**GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (DRAFT MINUTES)**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 8th May 2017, following the Annual Parish Meeting. The Vice Chair Anne Eastwood presided, present were Cllrs Mike Patrick, Richard Betteridge, Judy Westgate, and Ian Dickinson, with L Stevenson in attendance.

5 Members of the public were present.

5/17/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Wright - vacation

Cllr Paul Bolam – work commitments

Cllr Matthew Dovey

5/17/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mike Patrick – ramp at Elm Drive

5/17/3 Public Participation

Residents had met with District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie and Cllr Chris Wright regarding Kiln Lane. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie and the Enforcement Officer had visited the site, but residents remain concerned. Cllr Anne Eastwood informed the meeting that the planning committee to consider plot 8 and 9 will not be until June at the earliest.

The state of the Oxford Road at Combwell was also raised. The potholes are so widespread, traffic is using the centre of the road to avoid them. Water is causing a problem here. Cllr Anne Eastwood asked the Clerk to write to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale requesting action.

5/17/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd April 2017

The minutes were agreed and signed.

5/17/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Mike Patrick noted that the buildings on the Greenwood’s site had now been demolished.

Cllr Judy Westgate asked whether Cllr Chris Wright had met with the Baldons Group to discuss possible developments on the green belt. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported he had not.

Cllr Mike Patrick raised the matter of the grass cutting on the kickabout area of the Memorial Playing field, see under item 5/17/11

5/17/6 County Councillor’s Report

None received for this meeting.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale about several matters – the road surface and water problem on the Oxford Road near Combwell where traffic now has to pass in single file to negotiate the poor road surface; the dangerous state of the pathway surface on the Oxford Road from Combwell to Fox Close, to ask for resurfacing (the Parish Council last asked for this a year ago); and to request to have the 30MPH limit extended to Guydens Farm now there are more people living there (see item 5/17/10).

5/17/7 District Councillor’s Report

The Parish Council were disappointed not to receive a report for this meeting.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie about several matters -to ask for a contribution towards the yellow lines in Pettiwell as promised; to arrange for the cleaning of the road prior to the installation of the yellow lines; and to ask for the ‘Garsington’ sign to be reinstated on the Oxford Road below Guydens Farm hamlet.

5/17/8 Finance

The Clerk had written to BGG to request the extension of the one year grass cutting contract for a further year. The cheque for clearing works at Parsler’s Piece had been sent, although they have still to weed kill the area as agreed. See item 5/17/12

The Clerk had previously circulated details of the three insurance quotes received. Cllr Richard Betteridge noted that some of the conditions under the cheaper quotes put a lot more burden onto the Parish Council, for example requiring the play equipment to be inspected weekly. The Parish Council agreed to contract with Zurich for a further year and investigate the terms offered by other companies in greater detail. Clerk to contact Zurich.

Balances and cheques for signature –

Barclays Current Account at end of April 2017 - £36,053.29

To note DD payment to Grundon for £46.14

Receipts –

Direct credits – first half year precept from SODC - £11,330.00

Direct credit - of £72.00 for Newsletter Advertising – (Jennings - £48.00 and Ledbury Landscapes - £24.00)

Cheques received – burial fees from Emma Pennington for second half year - £1460.00

Newsletter advertising - £60.00 (Grimebusters)

The following cheques were approved and signed

Oxfordshire County Council waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) in Pettiwell - £3858.46

Colourplus for Newsletter printing April/May - £878.48

CPRE membership renewal - £36.00

SSE Electricity supply for gardens adjacent war memorial - £33.14

To reimburse Cllr Richard Betteridge for fence post, fencing, gate and mix for Parsler’s Piece - £298.29

To reimburse David Mather for style and gate repairs - £13.18

To reimburse Cllr Anne Eastwood for spare keys to access Parsler’s Piece - £36.00

Mr Hopkins of 1 Willow Close for an annual contribution towards the electricity for the defibrillator - £30.00

BGG for grass cutting for April - £471.22

Clerk’s salary April - £449.06

5/17/9 Planning

P17/S1330/HH – Application type ‘other’. Two storey side extension and entrance canopy, Lower Farm Cottage, Lower Road, Garsington. The Parish Council agreed to this proposal.

P17/S1153/SCO – Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion. Land South of Grenoble Road and B480 Watlington Road. The Parish Council noted this application.

5/17/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email from a resident concerning grass clippings left behind the goalposts on the sports field. See item 5/17/11.

The Clerk had received a letter Planet Aid following a request to remove the clothes bin at Elm Drive shops asking if the bin could be moved to another site in the village. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write again to Planet Aid to ask them to remove the bin from the village.

The Clerk had received details of a proposed development on Oxford Road. The representative was present at the meeting. Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to meet with the representative 15 minutes before the next Parish Council meeting in June.

The Parish Council had received an email regarding the overgrown state of the footpath from Combewell to Fox Close. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that this area had been cleared a couple of years ago. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to arrange a working party to clear the area. The Parish Council also asked the Clerk to write to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale to ask for the path to be resurfaced.

The Parish Council had received an email requesting that the 30MPH limit be extended to cover Guydens Farm hamlet. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale to request this extension.

5/17/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Mike Patrick had been approached by the Sports and Social club to take back the maintenance of the kick about area of grass to enable their junior team to train on it, further details to be discussed.

5/17/12 Village Maintenance

Pettiwell double yellow lines – The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie requesting her contribution towards the double yellow lines and also to arrange cleaning of the road.

Disabled ramp at Elm Drive shops – Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the post box had been moved in preparation for the work. The Clerk reported that only one quote had been received for this work. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to look into inviting other local builders to quote.

Old wall behind Old Stone Cross –Cllr Richard Betteridge has been in contact again with the Planning Officer to discuss this application.

Parsler’s Piece – Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the weedkilling has not been done yet. He will contact BGG again.to request this. Cllr Anne Eastwood had found old documentation from residents in Combwell concerned about Parsler’s Piece when first made into a recreational area where they had requested berberis and brambles be planted to protect their boundaries. Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the wooden posts sculpture had several posts unstable, these have been removed, also, the gate and fence have been changed and repaired. Cllr Anne Eastwood thanked the working group for their time and hard work.

5/17/13 Policing/Speed Monitoring

No report received this month.

5/17/14 Burial Ground

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that following the site meeting with Natural England, a licence to interfere with the sett will be given at the end of May. Work can begin at the end of July to put one-way gates in and mesh fencing in the new area that has been dug.

Cllr Richard Betteridge will arrange for invitations to quote for the required archaeological work to go out to the recognised organisations. Volunteers could be part of the workforce but they would need to be managed closely. Cllr Anne Eastwood suggested that the boundary is marked out, this was agreed.

5/17/15 Neighbourhood Plans

The Parish Council agreed to ask Cllr Chris Wright to write a piece for the Newsletter.

5/17/16 Any Other Business

Cllr Anne Eastwood asked the Clerk to respond to an email received from the Clerk at Cuddesdon and Denton regarding the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway and the approach Garsington Parish might take. The Parish Council is interested to know what they propose.

 Cllr Anne Eastwood had been contacted by a resident of Combwell to say that brambles were causing a problem in her garden. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to contact Garsington Good Neighbours to help this elderly resident.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm