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

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 5th March 2018 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Judy Westgate, Paul Bolam, Matthew Dovey, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale (left 8.00pm), with L Stevenson in attendance.

1 Member of the public was present.

3/18/1 Apologies for Absence

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie – another meeting

3/18/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mike Patrick – ramp

Cllr Richard Betteridge – Planning application P18/S0540/HH

3/18/3 Public Participation

The resident asked about the number of cars parking in Pettiwell despite the double yellow lines and was there any plan to control this. Cllr Chris Wright summarised the actions taken in that the Parish Council had been induced by the Police to pay for the yellow lines and now the Police had failed to enforce these. He also said there had been recent communication with our PCSO Ryan Dollery and tickets have been issued. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale suggested that the Parish Council might like to consult a lawyer. Cllr Matthew Dovey stated that the County Council had cut funding for Community Police so when they agreed to enforce these yellow lines they had twice the number of staff to take action. On a positive note, they were due to take on more staff at the end of the summer. Cllr Richard Betteridge had a suggestion put to him to look to Greenwoods garage as it was their parking causing the problem. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to investigate the trading situation of this business regarding the licence issued.

Cllr Chris Wright invited the resident to state their wishes regarding a memorial headstone. Following a short discussion, the Parish Council invited the resident to confirm their wishes in writing through the funeral director and indicated that the Parish Council would give a positive reaction.

Cllr Chris Wright thanked the resident for explaining their position and for their attendance.

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Cllr Richard Betteridge asked for minute 2/18/17 be altered to insert the word ‘consider’ - the Parish Council *consider* buying a petrol strimmer. The minutes were altered, agreed and signed.

3/18/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

2/18/5 - The ramp in Elm Drive – Cllr Judy Westgate informed the Parish Council that they would either have to own the piece of land or have a long lease on it to be considered for any type of grant. The Parish Council would need to ask the Crown Solicitors to buy the land which would be in excess of £5,000, and they charge £750 just to talk. The application for a grant was not submitted.

2/18/12 - Cllr Paul Bolam had contacted District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie regarding the removal of rubbish along Oxford Road.

2/18/17 – Cllr Judy Westgate informed the meeting that she had created a community page on Facebook.

3/18/6 County Councillor’s Report

The report had been circulated.

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated that the Council tax was to increase by 5.99%, 3% of which will go towards social care provision. An extra 1million this year will go towards road repairs. Cllr Chris Wright asked if the council calculated its maintenance backlog costs. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated that it was around 150million and increasing.

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale confirmed that the part of Oxford Road that had been patched would be resurfaced in April under the new budget

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked whether any of the extra social care money would go towards funding the Children’s Centres as the Parish Council had been asked for funding help from The Maple Tree Children’s Centre in Wheatley. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale stated that all had received some money and will find out if there was any more that could go towards that centre.

Cllr Chris Wright asked about the vibration problem that had been raised by residents, details of which had been to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale. Cllr Paul Bolam stated that previously, there had been officers sent out to monitor. Cllr Mike Patrick stated that there were larger heavier lorries now using the roads. Cllr Richard Betteridge asked if there could be vibration monitoring equipment put on these properties. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to arrange this. Clerk to send details again and contact the residents to inform them of the progress.

3/18/7 District Councillor’s Report

None received

3/18/8 Finance

Maple Tree Children’s Centre had sent in further information requested by the Parish Council. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to donate £300.00 to the centre this year and ask to see their balance sheet.

Online banking – Cllr Judy Westgate had contacted Barclay’s Bank and had the paperwork required to move towards on-line banking. The Clerk and Cllr Paul Bolam need to fill in the paperwork and provide identity to the bank to set up the process. The Parish Council agreed to move towards on line banking for the convenience of our suppliers. The Parish Council agreed to set a daily limit of £5,000, Clerk to enter the transactions and 2 out of 4 signatures to authorise those transactions.

Balances and cheques for signature –

Barclays Current Account at end of January 2018 - £42,832.15

To note DD payment to Grundon of £48.20

Receipts

£954.00 – from District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, a Cllr grant towards burial ground fencing

£48.00 – Newsletter advertising

The following cheques were approved and signed

£528.00 – Edward Hawes for hedge cutting by playground and clearance of rubbish and cuttings

£465.40 – Clerk’s salary February

£71.00 – hire of the Village Hall (includes 2 meetings of NDP) (Clerk to record these costs separately in accounts).

3/18/8a Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on May 14th. Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that she would be absent and offered apologies.

3/18/9 Planning

P18/S0540/HH – The Old School House, 3 The Green – construction of a basement below the house, internal alterations and the addition of two basement windows on the rear elevation.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P18/S0585/HH – 11 Larch End – retrospective application for loft conversion. Non-conformity with approved plans under P16/S3575/HH

The Parish Council wished to delegate the decision to the Planning Officer.

3/18/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Chair had received an email from a resident regarding the early morning noise from gas guns in fields. Cllr Chris Wight responded to the resident and directed them to Environmental Health at SODC.

The Clerk had received an email from a research fellow of Keble College who wanted participation from local citizens in a workshop tackling global environment challenges. They were seeking permission to distribute this information to the Parish. Cllr Paul Bolam volunteered to respond.

3/18/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Mike Patrick reported that the AGM of the Sports and Social Club had been held and there was a request to paint the metal gates and put a sign opposite the gateway to point out the club. The Parish Council agreed to supply the paint if the Sports and Social Club volunteered to paint the gates. Cllr Chris Wright stated that permission for a sign would be needed from the County Council Highways Department.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that he had received a positive comment from a playground user saying what a wonderful playground we had in Garsington.

Cllr Paul Bolam noted that the hedge cutting job had been well done. He also stated that there were a lot of molehills in the ground and also a lot of moss that would need a work group in time.

Cllr Chris Wright confirmed that the fence would be mended when the bark was laid.

3/18/12 Village Maintenance

Old stone wall – Cllrs Paul Bolam and Richard Betteridge will liaise over this action. Clerk will give 4 week’s notice to Historic England to state that work will commence.

3/18/13 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the speed device was still in Southend.

3/18/14 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

3/18/15 New Burial Ground

Cllr Chris Wright stated that the County archaeologist agreed that interment of ashes was permitted and has informed the Planning Officer. The Parish Council agreed that 2 gates were needed in the fences, 1 towards the brook and 1 towards the Gizzel. The main footpath will be outside the burial ground.

3/18/16 Neighbourhood Plan

A further meeting had been held on 4th March and minutes taken. The NDP agreed to meet again with Pye. Clerk to set up a meeting.

3/18/17 Any Other Business

Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that a tree was obstructing the bridle way from Oxford Road to Horspath. Clerk to contact Brasenose college.

Cllr Chris right noted that the Parish Council should start to think about the grass cutting contract as this would be the final year of the 3year contract with BGG. Clerk has contacted BGG to ask when they will do their first cut but not heard back yet. Clerk will ring again.

Cllr Anne Eastwood suggested more frequent cuts for Parsler’s Piece and the playground area be included in the specification. Clerk will send round the current specification.

Cllr Richard Betteridge gave information about the SODC lottery due to be launched, suggesting the Parish Council and other groups in the village join together, register to be a good cause and so a recipient of funds.

Cllr Matthew Dovey noted that residents may see more light aircraft overflying Garsington following the aerospace consultation information sent round before Christmas.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm