**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL –**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Paul Bolam, Judy Westgate, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

1 member of the public was present, representations had been asked for by letter or email

12/21/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Robin Bennett, Cllr Matthew Dovey – apologies accepted

12/21/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Paul Bolam – planning application P21/S4702/HH - noted

12/21/3 Public Participation

None

12/21/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1st November 2021

These were amended to read 11/21/11 ‘Cllr Ian Ashley made a number of suggestions in writing which will be addressed in the final version’. Agreed and signed

12/21/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Regarding the court cases against Greenwoods, Cllr Chris Wight had contacted the SODC officer responsible for the environmental issues (he is also responsible for arranging removal of cars). The officer is monitoring the environmental situation and perceived increase in litter and will review this week to ascertain if the litter is linked to the site. Further court action on environmental grounds could be taken if there is sufficient documented evidence. The County Council is responsible for the parking issues on the yellow lines.

Regarding the reported dead and dying trees along the field edge on Wheatley Road, Cllr Chris Wright, not a tree expert, had looked at these and reported that there was no obvious problem, but will monitor them. Cllr Chris Wright had also looked at the trees at Elm Drive by the shops and formed the same view.

12/21/6 County Councillor’s Report - circulated

Regarding the 20MPH proposals, the Parish Council agreed to ask for the whole of the village to become a 20MPH zone within the built-up area of the village and also along Wheatley Road as far as Jennings.

Approval of this is also needed from County Cllr Robin Bennet.

Regarding the pinch points in Wheatley Road which are agreed in principle by the Parish Council, Cllr Ian Ashley reported that following a meeting with County Highways, the CIL submission for the school crossing would be submitted by the end of January and would become part of the consultation for the whole of the village also to include the proposal of 20MPH within the village.

Regarding the road condition of Southend, Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that this had gone onto ‘Fix My Street’

12/21/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie had been in contact with the officer responsible for litter bins and reported that a survey of villages litter bin needs would be undertaken by officers and would endeavour to get Garsington in the forefront of this survey. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed that new bins will not be dispensed until the survey has been completed.

12/21/8 Finance.

The budget monitoring report had been circulated

The draft budget figures for 2022/2023 were discussed and the final budget agreed. Clerk will circulate the final budget to all.

The bank reconciliation to end of November - previously circulated- was agreed and signed.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of November - £91,163.46

To note DD to Grundon of £60.77

To note DD to SSE of £35.24

Receipts

VAT refund - £1800.52

Burial fees - £255.00

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£475.00 – Parchment Prints for Newsletter Dec/Jan

£215.28 – SODC for Dog bin emptying 1st Jul-30th Sept

£200.00 – Garsington Sports Club for grass cutting 1st Sept – 30th Nov – last payment

£551.63 – Clerk’s salary November

£220.65 – Burial Ground Manager salary November

£28.75 – to reimburse Clerk for printer ink

All payments signed and agreed by Cllrs Judy Westgate and Paul Bolam who will set up and authorise them for on-line payment

Regarding the salary payments to the Clerk, as the Clerk does not in effect take any holiday entitlement as all work is undertaken as usual and managed accordingly, the parish council agreed that there has been an underpayment of approximately 10% of paid salary since the beginning of the contract. It was therefore agreed by the parish council to backdate this underpayment from the commencement of the contract and this would be paid to the Clerk.

12/21/9 Planning

P21/S4548/HH – 26 Wheatley Road – enforcement works to note

P21/S4702/HH – 147 Oxford Road – demolition of existing single storey rear tenson and construction of new single storey rear extension – Cllr Paul Bolam retreated from the room during this discussion. The parish council had no objections to this application.

P21/S4775/HH – 3 North Manor – removal of rear single storey extension and detached garage and erection of a part single storey part 1.5 storey side front and rear extension. The parish council had no objections to this application.

P21/S4339/HH – 100 Wheatley Road – detached store/garden room. The parish council had no objections to this application.

P21/S5020/HH – 57 Wheatley Road – rear dormer and loft conversion, with new rear pitched kitchen roof and amended openings, new solar water hating panels and new stove flue. The parish council had no objections to this application.

12/21/10 Northfield

Cllr Chris Wright reported that the next meeting with Chelgate/L&Q/Brasenose would be held on 14th January. Following an item in the Newsletter, a resident of Guydens Farm has expressed an interest to participate in these meetings and will be sent an invitation to participate

Generally, it was felt that there had been little progress on any of the issues raised at the meeting.

Items to be pushed on include the width of the belt of trees, the capacity of the sewerage system and possible community facilities. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to contact the SODC officers with regard to setting up a meeting about community facilities.

Concerns were also raised regarding the overlap of schools in the new development and Garsington school. Cllr Chris Wright agreed to contact County Cllr Robin Bennett to ask for a meeting with appropriate officers within the County.

12/21/11 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The NDP had been sent to SODC. Cllr Chris Wright raised that there was a difficulty with some of the maps that needed some changes and he would contact Cllr Matthew Dovey to resolve the problem

12/21/12 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Regarding the Picasso Peace sculpture, the application for planning permission had been submitted to SODC. Cllr Chris Wright thanked Mr Tony Wyer for his help.

Clerk had received a request for funding from The Maple Tree Centre – previously circulated. Following a discussion, it was agreed to donate £500.00 to this organisation under s137 Local Govt and Finance Act 1972

The Clerk had received a request for funding from Wheatley Park School for prizegiving. Following a discussion, it was agreed to donate £150.00 under s137 Local Govt and Finance Act 1972.

The Clerk had received an email from Oxfordshire County Council regarding a community emergency plan. Following a discussion, the parish council agreed not to create an emergency community plan.

The Clerk had received an email from SODC regarding the community governance review. The parish council had no matters to add to the review.

The Clerk had received posters for the Christmas Tree recycling points. Clerk will laminate these and pass to Cllr Richard Betteridge.

The Chairman had received recently received an email from a resident (previously circulated), to say that damage had been caused to their car windscreen by grass cutting contractor. Cllr Richard Betteridge had contacted the contractor who had been present in the village that day but not at the time of the incident. There was no photographic evidence to show where the car was parked at the time of the incident and some time (nearly 3 months) had passed since the incident had occurred. It was agreed that Cllr Chris Wright will contact the resident to explain the situation.

12/21/13 Playground Sports & Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the fencing at the play area had been moved, but there was still more work to be done. He also reported that broken glass had once again been found near to the tractor climbing frame. Cllr Paul Bolam will put a notice on the gate asking to be contacted if broken glass is discovered. Regarding putting in some adult exercising equipment in the play area, Cllr Chris Wright will put an item in the Newsletter to gauge opinion.

Cllr Paul Bolam referred to the additional anchoring cited in the RoSPA report. Cllr Paul Bolam agreed to send the email to Rospa from Playdale to say that the anchoring was at standard when put into the play area.

12/21/14 Village Maintenance

Regarding grass cutting, invitations to tender for the contract had been sent out.

12/21/15 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

12/21/16 Burial Ground

Consultation on environmental permitting regulations affecting burial authorities received from NALC and previously circulated. Following a discussion it was agreed to object to all changes that may have relevance to the village.

12/21/17 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/Joint Local Plan 2041

Regarding the SODC Local Plan 2050, Cllr Ian Ashley noted that the Future Oxfordshire Partnership (previously The Growth Board) would be reviewing the Green Belt.

12/21/16 Any Other Business

Cllr Mike Patrick confirmed that the relief for Village Hall charges would only cover parish council meetings.

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked when the Christmas Tree lights would be turned on. Cllr Richard Betteridge confirmed that they would be turned on the coming Saturday.

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 10h January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.40pm