**GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (DRAFT MINUTES)**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 5th September 2016, commencing at 7.30pm. The Chairman Chris Wright presided, present were Cllrs Richard Betteridge, Matthew Dovey, Judy Westgate, Mike Patrick, Anne Eastwood, District Councillor Elizabeth Gillespie, County Councillor Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale (arrived 8.00pm, left 8.10pm) with L Stevenson in attendance. Also present were 5 members of the public.

9/16/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr John Hieatt – Family illness

Cllr Paul Bolam – Work commitments

Cllr Ian Dickinson – Work commitments

9/16/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mike Patrick – ramp at Elm Drive

9/16/3 Public Participation

A resident raised the matter of planning permission for 8 and 9 Kiln Lane.

9/16/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1st August 2016

Cllr Richard Betteridge has investigated the insurance position of volunteers in working parties and will compile a list of activities undertaken.

Cllr Matthew Dovey had investigated speed recording devices, in respect of this District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie commented that the District Council were unable to finance.

9/16/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

To note that the standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Asset Register and Risk Assessment documents were adopted and alternative dated.

9/16/6 County Councillor’s Report

The report was circulated. Cllr Mike Patrick requested that future reports contain more local issues. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale will try to do this.

9/16/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie encouraged residents to continue monitoring 12 Kiln Lane. With regard to 8 and 9 Kiln Lane, officers were looking into the ‘special circumstances’ of the application but could not share these. Cllr Chris Wright asked if these would both go to committee, Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie confirmed they would.

Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported on the consultation on the Local Plan saying that the preferred site for development was Chalgrove using MOD developers to build.

9/16/8 Balances and cheques for signature

Barclay’s Current Account at end of August 2016 £22,459.68

Parish Council to note DD payment to Grundon of £43.46

Receipts – Direct credits to Barclay’s bank account of £192.00 for advertising in the Parish Newsletter, (representing Brannfords £60.00, Khushi Khushi Fitness £12.00, SG Wyatt £120.00).

Cheques received of £600.00 for advertising in the Parish Newsletter, (representing SR Childs £60.00, Vital Health £120.00, Everything Wood £120.00, Taylors £240.00, Jem Chimney Sweep £60.00).

The following cheques were approved and signed

BGG Grasscutting August £471.22

Hopethruhorses April-July £187.50

Colourplus August/Sept Newsletter £900.44

Playsafe Annual RoSPA Inspection £113.40

Zurich increase in insurance £97.79

Clerk’s salary £359.25

Cllr Richard Betteridge reimbursement for wood for stile group £110.70

Garsington Village Hall hire charges July-Sept £59.50

9/16/9 Budget

The current budget document was circulated, agreed Clerk to produce the document as a progress report 3 monthly.

9/16/10 Planning

No new applications received

9/16/11 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Chairman had received two items regarding the burial ground. One a query over a gravestone of dark granite which has been resolved, and another regarding the refusal of a burial where the person had no connection to the village.

The Chairman noted that brambles were growing over the footpath at Parsler’s Piece although a working party had cleared this in August. It was a particular problem for 4, 5 and 6 Combewell from the backs of their hedges to the fence boundary of Parsler’s Piece. Cllr Richard Betteridge will investigate this. Cllr Judy Westgate will look at the land registry to see where the boundary sits.

The Chairman noted that the grass had been cut along the path from Kings Copse to Grenoble Road.

The Chairman also noted that the hedges around Tadpole Lane were clearer although a letter hinted at excessive speed of agricultural vehicles. The Chairman felt that this may be solved by 3rd party mediation rather than by the Parish Council.

The continuing pile of spoil on the village green was also a matter of concern and complaints have been received. Cllr Anne Eastwood had spoken to the owner recently. Cllr Judy Westgate suggested explaining the circumstances of a village green to the owners. Agreed that the Clerk will write to the owners to draw their attention to these concerns.

Information about the Oxfordshire Comet transport had been received by the Clerk, posters will go up on noticeboards and also to Kings Copse.

9/16/12 Playground

A working party has removed weeds from under the zipwire. Cllr Richard Betteridge felt a more long term solution was needed.

Cllr Mike Patrick agreed to get a copy of the key to the main gate. Also, agreed that Cllr Paul Bolam to get copies of the other keys to the playground.

The annual RoSPA report was received, to be looked at next meeting.

9/16/13 Village Maintenance

Disabled ramp at Elm Drive shops – Cllr Richard Betteridge informed the meeting that planning approval had not yet been received.

Old wall behind stone cross – The leylandii trees in the plot behind the wall need to be trimmed, Cllr Chris Wright will look at this.

9/16/14 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report

9/16/15 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Cllr Matthew Dovey will explore automatic number plate recognition systems with Neighbourhood Action Group. Cllr Anne Eastwood requested that the speed monitoring device be moved on to The Hill. Cllr Matthew Dovey has ordered another 50 wheelie bin stickers.

9/16/16 Broadband Cabinet – The Green

Nothing to report

9/16/17 Land adjacent to St Mary’s Churchyard

Cllr Chris Wright is keen to progress this.

9/16/18 Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr Chris Wright reported that a sub Committee had met and recommended the Parish Council to proceed with a tightly focussed Neighbourhood Plan on housing. An application is needed to SODC to start the process. Agreed the Clerk to write to Gayle Wootton at SODC.

9/16/19 Any Other Business

Cllr Chris Wright would like a longer term solution for Hopethruhorses instead of payment for non-use of land, Cllr Mike Patrick will investigate. Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that there was now a beehive on that piece of ground.

Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that the Himalayan Balsam that had migrated downstream from the manor to Southend, had been destroyed. Cllr Richard Betteridge will arrange an article for the next newsletter.

Cllr Anne Eastwood will attend the Oxford Green Belt Network on 15th September.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm