**GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (DRAFT MINUTES)**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 3rd April 2017, commencing at 7.30pm. The Chairman Chris Wright presided, present were Cllrs Anne Eastwood, Mike Patrick, John Hieatt, Richard Betteridge, Judy Westgate, and Matthew Dovey, County Councillor Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale (left 8.05pm), District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, with L Stevenson in attendance.

8 Members of the public were present.

4/17/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Paul Bolam – vacation

Cllr Ian Dickinson - work

4/17/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mike Patrick – ramp at Elm Drive

4/17/3 Public Participation

A resident commented that the ground in front of Phipps Well was very muddy when wet and wondered if they could put down some scalpings to control this. This was agreed.

A resident asked about 12 Kiln Lane. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reported that the Enforcement Officer had visited twice to monitor the discharge of planning conditions. Cllr Chris Wight asked when the matter of Kiln Lane would go to the Planning Committee. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie responded that would probably be May. A resident asked how many times District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie had visited the site, she responded to say she had been more than once recently and would visit again.

4/17/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th March 2017

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4/17/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Cllr Matthew Dovey commented that the new ‘Fix My Street’ website was worse than the previous one.

4/17/6 County Councillor’s Report

County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale gave a short report as County Council elections are looming. Cllr Mike Patrick asked about the demolition of buildings on the Greenwood site which formed part of their planning conditions, which are still standing. Cllr Anne Eastwood asked if one of the new dragons could visit Combwell to mend the potholes once more. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale will ask.

4/17/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie stated that there is unlikely to be a ‘Science Village’ application until the Autumn. There is a Grenoble Road scoping study on the Planning website to which the public can respond as with a normal planning application.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie reminded all about the public consultation for the Local Plan which continues until 17th May. The Parish Council will formulate a response for the next meeting. She confirmed that the Local Plan will still hold weight in the event of there being a Unitary Authority.

Cllr Chris Wright had received an invitation from the Baldons Group to meet and discuss these large possible developments in the Green Belt and what might happen if there is to be a Unitary authority. Agreed to meet with them and discuss.

4/17/8 Finance

The one year grass cutting contract for urban cuts with BGG will end in June. The Parish Council requested the Clerk to seek to extend the contract as BGG also have a contract to cut the rest of the grass in the village.

The County Council has also sent a contract proposing that responsibility for grass cutting though out the Parish becomes a Parish responsibility with a payment of around £190.00per annum. Cllr Chris Wright felt that this might be the first of many delegated responsibilities. Last year, it cost the Parish £1,000 to do this cutting although a contract was not signed.

Balances and cheques for signature –

Barclays Current Account at end of February 2017 - £29,253.53

To note DD payment to Grundon for £44.74

Cheque for fees associated with transferring the burial ground land charged to Leonard Young held back as the invoice was not to the Parish Council, but a 3rd party, is to be sent to Royds Withy King. The Parish Council will bear the cost of the fees and the VAT.

Receipts –

Cheques received for Newsletter advertising - £84.00 (£60.00 Judith Ann, £12.00 Daniel Clark, £12.00 Tom Shaw).

The following cheques were approved and signed

SODC dog bin emptying January to March - £75.35

Dick Rudman for supplying and fitting a steel barrier at Willow Close to protect the defibrillator - £300.00

Cllr Richard Betteridge for materials for fencing in field below the church - £106.49

Clerk’s salary March - £449.06

BGG for clearing works at Parsler’s Piece - £902.40

4/17/9 Planning

P17/S1075/HH – Formation of 2 full length dormer constructions to allow for a loft conversion forming 3 bedrooms and 2 en-suites. External insulation system to be applied including new rendered finish externally. Hipped roof arrangement to be altered to a new gable arrangement. 197 Oxford Road, Garsington. The Parish Council agreed to this proposal.

P17/S1056/LB – Living room floor: take up and replace existing floor covering with solid English ash floorboards. Glebe Cottage, 2 The Green, Garsington. The Parish Council noted this application.

P16/S3989/FUL – Amendment number 1 13th March 2017 – Proposed family dwelling, garage and carport on vacant land. Amendment to approved application (APP/Q3115/W/16/3148649). As amended and supported by revised plans and arboricultural report received 13th March 2017. Land Adj The Green, Garsington. The Parish Council agreed that their views of opposing were still the same, and strongly endorsed the views of the Conservation Officer and the Forestry Officer posted on the planning website. The Parish Council also added that they were disappointed not to see the landscaping design before work had started on the site.

P17/S1170/PDH – Single storey rear extension (depth 6.95m height 4m height to eaves 3m). The Parish Council noted this application.

P17/S1211/HH – Removal of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension. 7 Elm Drive, Garsington. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

4/17/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had received an email from a resident concerning lengthy traffic congestion outside Greenwoods in Pettiwell due to cars parked in the road being re-parked to allow an HGV to enter the site. The Clerk responded to resident to inform them of the application for double yellow lines along that stretch of the road.

The Clerk received an email from the resident who helped with previous Spring Cleans in the parish with an offer to co-ordinate a clean-up when and where needed. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write back suggesting a clean-up around the Elm Drive shops.

The Clerk received a letter from Garsington Good Neighbours to say that they had received a cheque from the PCC of St Mary’s Church following the Soup Lunch, giving them sufficient funds to continue with the monthly teas in the Village Hall. They do not need to apply to the Parish Council for funds this year and thanked the Parish Council.

4/17/11 Pettiwell Double Yellow Lines

This matter is due before the April Highways Committee.

4/17/12 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Chris Wright stated that the rent will be renegotiated in the next couple of months.

4/17/13 Village Maintenance

Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that the residents around Parsler’s Piece were pleased with the clearing work. However, after clearing it was found that a lot of the fence posts were rotten. Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to arrange a group of volunteers to do this work and an amount of up to £250.00 was agreed for materials to repair this fence owned by the parish.

Disabled ramp at Elm Drive shops – Clerk reported that invitations for quotes had gone out to 5 local builders, to return by 18th April.

Old wall behind Old Stone Cross –Cllr Richard Betteridge has been in contact with the Planning Officer to discuss this application. A letter and photographs will be sent in regarding the differing land levels either side of the wall, although a site visit would be more expedient.

Defibrillator at Willow Close – Cllr Chris Wright thanked Cllr John Hieatt for the work he had done to get this arranged. The Clerk has notified Pye Homes and sent them photographic evidence of the work done.

4/17/14 Village Bus Service

Nothing to report.

4/17/15 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Police report circulated. Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that 24 speeding motorists and 1 mobile phone user were caught recently during speed checks on Wheatley Road.

4/17/16 Burial Ground

Cllrs Chris Wright and Richard Betteridge have a site meeting arranged with Natural England to view the badger sett.

The Clerk has contacted the Planning Officer and the County Archaeologist who confirm that further excavation is required on the new piece of land before the site is used as a burial ground.

The Parish Council had received a request from PCC of St Mary’s Church to share the cost of new pathways around the church. Cllr Chris Wright noted that the Parish Council had not been approached in the early stages of this matter had consequently, no amount had been included in the forthcoming Parish Council budget for this expense, although the access to the new burial ground will need to be considered and may need to be reconfigured. The Clerk to respond to the PCC.

4/17/17 Neighbourhood Plans

The Clerk confirmed that there had still been no communication about this application.

4/17/18 Any Other Business

Cllr Judy Westgate informed the Parish Council that there was a new badger hole near the large sett in the burial ground.

Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that the style at the back of Parsler’s Piece was unsteady and a gate was needed to match the rest of access to this land. The Parish Council agreed to fund a new gate and posts up to £200.00 and Cllr Richard Betteridge agreed to arrange a group of volunteers to carry out the work.

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that Thames Valley Police now have a Thames Valley alert App for smartphones.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie asked for ideas for using capital grant funding (Leader Grants).

Cllr John Hieatt brought to the Parish Council’s attention the Planet Aid clothes bin by the Elm Drive shops that is being used as a urinal. Clerk to write to the company to request removal.

Cllr John Hieatt also informed the Parish Council that he wished to retire. Cllr Chris Wright and the rest of the Parish Council thanked him for all the work he had done over the years.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm