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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held as a virtual meeting on Monday 4th January 2021 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Paul Bolam, Mike Patrick, Ian Ashley, Matthew Dovey, Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate, Richard Betteridge, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with L Stevenson in attendance.

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

1/21/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale

1/21/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ian Ashley declared an interest in the Bioabundance group

1/21/3 Public Participation

A member of the public reported an abandoned car on The Green - a silver BMWX3. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to arrange removal.

See item under Planning item 9 – Kiln Lane

1/21/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th December 2020

These were agreed

1/21/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that a new battery for the speed camera had been ordered. Cllr Matthew Dovey will also obtain renewed quotes for speed devices.

Clerk stated that they will action contact with electrician regarding installation of the defibrillator at Kings Copse

Cllr Paul Bolam also reported that the meeting with the Sports & Social Club regarding parking had not yet been arranged.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that the planning enforcement letters relating to the Three Horseshoes had not yet arrived, will pursue.

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the bus stop replacement sign for opposite the Old Red Lion will be pursued.

1/21/6 County Councillor’s Report

previously circulated

Cllr Ian Ashley reported that he had sent an email to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale noting the 8 items for her action that were still outstanding, a copy to be sent to Clerk for monitoring.

1/21/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the SODC Local Plan was passed.

1/21/8 Finance

The Clerk had circulated a budget monitoring report for the current budget with a forecast.

Cllr Chris Wright thanked Cllr Ian Ashley and the Clerk for their work.

The Parish Council formally set the precept for 2021/2022 at £23,928.63 – twenty-three thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds sixty-three pence. This was agreed, Clerk will scan the form to the Chair for signing and when returned will forward onto SODC.

The Clerk had received a request for funding from Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau. Following a discussion, it was agreed to offer a donation of £500.00 this year. Clerk will advise OSAV and prepare paperwork for next meeting.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of December - £69,979.11

To note DD to Grundon of £49.72

Receipts

Advertising income £420.00 (bank credits)

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£520.18 – Colourplus for Newsletter printing Dec/Jan

£30.00 - to reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for Christmas Tree lights

£544.63 – Clerk’s salary December

£7.00 – HMRC PAYE

£11.69 – to reimburse Clerk for stationery items

All payments agreed

Cllr Paul Bolam will set up the payments and authorise and Cllr Judy Westgate will authorise them as well.

To note £542.40 to BGG for grass cutting October, still under query as work not completed, so not paid

1/21/9 Planning

No new applications received

Kiln Lane Appeals – 7/8 and 12 APPQ3115/W/20/3263366 to be held on 20th -23rd April at the same time.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed that SODC has arranged representation. Cllr Chris Wright confirmed that the Parish Council has arranged representation. Residents are prepared to speak at the Appeal if needed.

1/21/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

Regarding the email received by the Clerk from an artist offering a sculpture to the village relating to a visit made by Pablo Picasso to Garsington Manor. Information had been received from the artist about the size of the sculpture, positioning and fixings required. It was also confirmed that the sculpture was offered free of charge to the parish (details circulated). Following a discussion, the Clerk was asked to contact the artist to give an estimate of the costs involved for the Parish Council in the installation of the sculpture. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to assist.

The Clerk had received an email from SODC regarding the 2021 census and possible support needed by groups within the community. Clerk to respond to the survey.

Regarding the car reported obstructing the pavement on Wheatley Road. Cllrs Judy Westgate and Ian Ashley reported that the PCSO will take action. The Chair will contact the resident who raised the issue.

Clerk had received emails from residents regarding the Three Horseshoes and the seeming lack of interest in preparing or renovating the pub for opening to the public for business even when allowed to under current restrictions. Following a discussion, it was agreed the Clerk to write to the owner from the Parish Council on behalf of the residents to ascertain the plans in general terms for the public house going forward.

1/21/11 – Playground/Sports & Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that a broken bottle had been found on the site, this seemed to be an isolated incident. There was also an amount of mud at the gate and Cllr Paul Bolam had put down some pebbles to help mitigate this.

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

1/21/12 School Road Safety

Cllr Ian Ashley had contacted the School Governors to explain that the Parish Council would not support a dropped kerb by the school entrance, that road narrowing was their preferred option. Cllrs Ian Ashley, Chris Wright, Paul Bolam and Matthew Dovey agreed to attend a Zoom meeting with the school on 26/1/2021 at 5.30pm to listen to what the group propose and engage with the group.

The offer of part funding for the dropped kerb from the County will expire on 31st January. Cllr Ian Ashley will contact the County following the zoom meeting on 26th January.

1/21/13 Village Maintenance

Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that permission to cut the ash and elm trees opposite the village hall had been given by SODC. The contractor had been contacted to arrange the cut.

Cllr Richard Betteridge proposed removing dog bins at Tadpole Lane and Southend replacing with litter bins. Cllr Richard Betteridge was still in conversation with the County Officer responsible for the placing of litter bins and will discuss costs.

Cllr Anne Eastwood thanked Cllr Richard Betteridge for putting the stickers on the bins.

Cllr Mike Patrick raised the matter of the noticeboard outside the Village Hall in need of repair/renovation. Following a discussion, it was agreed to find out the costs of repair for the next meeting.

1/21/14 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey stated that Horspath would have a new bus service from Oxford-Horspath-Wheatley.

1/21/15 Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright noted that there had been no solution found to the burial ground administration situation. Other options to be considered.

1/21/16 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway/Northfield Update/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire

Cllr Chris Wright reported the results of an invitation to three traffic analysis specialists (details previously circulated). Two reported a conflict of interest and would not accept work from the Parish Council. The third offered a proposal to work through a consultancy. Following a discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with a traffic analysis survey. Cllr Chris Wright asked for comments on the proposal to enable it to reflect the needs of the Parish Council by 10th January. Cllr Chris Wright will then progress and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Anne Eastwood had been contacted by a resident to say that their elderly father will write a statement to confirm that there was an aircraft breakers dump on land around Northfield during WW2 and that the land may be contaminated. Historical photos are available to support.

Cllr Ian Ashley reported that a pre-action protocol letter from the Bioabundance Group had been sent to the District Council outlining the grounds for a Judicial Review giving the District Council 14 days to respond to offer remedy before the request for a Judicial Review is submitted (letter previously circulated). Cllr Ian Ashley will give further information to the Parish Council when available as the group will be looking to raise funds from various sources across the affected sites. Clerk will send out a Zoom invite for a further discussion once Cllr Ian Ashley has more information.

1/21/17 Any Other Business

Cllr Anne Eastwood thanked Cllr Richard Betteridge and Richard Jeffery for organising the Christmas Tree lights.

Cllr Richard Betteridge asked if there could be a brown bin collection for the Church green waste. Clerk will investigate.

Clerk noted that an email had been received from Waterperry PC to say how successful they thought the boulders put on Denton Lane had been in protecting the verge, and asked for details of how to do it in their parish.

Clerk asked if all could locate our village assets whilst out walking to confirm their physical existence. This will be of interest to the internal auditor. Clerk will circulate a common document for updating and recording any comments on condition.

Cllr Matthew Dovey noted that there was consultation issued by Thames Valley Police regarding the proposed closure of some front desks.

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 1st February 2021 at 7.30pm using Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm