**GARSINGTON PARIS****H COUNCIL (DRAFT MINUTES)**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 4th December at 7.30pm. The Chair was Cllr Anne Eastwood, present were Cllrs Mike Patrick, Paul Bolam, Richard Betteridge, Matthew Dovey, Judy Westgate, District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie (left 8.30pm), County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale (left 8.10pm), with L Stevenson in attendance.

9 Members of the public were present.

12/17/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Wright - holiday

12/17/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mike Patrick – ramp

Cllr Richard Betteridge – any reference to planning application P17/S3401/FUL

12/17/3 Public Participation

Kiln Lane - A resident raised the matter of questions asked of District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie and answers received from the Enforcement Officer. The Parish Council agreed to insert these into the minutes of the meeting tonight for record. Concerns were also raised over the continued occupation of plot 8 which has no current planning permission. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie again requested any evidence gathered to be produced in writing.

Cllr Paul Bolam asked if Enforcement Officer Emma Turner could be invited to the next Parish Council meeting. This was agreed.

A resident spoke about their concerns regarding the problem of delayed transfer of care from hospital to the community. Oxfordshire being consistently ranked in the bottom 10 out of 150 authorities in England. One persistent issue with home care is recruiting enough carers for available vacancies. The resident wondered if there was any way in which the community could support by filling gaps in some of the care to help the local authority. The resident has been keen to talk to major stakeholders who may have the vision to begin to solve this problem. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to make contact with the speaker to discuss this issue. Cllr Matthew Dovey suggested that local support groups such as voluntary drivers and good neighbours might also help.

A resident wished to raise the matter of their planning application which had been discussed at the previous Parish Council meeting in November as they believed the Parish Council had not understood the application. Cllr Anne Eastwood stated that the Parish Council had already heard the application, comments from the Parish Council had been submitted to the Local authority and planning procedures were being followed.

12/17/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th November 2017

The minutes were agreed and signed.

12/17/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

None

12/17/6 County Councillor’s Report

The report had been circulated. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale informed the meeting that work was continuing to solve the water/drainage problem on the Oxford Road and following that the road would be patched. Cllr Anne Eastwood thanked County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale for intervening in this matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Mike Patrick raised the matter of the footpath along Oxford Road by Combewell. This had not yet been cut. County Cllr Lorraine Lyndsay-Gale agreed to look into this.

12/17/7 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie informed the meeting that SODC were to rebuild their offices in Wallingford on the site of the previous offices. District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will attend a meeting on 19th December with the Highways consultants regarding the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, representatives of the Expressway Action group will also attend.

District Cllr Gillespie informed the meeting that there was an amount of £1,000 left of her personal grant for capital projects and invited Garsington to apply.

12/17/8 Finance

Precept for 2018/19. The Parish Council agreed a small increase in the precept of 1.5%. Clerk to submit the paperwork to SODC.

The proposed budget for 2018/19 was previously circulated and accepted by the Parish Council.

Balances and cheques for signature –

Barclays Current Account at end of October 2017 - £42,366.78

To note DD payment to Grundon for £52.71

Receipts – none

The following cheques were approved and signed

£471.22 – BGG Grass cutting October

£420.00 – BGG Urban verge maintenance November

£471.22 – BGG Grass cutting November – this cheque was not signed as the playground grass had not been collected again. Clerk to write to ask contractor to collect the grass.

£51.00 – Village Hall hire Oct-Dec

£384.00 – Edward Hawes hedge cutting at playground. Clerk to ask contractor to cut the hedge behind children’s play area.

£465.40 – Clerk’s salary November

£72.54 – Clerk’s stationery items

£50.00 – Agreed donation to Expressway Action Group (action when payee details given)

12/17/9 Planning

P17/S3961/LDP – 57 Wheatley Road Garsington – certificate of lawful development for 3 roof lights to front facing roof slope. To note this application.

12/17/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

The Clerk had submitted a representation to SODC regarding the Local Plan to request that assets of community value be included as material considerations in the planning process and protect their loss to the community.

The Clerk had received an email from SODC Waste, Leisure Parks and Environmental Health Team informing the Parish Council of their deep cleanse programme in January. The Parish Council agreed to ask for the path at Combewell/Oxford Road; kerb/edge of road at the top of Oxford Road; the top of Southend where growth has narrowed the existing path on slope down to postbox and the narrow footpath on Wheatley Road near North Manor.

The Clerk had received an invitation from the Maple Tree Centre to their grand opening on 11th January 2018. The Parish Council decided not to accept.

12/17/11 Playground/Sports and Social Club

Cllr Paul Bolam stated that personal items had been found in the rubbish bin which he will investigate, and again reported that the grass was a mess. Cllr Mike Patrick agreed to approach the Chairman of the Sports and Social Club about grass cutting in the play area.

12/17/12 Village Maintenance

Old wall behind Old Stone Cross – Cllr Paul Bolam has asked for a quote to remove the wall and is waiting to hear.

Ramp at Elm Drive –Cllr Judy Westgate had submitted the application for a Communities Fund Grant and is waiting to hear.

Village Christmas tree – Cllr Richard Betteridge will arrange for the lights to be put up.

Rubbish behind shops in Elm Drive – Cllr Anne Eastwood reported that Environmental Health had removed most of the rubbish, but some still remained. Parish Council will move the large items onto the highway and District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie will arrange for these to be collected. Cllr Anne Eastwood has spoken to the shopkeeper who will remove the bin as it is not an official bin. They have agreed to do this by 6th December.

Gate on footpath off Oxford Road – Cllr Anne Eastwood informed the meeting that the landowner would prefer a metal gate.

12/17/13 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Cllr Matthew Dovey circulated details of an upgrade available enabling remote access to data for the current sign (£610.00 +VAT) and also a data collection only device (£2750.00 +VAT).

Cllr Matthew Dovey agreed to look into an email regarding parking enforcement deregulation received by the Clerk.

Clerk to send round details of the PCSO email to report parking problems.

12/17/14 Oxford – Cambridge Expressway Update

See item12/17/7 Update from District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie.

12/17/15 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the Christmas timetable only offers a Saturday service and anyone working normal hours would not be able to use the service.

The timetable had arrived too late for the Newsletter. Cllr Anne Eastwood asked if a copy of the timetable could be put on the bus stops to help passengers. Cllr Matthew Dovey agreed to do this.

12/17/16 Burial Ground

Cllr Paul Bolam volunteered to review the burial ground rules for a future meeting.

12/17/17 Neighbourhood Plans

The Clerk reported that nothing had yet been received from SODC regarding the grant applied for.

Agreed to ask Cllr Chris Wright to convene a meeting of local organisations and Parish Councillors to create a steering group.

Cllr Richard Betteridge informed the Parish Council that several of the Cllrs had had a meeting with Pye Homes who wished to discuss possible development/use of the land behind Oxford Road houses now that Garsington was to start a Neighbourhood Plan.

12/17/18 Any Other Business

Cllr Mike Patrick asked if information about the Remembrance Day service at the memorial could be put into the Newsletter separate to the church service listing.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm