GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall

Monday 6th November 2023 at 7.30pm.

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| **Members of the Parish Council In attendance:** | Cllr Chris Wright (Chair), Cllr Ian Ashley, Cllr Judith Westgate, Cllr Anne Eastwood, Cllr Adrian Townsend, Cllr Richard Betteridge, Cllr Matthew Dovey Cllr Robin Bennett and Cllr Sam James-Lawrie |
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| **Public attendance:** | 3 members of the public were present. |
| **Minutes:** | Elaine Small (Parish Clerk). |

# 11/23/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Claire Green (holiday). Cllr Paul Bolam

# 11/23/2 Declarations of Interest

# 11/23/3 Public Participation

Gigaclear – a resident complained of the positioning of the temporary traffic lights on the Wheatley Road, it was dangerous for school children and walkers having to negotiate traffic build up. GPC residents were not informed by letter of the work that was planned. Cllr Dovey is currently in communications with Gigaclear and will write a letter to the about the lack of communications.

A resident asked about the enforcement plan on 7,8+12 Kiln Lane. Cllr James-Lawrie said it had been raised on numerous occasions but there is no enforcement plan on no.12. Enforcement is a long legal progress. It was suggested that representatives from the PC have a Microsoft Teams meeting with SODC Officers - Sam to arrange.

Chairman of Blackbird Leys Council raised a conversation of the Chelgate and housing issues. Planning to attend the meeting on Wednesday 8th Nov, which is in the Village Hall, to listen and voice concerns along with GPC Councillors and Horspath Parish Council. GPC have sent a list of issues previously to raise concerns and get answers.

# 11/23/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd October 2023

Approved and signed by Cllr Chris Wright.

# 11/23/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Cllr Dovey reported on Speed Watch no updated comments on this.

Signs on entering Garsington from Wheatley and Oxford Road were discussed. Cllr Betteridge said that he would apply for County Council grant/funding – ongoing.

Electricity contract with SSE – was discussed and it was agreed that GPC (Elaine) would end the contract as soon as practical after twelfth night and use Solar lighting from 2024.– Cllr Dovey would recirculate likely costs.

A resident highlighted a concern about inappropriate windows having been installed in a couple of houses in the Conservation Area but provided no addresses.

Parking enforcement suggested on the “no named road” - Councillor James-Lawrie was asked if he could comment on this and it was suggest speaking to Councillor Bennett (not arrived as yet at the meeting).

# 11/23/6 County Councillor Report Cllr Robin Bennett.

Sent in a report this will be accessible via the website.

Pinch point - GPC asking for a construction date for the northern pinch point on Wheatley Road and also clarification of next steps relating to the southern pinch point on the Hill near the school. The funding that was allocated by OCC (provided by SODC) was for traffic lights and both pinch points. It would appear that a cost overrun on the traffic lights has meant insufficient funds now available to deliver the southern pinch point. Cllr Bennett was asked to investigate the cost overrun, obtain a construction date for the northern pinch point and find out next steps in delivering the southern pinch point.

Guydens Farm, it is a fast road and there are families using the entrance to Guydens Farm. Cllr Bennett will engage with officers again with a view to getting the 30mph restriction extended from its current position prior to the Unipart entrance to just beyond Guydens Farm second entrance.

“No named road” Plough to Southend road. Cllr Bennett to investigate the installation with the relevant team.

# 11/23/7 District Councillor’s Report Cllr Sam James-Lawrie**.**

Sam advised that it was not possible to use SODC Community Grant for a pilot school minibus as requested by Cllr Ashley.

Kiln Lane – planned traveller sites have been discussed and SODC are short of suitable potential sites.

Plot 9 no justification for a permanent site, given harm to the greenbelt as detailed by the National Planning Inspector.

SODC are currently failing in their statutory duty to provide an adequate number of traveller sites yet do not appear to be urgently progressing the sites that have been identified as part of the new South and Vale 2041 local plan. Sam to investigate why those sites can’t be moved forward now rather than wait up to 2 years for the new plan to be approved.

Northfield, it was expressed there was to be a forum meeting before Christmas and again after in the New Year this one is open to the public dates to be arranged.

# 11/23/8 Finance

The following invoices were agreed and passed for payment by the PC

Parish Clerk and Burial ground Manager salary and expenses £704.63

HMRC income tax £135.80

Grundon (DD) Waste £61.14

Rexel Road form pin £18.30

Moore Audit insurance review £378.00

Plumstone Picket Fencing £43.12

Bank Statement and invoices were signed and agreed.

1. Playdale - Cllr Betteridge will speak to the company to agree a settlement fee and ask for an invoice to be issued for the new amount.

11/23/9 Planning

P23/S3488/SCR. Substation battery storage. This was discussed Cllr Dovey to attend the meeting and report back. Offered for them to attend our Parish Council meeting.

P23/S3398/HH. 25 The Hill Garsington OX44 Conversion of the existing conservatory to create an additional bedroom, including replacement of the Polycarbonate roof with a new flat roof profile. Insertion of doors, windows, and roof light openings. Removal of existing outbuildings and erection of a new garden office outbuilding. No objection.

11/23/10 Footpath – Wheatley Road Survey

Meeting with Horspath and Wheatley PC’s to discuss the feasibility of a cycle/footpath from Garsington to Wheatley taking place this week. GPC will await feedback from Horspath & Wheatley PCs.

11/23/11 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

a. Zip Wire report. Cllr Paul Bolam to investigate how to get this properly serviced .

b. Bench in Church Yard. Reverend Karen Charman was asked by a member of the public if they could replace the broken bench and replace plaque as it is a much loved place to sit. This was approved for a replacement funded by the resident.

c. Pettiwell Green, Phipps Well and Jubilee Cottages – Garsington Parish ownership Land Registry on 3 pieces of land. Pettiwell Green is to be progressed.

d. Pub area land at back is proposed to be used for weddings and events area by the Pub.

e. Lane rental proposal. Network Management, Ken Stenning from Oxford County Council ( <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/lane-rental-scheme-consultation>) are proposing to introduce a scheme whereby companies are charged for works that are undertaken during peak periods. Fee or rent discussed for the busiest roads about flow of vehicle when work is taking place. Survey look at maps online etc deadline for this is 26th January 2024. This was discussed and decided basically a good idea by the Council and Cllr Wright.

F. Citizens Advise Grant Aid request for donation. GPC agreed this is a worthy cause £500 agreed to donate to them.

g. Mr Venner correspondence ref planning for new house north of No.45 Wheatley Road - Cllr Wright will respond.

11/23/12 Traffic Control on Wheatley Road by Gigaclear

A letter has been drafted and it was agreed that the Chairman should send it to OCC.

11/23/13 Northfield

Letter to Brasenose agreed at this meeting and Cllr Wright to sign and send. It is hoped that by the time of the next GPC meeting there will be a response.

11/23/14 Kiln Lane update

No progress.

11/23/15 Village maintenance

a.Grass cutting tender – Grass cutting for review next year. S101 contract signed.

b. Gigaclear fibre Network. As above Cllr Dovey to liaise with company.

c.Pettiwell, Village Cross and memorial – land registry. As above this is proposed to go ahead with Pettiwell first. Cllr Wright to action.

d. Christmas tree collection point agreed - outside shop and pub. Elaine to advise SODC.

11/23/16 Asset of Community Value for the pub

Cllr Ashley submitted further evidence from residents and now awaiting feedback from SODC before resubmitting the ACV application.

11/23/17 The Howe Trust Grant request Christmas hampers – discussed and agreed to donate 200 pounds this year 2023.

11/23/18 Any Other business

a. Local Gaps Policy, maps boundary need clarifying Cllr Wright has a meeting with the inspector Andrew Ashcroft and SODC to help with confirmation of the boundary lines of Garsington and proposed Northfield build plan.

b.Neighbourhood plan. Letter Cllr Wright wrote to SODC was welcomed and had some good points. Needs a few things with more clarification and advise on certain boundaries.

c. Pettiwell, resident proposed that a camera be placed as a deterrent there to deter parking. The potential effectiveness of this idea was discussed and it was agreed that Sam would investigate what further steps can be taken to prevent the persistent illegal parking on the double yellows outside Greenwoods.

d. 41 Southend – verge being eroded by buses/farm tractors –what can be done about it ? Cllr Wright to pursue.

# Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

# Date of forthcoming meeting:

# 4th December 2023 at 7.30pm Monthly Parish Meeting in the Village Hall.