**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL – March 2019**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Chris Wright, present were Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Judy Westgate, Matthew Dovey, Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale with L Stevenson in attendance.

12 Members of the public were present.

3/19/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Paul Bolam -overseas

Cllr Ian Dickinson – work commitments

3/19/2 Declarations of Interest

None

3/19/3 Public Participation

A resident asked if the indicative time scale regarding Kiln Lane had been received from the Head of Planning Enforcement. Cllr Chris Wright reported that he had received a response from Head of Planning Enforcement giving a timescale of 5-6 weeks to beginning of April for notification, this is with the Legal Team.

Cllr Chris Wright also reported that the Head of Planning Enforcement confirmed response to the 2nd stage complaint. The residents group understand that they cannot escalate their complaint as a ‘group’, but have to do this as individuals.

3/19/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th February 2019

These were agreed and signed.

3/19/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Anne Eastwood thanked the volunteer group for clearing the pathway along the high walkway round by the church in Southend. And also thanked the volunteer group for planting hedging long the new fence in the new burial ground.

Cllr Mike Patrick asked if a meeting had been arranged with Greenwoods. Cllr Chris Wright stated that he was trying to find suitable dates for a meeting with the owner of Greenwoods, the Parish Council and the PCSO and possibly the County Council.

Cllr Chris Wright confirmed he had sent off the Parish Council response to the Local Plan.

Cllr Chris Wright confirmed that he had contacted the resident from Poplar Close regarding the anti-social behaviour they had reported.

Cllr Chris Wright confirmed that he had responded to Reaston Brown regarding Greenwoods development.

Cllr Matthew Dovey asked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie if the refuse lorry difficulties in Willow Close had been investigated. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will pursue this.

3/19/6 County Councillor’s Report

Previously circulated. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale reported that the budget had been passed on 12th February with funding for 3 new special schools in Banbury, Littlemore and Didcot, funding for improving streetlighting, increased funding for adult social care and youth group funding. County Cllr Lorraine-Lyndsay-Gale also reported that delayed transfer of care numbers had reduced according to Healthwatch.

Cllr Mike Patrick asked about the drain at the junction at the bottom of Pettiwell and Watlington Road. The Clerk reported this was logged onto the Fix My Street website and will contact the Highways Inspector again.

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked if the large tree at the bottom of the Bridleway near to Elm Drive shops could be pruned. This was last trimmed in 2012 by the County. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to contact Tina Hill Tree Officer. The Clerk to also contact Tina Hill.

3/19/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that the Local Plan responses were sent to the Planning Inspector, but no date yet set for an Enquiry.

Cllr Chris Wright stated that District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie’s suspension had nearly ended. And thanked her for her continuing support in village matters.

Cllr Matthew Dovey raised concerns about the clearing work on the building plot opposite Combewell, he will email District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie with details.

Cllr Richard Betteridge also raised the work going on at Tadpole Lane, asked District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie to find out what progress had been made by the Head of Planning Enforcement in this matter as she had been asked to contact the Environment Agency.

3/19/8 Setting of the Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on May 13th 2019.

3/19/9 Finance

Balances and cheques for signature

Barclays Current Account at end of February 2019 - £47,797.72

To note DD to Grundon of £49.78

Receipts

£1011.00 – from Emma Pennington for burial fees Sept – Feb

The following cheques were approved and signed

£819.52 – Colourplus for Newsletter printing Feb/March

£150.00 – Positive Tree Care for work at Parsler’s Piece

£66.90 – to reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for reformatting the grass cutting maps and replacement gate pin

£300.00 – to reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for hedging plants for burial ground

£957.74 – Farol Ltd for hedge cutter and equipment as per grant

£446.90 - Clerk’s salary February

£41.60 – PAYE due to HMRC

To note that the £2,000 grant from District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie has been awarded and papers for this were signed.

Cllr Judy Westgate noted that the invoice for the newsletter was at least £60.00 less as there were 4 pages less in the latest edition due to there being no report from the Vicar.

3/19/10 Planning

P19/S0544/HH – 96 Southend – side dormer window.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P19/S0308/FUL – Garsington Manor, Southend – conversion of Scenery Barn to provide new unit of staff accommodation.

The Parish Council heard objections from residents to this application. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to object to this application on the grounds of highway visibility, increased traffic, overdevelopment of the site and safety concerns for pedestrian road users.

P19/S0307/FUL – Garsington Manor – permanent change of use for the Tyrell Barn to form a staff dwelling, including alterations to existing building.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

P19/S0581/HH – 22 Combewell – alterations to existing side extension to provide two storey side extension, rear single storey kitchen extension. This application was discussed and owing to insufficient detail on the plans, a view could not be formed by the Parish Council. Clerk to ask for an extension of the date for consultation.

To note P19/S0587/DIS for development work 1 Willow Close – not subject to public consultation.

3/19/11 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email from a resident regarding fly tipping in ditches on both sides from houses to the bottom of Southend. These have now been cleared.

The Clerk had received an email from Clean Slate asking for a donation. Clerk will circulate the email for a decision at the next meeting.

Clerk had received a letter from Community First Oxfordshire to renew membership at a cost of £70.00. Clerk will circulate the letter for a decision at the next meeting.

Clerk had received an invitation from Oxfordshire Association of Local Council to join at a cost of £323.84. Clerk will circulate the invitation for a decision at the next meeting.

The Chair had received an email from Cllr Paul Bolam to report that he had checked the defibrillators in the village.

3/19/12 School Parking

County Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale had met with County Highways Officer, Deputy Head and a parent to consider the traffic problems at morning drop off time. County Cllr Lindsay-Gale offered to pay for a traffic survey. This was agreed. The Highways Officer agreed to repaint the white lines and zig zag lines (and also the lines at Pettiwell) when the weather improves. Following the collection of data, County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale will arrange for the Highways Officer to meet with the Parish Council with suggestions of a way forward.

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale also suggested removing the bank to enable the space to be used for a pull-in.

3/19/13 Greenwoods/Pettiwell

Cllr Chris Wright noted that there was nothing further to report.

3/19/14 Playground/Sports and Social Club

A written report from Cllr Paul Bolam stated that the broken table had been removed.

3/19/15 Village Maintenance

The Parish Council agreed to award the grass cutting contract 2019-2021 to BGG. Papers were signed along with the addendum to the contract agreed by both parties. Clerk will notify unsuccessful tenderers.

3/19/16 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Cllr Matthew Dovey stated there was nothing to report.

3/19/17 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey stated there was nothing to report.

3/19/18 Burial Ground

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the hedging had been planted along the new fence. The volunteer group would now concentrate on the path joining the two sites.

3/19/19 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Chris Wright reported that the analysis of the Housing Needs survey had been received. The proportion of returns from Garsington was a typical response from a village of our size. 22 residents expressed a need for affordable housing. The group is now moving forward to identify potential sites.

3/19/20 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

Cllr Chris Wright reported that BBOWT has been given leave to pursue their case against the government.

3/19/21 Any Other Business

Cllr Mike Patrick reported that the drain on the corner of Denton Lane opposite the school was blocked and flooded each time there was rain. Clerk to contact Tracy Morton.

Cllr Mike Patrick also brought up the matter of increasingly heavy lorries passing through the village. Cllr Chris Wright encouraged all to take photos and report heavy lorries on the website.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm