**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL –**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 7th February 2022 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Paul Bolam, Judy Westgate, County Cllr Robin Bennet, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance. Cllr Matthew Dovey attended via remote camera link

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

2/22/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Robin Bennett – attending another meeting, may arrive late

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie – attending a photo shoot so may be late

2/22/2 Declarations of Interest, Declaration of Acceptance of Office

No declarations of Interest.

Cllr Chris Wright reported that the Parish Council had considered co-opting an extra person onto the Parish Council and had unanimously agreed to ask Claire Green. Claire Green accepted the office and signed and completed the declaration of acceptance of office and will complete the register of interest paperwork and send on to the Clerk for recording.

2/22/3 Public Participation

A resident enquired about the planning application amendments for the Three Horseshoes.

2/22/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10th January 2022

 Minutes were agreed and signed

2/22/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Regarding the reported dead and dying trees along the field edge on Wheatley Road, Cllr Chris Wright had looked at the trees, County Council state the trees are not their responsibility as does the adjacent farmland owner. Cllr Ian Ashley agreed to look at the trees.

Regarding the Operation London Bridge zoom briefing attended by the Clerk. This will appear on the March agenda for discussion.

Regarding the initial anchoring cited in the RoSPA report, Cllr Paul Bolam has contacted RoSPA and Playdale.

Regarding the Jubilee Beacon, Cllr Ian Ashley has contacted Mr Aziz who is happy to have the beacon in the pub field where the bonfire was located. The beacon lighting is timetabled for the Thursday and community celebrations programmed for the Sunday. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to draft a letter to the Chairman of the Sports & Social Club to offer help with any organisation of an event and to gather other interested parties together.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that gates had been kept closed at the play area after notices to that effect had been put up. He also reported that following a piece on the local social media about play equipment for adults, many positive responses had been received. Cllr Paul Bolam will monitor any further responses

2/22/6 County Councillor’s Report - circulated

Regarding the trees on the green at Combewell, Cllr Mike Patrick has been approached again by residents as no action has happened. County Cllr Robin Bennett agreed to chase this up.

2/22/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the SODC council offices were to be permanently relocated to Didcot and that the new offices would be smaller, owned by SODC and rented from them by Vale of White Horse DC.

2/22/8 Finance.

The budget monitoring report had previously been circulated

Regarding the grass cutting tender process, the Clerk will add the 2 areas at the Memorial playing fields – the play area and kickabout pitch - to the tender documents and notify the parties of an extended deadline to 17th February 2022.

Cllr Richard Betteridge requested funds of approx. £360.00 for timber purchase for village maintenance to stiles and bridges. This was agreed.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of January - £90,208.55

To note DD to Grundon of £62.03

To note DD to SSE of £35.24

Clerk reported that SSE had again requested a meter upgrade to a smart meter. This was agreed, Clerk to contact SSE.

Receipts

£2,484.00 from Newsletter advertising

Cllr Chris Wright thanked Cllr Judy Westgate for her work on the Newsletter

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£6,000.00 – Brief fee received from JSB Planning re Kiln Lane Appeal preparation for hearing

£708.00 -Wildflower Turf Ltd for New burial ground landscaping

£500.00 – donation to Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice under s137 Local Govt Finance Act 1972

£475.00 – Artisan Litho for Newsletter printing Feb/Mar

£215.28 – SODC for dog bin emptying Oct-Dec

£431.04 – to Reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for timber/gate fixings – village maintenance

£551.63 – Clerk’s salary January

£220.65 – Burial Ground Manager salary January

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

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked if District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie could speed up the litter bin survey with a view to removing the dog bins and the charge for emptying. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to this.

2/22/9 Planning

P21/S1096/FUL – The Three Horseshoes – planning amendment received by SODC 4th January 2022.

The Parish Council had no objection to the planning amendment

P21/S1551/FUL – The Three Horseshoes – planning amendment received by SODC 12th January 2022.

The Parish Council had no objection to the planning amendment

P21/S5210/FUL – Garsington Primary School – MUGA installation on playing field adjacent to playground

The Parish Council had no objections to this application

P22/S0237/T28 – development work at PCP004 The Hill opp 26 The Hill – to note.

Cllr Matthew Dovey offered to contact BT to ask if the new box could be placed back to back with existing box rather than side by side.

P21/S5112/FUL – erection of small statue dedicated to Pablo Picasso visit to Garsington in 1919 – land opp The Rectory 17 Southend.

This application was submitted by the Parish Council

2/22/10 Northfield

Cllr Chris Wright reported that there had been a meeting with the agent (Chelgate) and with SODC officers. There was little to report as negotiations were in progress between County and the developers, SODC and the developers and SODC and the County.

2/22/11 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Chris Wright reported that SODC had agreed to move to the next stage (pre-submission consultation). Cllr Chris Wright stated that consultation was the responsibility of the Parish Council not the NDP group. The Parish Council could use a consultant to do this stage and have details of three consultants recommended by SODC. This was agreed. Cllr Chris Wright offered to obtain information from recommended consultants as to costs for this process and circulate. The cost of the pre-submission consultation would be covered by NDP grant money.

A resident had raised various detailed points regarding the NDP, Cllr Paul Bolam offered to draft a response.

2/22/12 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received emails from a resident asking the Parish Council to consider a ramp for the shops at Elm Drive, to ask the Three Horseshoes (Mughlai Manor) to improve disabled access and to improve the pathway into the Village Hall – previously circulated.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Richard Betteridge would revisit the plans drawn up for a ramp before all the shops shut in 2017. If the drawings were sufficient, then it was agreed to move ahead with obtaining planning permission and quotes for the build. The Clerk will respond to the resident regarding this and also contact the Mughlai Manor and Village Hall Trust regarding improving disabled access and the pathway. Cllr Mike Patrick informed the meeting that the path to the Village Hall was the responsibility of the County Council.

The Clerk had received an email invitation from SouthandVale Waste Team to join the Great British Spring Clean. Cllr Claire Green offered to arrange a date for this. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that if there was a particular problem in the village, she would be able to arrange for the Waste Team to come and clean. A resident added that they had collected a lot of aluminium cans from hedgerows along all the roads in the village.

The Clerk had received an invitation from East West Railway Company to invite the Parish Council to join a new Local Representatives group for Oxford and surrounding areas. It was suggested to ask local railway expert David Mather. Cllr Richard Betteridge to ask if he would be happy to represent the Parish Council on this group.

The Clerk had received an email from National Grid to notify of works on 4VY overhead power lines from Cowley to Didcot.

The Clerk had received an email from Community First for membership April 2022-March 2023. This will cost £70.00. This was agreed.

The Chairman had received an email from a resident regarding various matters including traffic speed through the village. Chairman will respond.

2/22/13 Playground Sports & Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the defibrillators had been checked and all was well.

Regarding defibrillator awareness training, the total cost would be around £300.00-£400.00 for 3 sessions. It was agreed to fund up to 3 sessions, Cllr Paul Bolam will ascertain the interest for 3 sessions, one for the Sports & Social Club, one for the residents of Kings Copse and one for the rest of the village.

Timber is now available to put in another gate around the main gate.

2/22/14 Village Maintenance

It was agreed to look into the cost of a large speed sign for Oxford Road. Cllr Matthew Dovey will investigate.

2/22/15 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

2/22/16 Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright asked whether the New burial extension ground was ready to receive ashes.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that from May onwards the ground would be ready and a plan would be produced of spaces.

Cllr Chris Wright asked about the style of plaques. Following a discussion, it was agreed that all memorial plaques for ashes should be flat to the ground.

2/22/17 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/Joint Local Plan 2041

No updates

2/22/18 Any Other Business

Cllr Chris Wright commented on the matter of Kiln Lane, even though the enquiry was cancelled, significant costs were incurred by the Parish Council. The same could happen again as no guarantee if the May enquiry would actually go ahead and the Parish Council was spending public money. Further discussion and a decision on this matter needs to be taken once the Parish Council knows if SODC will be represented by a Barrister or not. Clerk will list this as an Agenda item for March.

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked about the white van left on the roadway adjacent to the Village Hall. Clerk stated that this had been reported as an abandoned vehicle. This had previously been reported to Envirocrime who did not consider it abandoned.

Cllr Paul Bolam stated that he had informed The Chairman of the Sports & Social club that the Parish Council will not help fund a mower for the club.

Cllr Chris Wright informed the Parish Council that as part of the Neighbourhood Plan there would be an Environmental Policy. The law requires the Parish Council to take account of and increase biodiversity on all Parish Council owned property. The NDP group felt that it would be beneficial to develop an Environmental Plan for the whole village and this was mentioned in the Newsletter. Cllr Paul Bolam stated that he was organising a small group of those interested in planting trees or preserving trees and hedges within the village. Cllr Paul Bolam will circulate notes from these meetings to the rest of the Parish Council. Agenda item for March

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.15pm