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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Paul Bolam, Richard Betteridge, Mike Patrick, Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

13 Members of the public were present.

2/20/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Matthew Dovey – unable to attend

2/20/2 Declarations of Interest

None

2/20/3 Public Participation

A resident raised the matter of the state of the path from the Lych gate to the burial ground, Cllr Chris Wright stated that the path was the responsibility of the Church as the path was in the churchyard and he would speak to the Churchwarden.

A resident raised the placing of a seat on the opened-up area of The Green. Cllr Richard Betteridge confirmed that this had been put forward to the Parish Council, discussed and agreed upon. The money would come from an SODC grant.

A resident also brought up the matter of parking on the verge at the corner of Denton Lane and North Manor estate. The Chair confirmed that this would be discussed later on in the agenda.

A resident brought up the matter of speeding empty school coaches using the village as a short cut rather than the ring road. The Clerk will write to Walters Coaches to ask them to use the ring road when not specifically picking up or dropping off school children.

A resident asked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie if she had been to see the light pollution in Kiln Lane. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed she had been to see the lights and had reported this to the Head of Planning Enforcement Emma Turner.

A resident asked about the nuisance dog previously reported in Kiln Lane. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie gave details of the SODC officer (Trevor Dean) dealing with the issue. The resident will contact them again.

A resident brought up the matter of dogs running from the field footpath into their garden. Recently a dog savaged and killed a deer in their garden. Cllr Ian Ashley had heard of another incident where a deer was savaged in the pub carpark. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will report these incidents to the SODC officer (Trevor Dean) and asked the resident to also report this incident.

A resident asked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie if there was any further information about the Kiln Lane planning appeal and call for a Judicial Review. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that there was nothing new to report. Cllr Chris Wright reported that the Parish Council had been in contact with their solicitor and had received advice and suggestions and would like to come to a meeting with the residents group to discuss. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie also agreed to attend.

A resident brought up the matter of a lack of footpath along the top part of the roadway on Pettiwell. Cllr Richard Betteridge suggested contacting the County Council, he would also set up a meeting with them on site and the resident could also attend.

A resident brought up the matter of the Pick me Up bus to ask if this could come to the village. Cllr Chris Wright informed them that the matter was in hand and the parish council was waiting for a response from the bus company.

2/20/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th January 2020

These were agreed and signed.

2/20/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the planned works at the Denton Lane junction to prevent flooding were due to start on 17th February.

Cllr Ian Ashley reported that he would be writing to John Howell MP regarding enforcement planning policy.

2/20/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated

2/20/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that there had been a large turnout at a recent meeting at Wheatley Park School of residents concerned about the Local Plan 2034 and implications if the process was removed from SODC by Robert Jenrick the Secretary of State and given to either the City or County to implement. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will be writing a piece for the local press.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie also reported that she was now part of a ‘group’ in SODC with another independent councillor, which will enable greater access to information.

2/20/8 Finance

To note – the 3-year insurance deal will end on 1st June. Clerk is beginning to find quotes for a new deal.

The application for a donation under s137 Local Govt Finance Act 1972 to The Maple Tree Centre was considered. It was agreed that a donation of £100.00 would be made.

Cllr Ian Ashley proposed to award some funding for the No Expressway Group. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to postpone a decision to a later date.

Balances and cheques for signature

Barclays Current Account at end of January - £55,937.73

To note DD to Grundon of - £49.78

To note DD to SSE of - £28.92

The Clerk had received £180.00 in cheques for Newsletter advertising.

The following cheques were approved and signed

£696.00 – Earth Anchors – seat for new Green Area

£165.76 – Dog Bin emptying July-December (2 cheques)

£510.70 - Clerk’s salary January

£5.40 – PAYE to HMRC

£23.63 – To reimburse Clerk for stationery expenses

To note – The monies held in Barclays savings account for the Garsington Benefit Society have been transferred out of the savings account to the Benefit Society Account for redistribution to individuals following the unsuccessful bid by the village to buy the pub.

To note – Cllr Anne Eastwood had enabled on-line banking and Cllr Chris Wright was part way through the process.

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2/20/9 Planning

P19/S4456/HH – 161 Oxford Road – retrospective application for a siting caravan for use as an annexe to the main dwelling and installation of a 2800L septic tank.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P20/S0271/FUL – Allotment Plot Wheatley Road – demolition of existing garage, shed and greenhouse. Construction of a new 3 bay garage with first floor storage to provide parking and storage facilities to serve 32 Wheatley Road.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council had the following objections – the access to the plot is at a narrow point in the highway with poor visibility and would increase concerns over safety, the addition of a 3 bay parking facility would increase traffic generation in the area, the building of a garage with storage above may mean that over time this could become living accommodation. The Parish Council will also request that permitted development rights be removed.

2/20/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk received an email from Community First to renew membership for 2020/2021 at a cost of £70.00. It was agreed to renew membership.

2/20/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that he had filled in the holes near the aerial runway He had also topped up the area with tree pulp and will monitor the sharp stones he had found on the underlay.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that there was no update from the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club regarding the cost of the storage container.

Cllr Mike Patrick agreed to arrange to borrow the spare gate key to enable Cllr Paul Bolam to arrange for a further key to be cut.

Regarding the grass cutting proposal from the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club to cut the area at a cost of £100.00 per cut. It was agreed to set a maximum of 10 cuts over the season.

The Clerk will send an order for this to the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club, to be paid quarterly.

Cllr Richard Betteridge stated that he was in contact with BGG regarding other village areas of grass to be cut.

2/20/12 Village Maintenance

Cllr Chris Wright noted that the date for the Village Litter pick on 5th April would be advertised in the Newsletter.

2/20/13 Village Bus Service

Cllr Mike Patrick reported that he had asked Cllr Matthew Dovey to find out how the planned closure in May for works on Chiselhampton Road would affect the bus route.

2/20/14 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Chris Wright noted that the plan was still with SODC.

2/20/15 Nominated Asset – The Three Horseshoes

Cllr Ian Ashley reported that the exchange of contracts was imminent. When this happened, the bank will be instructed to repay monies. Cllr Chris Wright noted that the Community Benefit Society account will remain open in case of any future use.

2/20/16 Burial Ground

Cllr Richard Betteridge showed the plan of the Burial ground marked with the proposed pathway of stepping stones. A resident spoke in favour of the new pathway which could enhance it as a place for reflection. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that she had received some negative responses from residents who do not wish for change.

The Parish Council agreed that the plan would be shown to the PCC and the new vicar with a view to put the proposal to a wider audience for consultation.

2/20/17 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway/Northfield Update

Nothing further to report

2/20//18 Any Other Business

None

Meeting closed at 8.35pm