**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL –**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 6th June 2022 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Ian Ashley, Anne Eastwood, Matthew Dovey, Richard Betteridge, Judy Westgate, Claire Green, Paul Bolam, 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

Cllr Chris Wright began the evening with the presentation of an engraved tankard to retiring Councillor Mike Patrick in recognition of his services to the Parish Council and to the community over a considerable number of years. The Parish Council and District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie joined in to voice their thanks for Mike’s service to the village.

6/22/1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Robin Bennett – unavailable to attend

6/22/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Paul Bolam and Richard Betteridge – planning application for Gayfere House (friends)

6/22/3 Public Participation

None

6/22/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9th May 2022

Minutes were agreed and signed

6/22/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that the complete survey not yet done. 1new larger litter bin will be installed on Wheatley Road, the dog bin at Southend is undamaged

Regarding document storage, Cllr Richard Betteridge had received a response from the WI and History Group. The matter is on-going

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that there had been 150 hits on the NDP link

Cllr Matthew Dovey stated that he had looked at the EV survey but the survey was concerned with councils who owned car parks, he will investigate further

6/22/6 County Councillor’s Report – previously circulated

Cllr Anne Eastwood noted that the tree works had been done at Combewell. Cllr Richard Betteridge offered to email County Cllr Robin Bennet regarding further tree work in the rest of the village

Cllr Paul Bolam was glad to see plans for the school crossing after so many years of waiting

6/22/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to follow up the matter of the bin survey

Solar farm planning application to be called back in following the discrepancy over the number of years (see below)

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie informed the Parish Council that the new head of Legal & Democratic lives in Swansea and would attend SODC/Vale of White Horse Offices 4 days per year

Cllr Ian Ashley asked when the motion to discuss planning applications and sewage infrastructure would come before full Council, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie was able to inform Cllr Ian Ashley that it would be in 5 weeks time

6/22/8 Finance.

Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Internal Audit had been performed 18-25th May and further information had been requested. Clerk will ask for an extra-ordinary meeting to sign the paperwork for the External Auditor as no certificate had been received yet from the Internal Auditor

The budget monitoring report had previously been circulated – Cllr Ian Ashley noted that there was CIL money still to be spent, Clerk will circulate projects considered up to the agreement of the budget

Balances and invoices for payment

Barclays Current Account at end of May 2022 - £90,336.81

To note DD to Grundon of £61.66

Receipts

£3429.92 – VAT refund up to 31/3/2022

The following invoices were approved for payment online

£7,800.00 – Jack Parker Barrister for professional fees Kiln Lane Public Inquiry

£2,340.00 – RCOH Ltd Neill Homer NDP consultation professional fees

£2,580.00 – A Bower interim invoice for church wall repairs (D Cllr grant)

£963.30 – BGG grass cutting May

£475.00 – Parchment Prints (Artisan Litho Ltd) for Newsletter printing June/July

£100.00 – donation under s 137 LGF Act 1972 to S Central Ambulance for defib training

£50.55 – reimburse Cllr R Betteridge for deer protection fencing and fertiliser for community orchard (CIL)

£631.35 – Clerk’s salary May

£276.26 – BGM salary May to end of contract (8th June)

£20.00 – HMRC PAYE

All payments signed and agreed by Cllrs Judy Westgate and Paul Bolam

Regarding Kiln Lane expenses, Cllr Chris Wright informed the Parish Council that the last invoice to be received from the solicitor was in September 2021 and the next solicitors charges invoice would be the final one to the end of the process.

It was agreed to pay this final invoice once it had been received (it would be around £10,000.00). Cllr Chris Wright will circulate the email and respond to the solicitor and also ask if there are grounds to ask for costs from the other party.

Clerk informed the Parish Council that there would be a donation from Garsington Society and from the Kiln Lane resident group of around £1,000.00

6/22/9 - New Code of Conduct – previously circulated

This document was reviewed and it was agreed to adopt in full

6/22/10 – Planning

P22/S0937/HH and P22/S0935/LB – Glebe Cottage 2 Southend – amendment received by SODC 18/5/2022 – reducing size of materials of dormer window and to include an EV charging point

This was noted by the Parish Council

P22/S1918/HH – Gayfere House 37 Oxford Road – first floor extension to extend existing attached bedroom-living room annexe over existing garage by raising roof over present loft space to be continuous with the existing ridge of the annexe. Addition of extension access to enclosed staircase up to new kitchen-dining room

No objections were made by the Parish Council

P22/S1541/FUL – Solar Farm at Ninevah Farm – planning variation discrepancy between 35 and 40 years in documentation.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to support the CPRE objection that had been circulated. Clerk will update the planning portal

Cllr Richard Betteridge informed the Parish Council that the cottage near to the Three Horseshoes had rebuilt the wall and installed replacement windows. No planning application had been submitted and the cottage was in the conservation area. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie agreed to investigate this matter

6/22/11 Northfield development

Cllr Chris Wright stated that there had been an archaeological survey as reported and agreed to contact SODC for any update

6/22/12 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Responses received from the consultation had been circulated a meeting of the NDP group in a weeks time to discuss the approach to responses.

Neill Homer offered help with responses to landowners and statutory bodies.

Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that she had a set of the paper plans for the village archives.

6/22/13 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email from a resident reporting digger work at Greenwoods to widen the entrance resulting in spoil pushed into the drainage ditch. Clerk had reported to County Council and 2 officers from drainage had visited and spoken to Greenwoods. Officers anticipate the problem will be sorted and will check. Resident notified by The Clerk.

The Clerk had received an email from OCC to recruit volunteers to the Fix My Street Super User Scheme asking the Parish Council to promote the scheme.

6/22/14 Playground Sports & Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam stated that a group of volunteers had come forward to help repaint some of the rusty metalwork on some of the play area equipment. The Parish Council had previously agreed to fund the cost of paint and other materials.

Regarding dogs in the Sports & Social Club grounds, Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that the Chairman had no objection to dogs in the grounds. Following a discussion, it was agreed to place a new notice to say ‘No dogs allowed in Childrens Play Area’ Cllr Anne Eastwood agreed to arrange this

Cllr Anne Eastwood offered thanks to the Sports & Social Club on behalf of the Parish Council to all those who helped make the Jubilee Celebrations such a success. Cllr Anne Eastwood offered thanks too to the pub, Garsington Society and the Vicar.

6/22/15 Village Maintenance

Cllr Paul Bolam gave a report (previously circulated) from the Garsington Environmental Group on widening biodiversity in Garsington. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie offered a grant towards tree planting. The matter of extra trees in the memorial field will go to the Sports & Social Club committee. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the group could go ahead to find locations for trees on the Parish owned parts of the memorial field (play area and kick about area), and the tree for Phipps Well. It was also agreed to revisit the placing of trees in Parsler’s Piece to reflect the use of the area. The Clerk to send the tree register to Cllr Paul Bolam

6/22/16 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

6/22/17 Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright had received a request regarding the burial of an infant. Following a discussion, it was agreed that as the parents had no connection with the village and had offered no explanation as to the background of this request, the Parish Council agreed not to offer space in the burial ground in line with current Parish Council policy. Cllr Chris Wright will respond to the Vicar with the suggestion to maybe offer space for ashes in the churchyard.

Cllr Chris Wright stated that the Burial Ground Manager would give a handover to the new post holder and that contract was fixed for 2 days per month

Cllr Chris Wright had received information regarding the consecration (part) of the new burial ground (circulated today). Following a discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with the changes and charge any expenses and disbursements incurred to CIL budget

6/22/18 Oxford-Cambridge Arc/SODC Local Plan/2050 Local Plan for Oxfordshire/Joint Local Plan 2041

Cllr Ian Ashley offered to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council the 2041 Local Plan and circulate the draft response.

6/22/19 Any Other Business

Cllr Claire Green had received positive feedback from residents about the upkeep of the churchyard and burial ground and could those responsible be thanked in some way for their hard work. Cllr Chris Wright offered to write a short piece for the next Newsletter.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting closed at 9.20pm