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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held as a virtual meeting on Monday 6th July 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, Matthew Dovey, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale (part), District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie (part) with L Stevenson in attendance.

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

7/20/1 Apologies for Absence

None

7/20/2 Declarations of Interest

None

7/20/3 Public Participation

Cllr Chris Wright welcomed the ‘virtual’ members of the public to ‘Public participation’

One resident stated that they had received no response from the Planning Enforcement Officer who had viewed the building work at The Three Horseshoes. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to contact the Enforcement Officer to request an update.

Allotment Plot – see under planning (7/20/9)

7/20/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1st June 2020

These were amended and agreed.

7/20/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Item 6/20/8 Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that the cost of the wildflower seed was still the same. It was agreed to spend up to £80.00 on wildflower seed. Cllr Anne Eastwood will order the seed.

Item 6/20/10 - Cllr Mike Patrick reported that kerbs had been laid along Kiln Lane. Cllr Chris Wright stated that Parish Council representations regarding the planning application for Kiln Lane would be submitted that evening or tomorrow along with photographs– 3 documents had been previously circulated. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that she would also be submitting a statement.

Item 6/20/17 – Cllr Mike Patrick asked about the dead tree near the seat on The Village Green. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that it had been removed and also thanked Cllr Matthew Dovey for replacing the battery in the speed indictor sign. Cllr Mathew Dovey reported that one of the batteries was not holding the charge properly and would obtain a quote for a replacement. He will also check the warranty.

7/20/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated

Cllr Mike Patrick noted that there was no mention again of any of the local villages the County Cllr represented.

Cllr ?? asked County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale about the matter of the poor road surface on Southend from the Old Vicarage down and around the bend to the Manor and the rescheduled road markings around the village hall. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated that her enquiry had received no response from Highways.

7/20/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie had previously circulated her reports ready for the Examination in Public of the Local Plan 2034.

Cllr Paul Bolam thanked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie for all her work.

7/20/8 Finance

The Clerk confirmed that fortnightly collections of St Mary’s Church waste in had been reinstated, the next collection due on 7th July.

Cllr Richard Betteridge asked what exactly could be put into the waste bin. Clerk will send a copy of the Waste Transfer Note.

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of June - £65,460.32

To note DD to Grundon of - £37.39

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£769.50 – Colourplus for Newsletter printing June/July

£100.00 – donation under s137 Local Govt Finance Act 1972 to Oxfordshire Association for the Blind

£516.10 – Clerks salary June

£28.78 to reimburse Clerk for 2 Zoom fees covering June-Aug

£992.40 – BGG for grass cutting June and verge cutting

£37.74 – to reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for grass seed for burial ground

No invoice had been received from the Sports & Social Club for the grass cutting of the play area and kick about.

All payments agreed.

Cllr Judy Westgate will set up the payments and authorise and Cllr Chris Wright will authorise them as well.

7/20/9 Planning

P20/S1805/FUL – creation of two new flats at ground floor level at the rear of the former riding school arena, South Oxfordshire Business Centre, Lower Road, Garsington.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P20/S2071/FUL – The Allotment Plot Wheatley Road – amendment to change application to Demolition of existing garage shed and greenhouse, construction of new 2 bay garage with hard surfaced pull in and greenhouse.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council wished the following comments to go to Planning:

Garsington Parish Council states that if the amended planning application satisfies the previous grounds for refusal given by Highways, then the Parish Council has no objection on that front Garsington Parish Council would like to have confirmation that the removal of permitted development rights previously asked for has been actioned Garsington Parish Council is concerned over the current rapid building of a wall. The wall appears to be longer than the wall that was originally there (which did provide 2 driveways) and the new wall is not compliant with the amended plans that have been submitted.

Building work reported to SODC Planning Enforcement at The Three Horseshoes. See Public Participation 7/20/3 above

Rebuilt wall on development on The Green. Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the Planning Enforcement Officer had inspected the rebuilt wall.

7/20/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email (previously circulated) from a resident asking for an arrow to be added to a street sign on Elm Drive to point towards Willow Close to avoid confusion. This was agreed. Cllr Matthew Dovey had spoken with the resident and will contact District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie to arrange.

Clerk had received an email from a resident regarding vehicles parked on Oxford Road near to the bus stop. Cllr Paul Bolam also raised the matter of a vehicle parked over the pavement on Wheatley Road. Cllr Chris Wright agreed to write a piece in the next Newsletter about neighbourly parking and Cllr Judy Westgate agreed to speak to the owner of the car on Wheatley Road.

7/20/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that the area had been checked twice in the previous month, the defibrillators had also been checked and the grass had been cut well on the play area and kick about area. Cllr Paul Bolam also reported that the repair to the metalwork was still outstanding and extra bark was required to infill the play area. This was agreed, Clerk will order 2 bags.

Cllr Richard Betteridge stated that the hedge behind the play area needed cutting. Following a discussion, it was agreed to leave this until next year.

7/20/12 Village Maintenance

Clerk had received an email from Oxfordshire Garden Contractors offering to undertake works in the village – following a discussion, it was agreed to keep details on file.

Cllr Richard Betteridge raised the matter of works on Parsler’s Piece concerning the hedging and boundary fence. Following a discussion, it was agreed to have a site visit to formulate a plan. Clerk will circulate dates to all.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that a rotten fence post needed replacing at Parsler’s Piece and a spend of up to £85.00 was agreed. Cllr Richard Betteridge will arrange.

7/20/13 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the bus company was still running.

7/20/14 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Chris Wright reported that the NDP was with SODC and had received an acknowledgment receipt for the plan.

7/20/15 Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright stated that the new Burial Spoil Agreement was operational as he had been contacted by a Gravedigger to apologise for doing the work before receiving the document and would amend his work to be compliant.

Cllr Paul Bolam stated that the Church Administrator Emily Elias had responded and sent the new regulations out to Funeral Directors.

Cllr Chris Wright had received an email from the Vicar regarding a request to purchase plots for Interment of Ashes.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that if that person agreed to be the first interment of ashes in the new burial ground then plots could be reserved in advance.

Cllr Mike Patrick suggested using a skip for the building rubbish that could not go into the general waste bin. This was agreed. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to obtain a price for a small skip.

7/20/16 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway/Northfield Update

No update.

7/20//17 Any Other Business

Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the update forms for the Register of Interests had been sent round, and that these and Standing Orders, Financial Regs and Risk Assessment will be reviewed at the next meeting. Papers will be sent in advance.

Cllr Paul Bolam reported that there was a great deal of dog poo left on the field public footpaths and agreed to write a piece for the next Newsletter.

Cllr Richard Betteridge asked for an item about overgrown hedges and cables cutting through trees to go into the next Newsletter. Cllr Chris Wright agreed to add onto his report.

Cllr Anne Eastwood enquired about progress on the stones for Denton Lane as the verges would get more disturbed with extra cars parking once the schools reopened in September. Cllr Ian Ashley reported that he had spoken with the owner of the Three Horseshoes who stated that the car park would reopen for school parking. Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the stones were in the work programme for the volunteer group.

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 3rd August at 7.30pm using Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm