GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

 Monday 7th August 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

# 8/23/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Paul Bolam, and Cllr Sam James-Lawrie (District Councillor) and Cllr Robin Bennett.

# 8/23/2 Declarations of Interest Anne Eastwood declared conflict of interest on planning - 81 Oxford Road also Chris Wright for – planning - 22 Pettiwell.

# 8/23/3 Public Participation

Defibrillators - a member of the public noticed the ink is fading on the information number for the ambulance to be able to find you. Cllr. Paul Bolam asked to check and mark up clearly if required.

Kiln Lane – concerns about the lack of action on clearing the site and returning it to its original state, i.e. Removing storage, and blocks etc. Planning permission was granted with conditions but those conditions have not been enforced as yet. Cllr Wright to speak to Jeremy Peter.

Trees in Combewell – Resident of the village asked if the promised visit by the Oxfordshire CC Forestry Officer took place on 4th July as promised to view the trees in Combewell whilst in full leaf, and if so, what action he proposes. The OCC did attend and trees are to be cut back. They also plan to remove an Ash as it is diseased. Felling of trees in Pettiwell will be restricted to three very small individuals.

Fox Close – A landscaping plan is required before any further development. The PC will monitor. A member of the village commented on the detrimental change to the landscape.

# 8/23/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd July 2023

Correct, approved and signed by Cllr Chris Wright.

# 8/23/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Parish Council discussed the collision with the speed monitor and it was agreed that the PC was not at fault. The Company of the van involved had emailed and complained that the sign was badly positioned causing one of their vans to have a scratch/dent. Cllr M Dovey to write/email to say this had been discussed as the company requested and to inform of the PC`s decision.

Clean Slate asked for a donation and this was discussed. Cllr Ian Ashley reported on the budget for charitable donations and planned expenditure., Money is usually given to places such as air ambulance, Wheatley School Prize giving, Citizens Advice etc. No final decision was taken. To be reviewed again

# 8/23/6 County Councillor Report Cllr Robin Bennett.

No report.

# 8/23/7 District Councillor’s Report Cllr Sam James-Lawrie.

No report

Kiln Road plots –the enforcement team informed PC, until there is a set plot site for them there is not a huge amount can be done, Building some plots within the term or so it is planned.

Fox Close it is being looked into it in regards to what best to do.

# 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 Batteries x 2 £547.14

Parchment Prints Newsletter £520.00

Moore Audit review £48.00

Playground swing & fencing £279.11

Grass Cutting invoice - £992.19

Direct Debit Grundon - £63.98

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

8/23/9 Planning

P23/S1925/0 Minor - 81 Oxford Road, Garsington, OX44 9AD

Sub division of residential garden and erection of new dwelling. The PC voted to object to the plan due to access for vehicles not wide enough; cutting of trees will not give enough access; parking issues and background development issues.

P23/52186/HH – Stable View, 29 Pettiwell, OX44 9DB

Single storey side extension. No objections.

P23/S2307/LB - 22 Pettiwell OX44 9DB

Three windows to be double glazed with Slenderpane and super sealed conservation grade double glazing.

The left hand opening on the left-hand side of the NW elevation: retain the historic frame and install new

replacement glass only. Modern picture window on NW elevation: retrofit new glazing to the existing

opening. Also install double glazing to a modern doorway next to the picture window by retrofitting new

glazing to the existing door. No objections.

8/23/10 Risk assessment

A revised Risk Assessment was tabled and accepted.

8/23/11 Speed sign on Oxford Road

The PC supports the need to lower the speed limit along this road near to Guyden`s Farm. PC will support and contact those concerned, to see if action can be taken.

8/23/12 Standing Orders

Cllr Ian Ashley in process of reviewing the NALC templates for Standing Orders. The Asset list will be revisited to expand on locations and descriptions.

**Action: Asset list** **CW and Clerk. Done.**

8/23/13 Chelgate meeting outcome

A Community Centre is being planned at Northfield and ideas were requested of what was needed and what would benefit the village i.e. Sport facilities; Nurseries. Cllr Dovey suggested we referred to the Community Plan.

The Northfield site is a strategic site and therefore CIL will not apply. If the village wishes to secure infrastructure development it will need to argue for this explicitly and sooner rather than later.

Cllr Townsend would like more pressure to be applied on Brasenose College concerning Northfield It was agreed that we would contact the BNC trustees to ask them to give the PC the opportunity to raise its concerns. Ian Ashley and Adrian Townsend were asked to draft a presentation/paper which the PC could review before taking the next step.

**Action: Cllr Wright to write to Nicola Smith at SODC to request a meeting.**

8/23/14 Tribunal concerning The Green

Witness statements to be submitted before September 2023 re: the land in front of what was the Three Horseshoes Public House.

8/23/15 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Resident of the village remarked that a cycle path on the Oxford would benefit cyclists and walkers on the Oxford Road. PC to forward to Cllr Robin Bennett.

8/23/16 Playground/Sports &Social Club

A draft letter to the Sports and Social club concerning Fees was discussed and approved.

8/23/17 Village maintenance

Nothing to report.

8/23/18 Asset of Community Value for the pub

Cllr. I Ashley has invited residents of the village and the wider community, friends and people who use the village pub to email him with how they use the pub and the benefits to support its value. His report is as follows…

Our last remaining pub is registered by Garsington Parish Council (GPC) with South Oxfordshire District Council as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) which means that the local community will be informed if the pub is listed for sale and gives a moratorium period of six months to determine if the village can raise the finance to purchase the asset. Having an ACV also demonstrates that the community wish to retain the pub for social purposes and may therefore help in the event of an application for change of use (i.e. new housing).

ACV’s cover a 5 year period which shortly comes to an end and GPC are in the process of applying to SODC for a further 5 years. We have been asked to provide evidence of how the community currently use the pub and to collect testimonials from groups and residents. We would greatly appreciate it if you could write a few lines around how you / and any groups you’re involved with, use the pub and why it’s important to you.

If you could kindly share this email with other group members and more widely with friends and family in the village that would be very helpful as it would be useful to have emails from regular customers and people who have used the pub for events such as birthdays, wedding, christening or  funeral receptions etc.

Please send your email response to ian.garsingtonpc@outlook.com by Friday 17th August.

8/23/19 Any Other business

* Rubbish dumped in a bin close to footpath in Pettiwell is not asbestos but plaster coated fibreglass and oil. This has been reported.
* Hedge cutting within the village was raised and again suggested “fix My Street” to be emailed.
* Speed Gun for village to monitor traffic coming through the village. If anybody wishes to be involved, (training to be given), please email Cllr. Matthew Dovey. There will be police approved locations.
* Cllr Dovey suggested an interest in EV charging points and suggested 6 potential locations and i.e. Jennings, School, Pub also Lampposts and gulley’s for houses with no off-street parking. He would respond to the request for consultation.

# Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

# **Date of forthcoming meeting:**

# 4th September 2023 at 7.30pm Monthly Parish Meeting in the Village Hall.