**GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 6th June 2016, commencing at 7.30pm. The Vice Chairman Anne Eastwood presided, present were Cllrs Paul Bolam, Richard Betteridge, Matthew Dovey, Mike Patrick, with J Eden in attendance. Also present were two members of the public. County Councillor Lorraine Lindsay Gale joined the meeting at 8.15pm.

6/16/1 Apologies for Absence

Chairman Chris Wright – Holiday

Cllr Judith Westgate – Holiday

Cllr Ian Dickinson – Work Commitments

Cllr John Hieatt – Unwell

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie – attending another meeting

6/16/2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Paul Bolam – Planning Application P16/S1469/HH Leys Barn

6/16/3 Public Participation

12 Kiln Lane, Concerns were once again raised by residents regarding what appeared to be the unlawful activity at this site.

District Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie has sent a message to say that the Enforcement Officer would visit the site within the next 48 hours.

It was understood that four separate caravans were currently occupying the site, none of which appeared to have anything to do with the temporary planning permission granted. Concerns were also raised about the trees, a large willow tree had been loped, and again it appeared that this action was contrary to the temporary planning permission for the site.

It was decided by the Councillors present that in the absence of the District Councillor, a direct communication should be sent by the Parish Council to the head of planning Adrian Duffield and the Enforcement Team requesting a full account of any action being taken with regard to the enforcement of the terms of the temporary planning permission. Clerk to action.

6/16/4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May 2016

The Minutes were approved and signed

6/16/5 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere

None

6/16/6 County Councillor’s Report

County Councillor’s report had been circulated.

County Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale joined the meeting at 8.15pm.

She gave a brief overview of the report, Cllr Dovey made the point that with all the cutbacks it was surprising that PwC and Grant Thornton consultants had been appointed to prepare a report on the future of local government in Oxfordshire. The County Council responded that they had not really had any choice in view of what was happening in the District Councils.

Bus Subsidies would end on 20th July, the County Councillor said that the T1 had fared better than most and this was due to the pressure applied by Cllr Matthew Dovey and the other partners on the route. She also said that the County Council had a fleet of buses and it might be possible for these to be utilized in some capacity to alleviate some of the cutbacks. Cllr Matthew Dovey asked if they could be used to provide a weekend service. County Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale said that further details would follow in due course.

County Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gales said that as a result of changes in the County Council Cabinet, she was now responsible for the OCC Property Portfolio and would be looking at this in some depth over the next few months. Cllrs Dovey and Betteridge asked how big the portfolio was and the County Cllr responded that County Council owned a large number of properties.

County Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale left the meeting at 8.35pm.

6/16/7 District Councillor’s Report

See comments under 6/16/3

6/16/8 Finance

Parish Council to note the cheque raised on 18th May 2016 to Playdale in the sum of £8,923.38 this being 50% of the total cost of the new playground equipment that will be installed at the end of June.

Barclays current account at May 2016 £32,551.05

Grant from SODC for £4,370 received, this being the first part of the grant awarded towards the cost of the new playground equipment.

The following cheques were approved and signed.

Southern Electric – The Green £17.54

BGG Grass Cutting for May £471.22

Village Hall Hire £64.00

HMRC/PAYE £66.60

Mrs J Eden – Clerks Salary £266.20

6/16/9 Planning

P16/S1469/HH Leys Barn, Lower Road

Proposed two storey extension to form improved residential accommodation.

Councillors with exception of Cllr Bolam who had declared an interest did not have any objections to this application.

P16/S1469/HH College Farm Cottage, Lower Road

Two small extensions to provide an entrance on the northern end of the property which will also expand the current WC to allow installation of a shower, second for a draught lobby around the entrance door on the western side, existing conservatory to be replaced with rendered blockwork walls and a slate covered roof to match the house roof.

No objections were raised to this application.

6/16/10 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk

CPRE Membership renewal had been received for £36, it was agreed this should be paid and a cheque will be raised for the next meeting.

6/16/11 Playground

Cllr Paul Bolam confirmed that work was due to start on 27th June to install the new equipment, work would take approximately 5 working days. Keys were required to both top and bottom gates to the Memorial Playing Field to allow access. The Clerk said she had checked and did not have keys for either gate. Cllr Mike Patrick agreed to speak to Chairman of Sports Club regarding the keys and see if an additional set could be obtained. Consideration should be given to obtaining new locks and keys for both gates if this was not possible in order that the Parish Council could retain a set.

Cllr Richard Betteridge said he would speak to the Contractors about their requirements at the site and would liaise with Sports Club regarding access whilst work was carried out.

6/16/12 Village Maintenance

**Disabled Ramp –** Cllr Richard Betteridge reported that plans needed to be submitted to SODC, he was in the process of finding an architect who could do the drawings and apply for the permission. Agreement had been reached with Royal Mail to move the post box.

**Old Stone Cross** – Renovation work was due to start on 27th June, the Clerk had advised Historic England of the date.

Cllr Anne Eastwood suggested that the area needed to be cleared both around the old stone cross and the green area inside the wall owned by the Parish. It was decided to organise a working party as soon as possible.

**Burial Ground Fence** (plants) to be carried forward to next meeting.

**Wall behind Old Stone Cross-** Cllr Bolam reported that he still had to apply for permission to remove this wall.

**OCC Oxfordshire Together – Grass cutting** The clerk reported that a meeting had taken place with BGG the current grass cutting contractors regarding the Urban Areas inside the 30mph limit, which had in previous years been cut by the County Council. To cut all the areas and a 1metre strip on both sides of Oxford road to Unipart would cost £350 plus VAT per cut. This did not include the green area in Poplar Close or the area by the new flats in Denton Lane which were looked after by SOHA. After a discussion Cllr Dovey proposed that the Parish Council agree to cut the Urban Areas three times a year, with the first cut to take place immediately and further cuts in July and September. This was seconded by Cllr Richard Betteridge. The Contract to be reviewed annually with first review in December 2016. Clerk to arrange with BGG

6/16/13 Village Bus Service

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that a new timetable would shortly become available, no changes until 20th July and then the peak time services would continue to go to the City Centre and between 10.00am and 3pm the service would terminate at Cowley Centre, tickets for the whole journey would still be available, but users would have to change buses during this period.

It was hoped that this new arrangement would not result in less usage of the service.

6/16/14 Policing/Speed Monitoring

Speed Indicator Device had been moved to the Wheatley Road.

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported that the response to the 30mph stickers for bins had been small, a pack of 100 would be ordered and distributed to residents who had requested them. This could be reviewed at a later date and more ordered if required.

Clerk reported that for the last two months the police report had not been received, Cllr Richard Betteridge said that PCSO Diana Greenwood was still at the office in Wheatley. Clerk will try and speak to her about the report.

Cllr Matthew Dovey said that Inspector Mark Harling who attends the NAGS meetings was organising a Day of Action in Wheatley planned for the 23rd July 2016. The purpose of the day was to focus on crime reduction and prevention, information and assistance on reducing crime would be available. Inspector Harling was also prepared to come and talk to Parish Councils.

6/16/15 Broadband Cabinet – The Green

Cllr Matthew Dovey reported on the meeting with Open Reach, this had not resolved the issue. The problem had arisen because the initial installation for high speed broadband on The Green was not sufficient to meet the demand and now a supplementary box or a larger box was needed.

Cllr Richard Betteridge said that Open Reach should be informed that a second box was not acceptable, they had failed to future proof the demand for high speed broadband and needed to propose an acceptable solution to the problem. In order to cover all the houses served by the installation on the Green which included the centre of the village, Southend and Wheatley Road it would require a minimum of 288 line capacity.

Cllr Matthew Dovey said he would write to Open Reach.

6/16/16 Gizzle

Cllr Richard Betteridge said he had been present at a meeting with Mrs Robinson, Geoff Young, Garden Designer and the Contractor working on the Gizzle. The Gizzle was currently drained in order for the silt to be removed. Mr Young had raised concerns as the water from the road had been diverted to the stream that was on his property. It appeared that some of the problems were caused by the interceptor tank which was understood to have been installed by the County Council, this was not cleared on a regular basis and therefore caused the silting to go into the Gizzle. Further meetings with all parties would take place to try and resolve all the issues.

6/16/17 Land adjacent to St Mary’s Churchyard

In the absence of the Chairman this was deferred until the next meeting.

6/16/18 Any Other Business

Cllr Mike Patrick asked if a letter could be sent to Mr Pritelli asking for the trees to be cut back on his property in Kiln Lane. To be actioned.

Cllr Mike Patrick asked if new people could be found to deliver the Newsletter in Elm Drive and Birch Road. He was prepared to continue until this could be put in place. A request will go in the next Newsletter asking for new volunteers.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm