects had been circulated, and ranked – 1 Path along Denton Lane to play area gate, 2 Handrail at Village Hall, 3 Path along Pettiwell up to the bus stop

The responses from the Garsington Environmental Group to costing questions were discussed, volunteers had come forward to water any new trees planted. Cllr Paul Bolam will circulate the map for tree planting at Parsler’s Piece.

Following a detailed survey of Parsler’s Piece, Cllr Paul Bolam raised concerns about the possibility of ash die back in some of the trees near to the gate, and also some dead trees in the hedge at the top of the playing field in Denton Lane. Cllr Ian Ashley agreed to investigate the dead trees at the playing field.

Cllr Chris Wright also stated that there were ash trees along the bank on right before Greenwoods. Cllr Anne Eastwood offered to contact a tree surgeon to look at the village ash trees for an indication of the health of the ash trees within the village.

Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to speak to the landowner regarding the ash trees along Pettiwell bank.

Cllr Paul Bolam stated that the second defibrillator training session had been held and the Parish Council would need to make a further donation to South Central Ambulance for this training of £100.00. This was agreed

8/22/16 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

8/22/17 Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright stated that the documents requested for the consecration by the Diocese were being assembled.

8/22/18 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/Joint Local Plan 2041

Cllr Ian Ashley reported that Oxford City and the Districts are discussing housing need regarding the 2050 Local Plan

8/22/19 Any Other Business

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked who would attend the next session of the Kiln Lane public inquiry Cllr Chris Wright offered to confirm the date and circulate

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked if the speed sign on Oxford Road could be moved further up the hill. Cllr Richard Betteridge will investigate

Cllr Ian Ashley offered his apologies for the next Parish Council meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.05pm