GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

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| **Members of the Parish Council In attendance:** | Cllr Chris Wright, Cllr Ian Ashley, Cllr Judith Westgate, Cllr Anne Eastwood, Cllr Adrian Townsend, Cllr Richard Betteridge, Cllr Paul Bolam, Cllr Claire Green and County Cllr Robin Bennett. |
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| **Public attendance:** | 3 members of the public were present. |
| **Minutes:** | Elaine Small (Parish Clerk). |

# **03/24/1 Apologies for Absence**

# Cllr Matthew Dovey and District Councillor Sam James-Lawrie.

# **03/24/2 Declarations of Interest** None.

# **03/24/3 Public Participation**

a. Memorial and the pavement opposite - there are cars parking when this is a pavement. Resident asks for a sign asking not to park there. Resident says he is trying to keep things nice and clear as this is a public highway. Cllr Wright will try to speak to the car owners.

b. Parking on the The Green this is an issue and dangerous. Cllr Bennett will ask for double yellow lines to be painted on the area concerned.

c. Member of the village asked if something could be done about the cars parking for the school drop off/collection, that they are constantly stopping and parking on the zig-zag pedestrian crossing. Clerk to ask Thames Valley Police for advice if they could make a presence. The reply was that 29 parishes are covered by 3 PSO’s, still waiting for a comment from the police.

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d. Parking cars and vans at Greenwoods, resident noticed 13 cars parked at one time. It is unsafe and again dangerous. Cllr Bennett said this has been looked into by OCC and are aware of the amount of cars and tickets that have been issued multiple times. There has been no reply from OCC on this.

# **03/24/4 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8th January 2024**

Agreed by members and signed by the Chair Councillor Chris Wright.

# **03/24/5 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

Solar Christmas tree lights - money is in the account and Cllr Bolam will purchase these now.

Hedge has been cut back on the pinch point on left hand side leading to the school. Village residents are grateful for the owners kindly doing this as it is so much safer for children, parents and elderly.

Pinch Point – Cllr Wright has heard from OCC that a safety audit needs to be re-visited. Cllr Bennett said that OCC has undertaken an additional Safety Audit.

TOE Grant report ongoing being compiled by Cllr Bolam.

# **03/24/6 County Councillor Report Cllr Robin Bennett.**

Report emailed to GPC.

Budget agreed for Social Care, SEND and highways A budget for 2024/25 has been set at Oxfordshire County Council following the annual budget 20th February. Council tax will rise by 4.99 per cent

Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership

The council is proposing a new 200 metre stretch of cycleway, linking the existing sections between Hollow Way and John Smith Drive, along with safer crossings. The proposals include replacing a crossing on the western side of Garsington Road/John Smith Drive Roundabout with a wider crossing with lights to give more space for people walking, wheeling, pushing prams or with bicycles; and installing a new crossing on thenorthern (Oxford Business Park entrance) and southern (John Smith Drive) arms of Garsington Road/John Smith Drive.

People can take part in an online survey on the county council’s digital engagement and consultation platform, [Let’s talk Oxfordshire](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/garsington-road-cycle-way). The consultation closes at 11.59pm on Wednesday 27 March 2024.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy help nature in locations where they are most needed

Councilor Priority Fund agreed to replace boundary signage.

Didcot HIF1 planning public can link to website to view sessions already taken place.

Flooding (Storm Henk)financial support managed by SODC. Website [www.southoxon.gov.uk/henk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/henk). Those who were affected by this should access this link to see if eligible to claim.

Cllr’s asked if anything can be escalated reference the flooding from storm drains in the village, that have been unblocked but not sufficiently thus causing potholes which are deep and dangerous, and it is still a major problem. Cllr Bennett to investigate.

# **03/24/7 District Councillor’s Report Cllr Sam James-Lawrie.** No report.

# **03/24/8 Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk.**

a. Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting discussed and agreed to be held in May meeting 13th May 2024.

b. Burial Ground Manager informed the meeting that Tipping brothers would like to purchase a bench to place in the new ashes section. It was discussed and agreed, Cllr Wright to speak to BGM.

c. Community First Membership. Cllr Wright will check with Mrs Rix it was decided there was no need to sign this. Volunteer driver scheme is running ok and that the Community First Scheme would let us know if there are any changes.

1. GDPR

2. Emergency Plan - Cllr Wright consent to view and sign template this is to be submitted by 1st April 2024.

d. Bushes have been actioned and cut, further to this these will be investigated in the future.

e. Pub noise – resident stated during and after hours that a breach of licence is happening, and that the noise should not be heard beyond the boundary. Appreciated that summer is drawing near and more events will be held. Cllr Wright will revisit what the Environment Officer has said, in that he will ask Linda Baker for a contact and who she spoke to.

f. Ridings – resident Mr Fairbairn enquired about a footpath to exit their houses safely to bus stop. This was discussed and agreed that Cllr Wright will speak to the residents about the option of them managing a path on the other side of their hedge to have more usable walkway.

g. CIL money – letter from District Council applications need to be in. this had been discussed over the past month and brought to this meeting with suggestions of funding on the 2nd “pinch point”, although it was discussed that this would be complicated. A grant to be written with a proposal Cllr Townsend and Cllr Bolam to investigate this.

Double yellow lines.

Moving a hedge and wall for access discussed for and against.

Signage at the junction around the Village Hall, a mini roundabout

Railing extension link to existing railing for ease of access to Village Hall.

Naming the road with no name.

Traffic management. Cllr Betteridge to write a proposal grant application.

Playground ER2 needs replacing as over concrete updating to safe surface.

Cllr Bolam to write a for a Grant application.

Deep Clean – Biffa OCC have done a clearance Southend and Manor. SODC are planning the

areas requested by GPC. Litter pick as agreed still to go ahead soon.

**03/24/9 Planning**

**P24/S0647/HH - P24/S0648/LB -** Hill Farm 18 The Green Garsington OX44 9DF.Construction of garden room to rear of property. No objection.

# **03/24/10 Finance**

Bank statement approved and signed.

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

Salary & expenses Clerk and BGM £844.58

HMRC income tax to be deferred.

Hire of Hall £13.00

Buildbase slab brought Reimburse Cllr Betteridge £5.02

Stoneworld R Betteridge Purbeck rocks use CIL money. Reimburse Cllr Bettridge £278.40

Toolstation R Bettridge £13.69

Toolstation hinges for new gate. R Betteridge feb.

Invoice sheet to be signed off by x2 Cllr’s (Cllr Bolam and Cllr Westgate).

CIL money – 16 and half thousand pounds to spend by March 2025. Voting as follows

1. Pettiwell footpath - Cllr Bettridge looking at OCC direct services to get costings price to do this and is liaising with Gigaclear of the date they are there working as traffic management will be enforced. Fallback would be to get a contractor instead to place the footpath. At next GPC meeting a formal risk assessment will be done.

2. Denton Lane - Cllr Bettridge suggested getting a price of OCC self compacting gravel/rural footpath from North Manor to Sports and Social Club. Discussion with residents was that they were in favour and stones would be placed so cars could not park on the verges.

3. Railing extension link to existing railing for ease of access to Village Hall.

4. OALC subscription for training and guidance £300 – this was discussed and agreed. Request for payment to be submitted at the next month’s meeting.

**03/24/11 Northfield update**

Cllr Wright revisited the 2 documents from last month. Cllr Wright to respond on these points.

Comments on Section 106 investments – comments required and a response to be submitted.

1. Priorities of the local community on respect of the Memorial Field.

2. Proposed investment in the Sports and Social Club has been agreed. Priority in the requirements that are needed to update and a new build required.

Concerns response from the Northfield meeting - comments and responses to Cllr Wright so this can be submitted. Cllr Townsend will write to SODC of the concerns on the Northfield proposals

**03/24/12 Village maintenance**

Cllr Betteridge asking to meet with OCC to have a walk around the village and discuss what GPC would like to be improved.

Cllr Wright has had a letter from the Lunch Club informing that there are many disabled and infirm who attend and are unable to park to near the Village Hall and that the road that has no name is always full with cars that never seem to be moved. The request is for something to be done about this, like parking restrictions. Clerk has informed the local PSO’s and Police and is awaiting response for them.

“No named road”. It was agreed after a month of deliberation and suggestions that the vote was road would be named “Plough Lane”.

Garsington Sign design – to be placed just before Guydens Hamlet. Design discussed and agreed. Wording “Welcome to Garsington – Please drive carefully”.

**03/24/13 Neighbourhood plan update** Consultation in progress no further update.

**03/24/14. SODC Local Plan consultation**. It was agreed a meeting in the village hall for the parish council on the 21st Feb to discuss and finalise a draft compiled by Cllr Townsend, Cllr Wright and Cllr Ashley.

**03/24/15 Any Other business**

Purbeck rocks purchased to use around the village to protect the verges. These to be added to the Asset Register.

Councillor Ashley mentioned he will not be at next meeting he will be on holiday.

Discarded items at the back of shop in Elm Drive. Unsightly items left for months these have not been moved. Clerk to call, Environmental Health and Trading Standards for advice. Clerk has contacted the Environment Health for advice on this.

Cllr Ashley – Flooding Thames Water - Jo Rob South Oxford Councillor for Water to create a template - Plan to ask Cllr James-Lawrie to follow this up.

It was noted that trees just before the Caravan Park are being cut down for development of extension of Science Park.

Information and announcements for residents - Cllr Townsend would like a GPC website just for announcements rather than the social website Garsington Greatness. Cllr Dovey finds Garsington Greatness useful for certain things that need to be seen more urgently – this will continue. This item was discussed and that also the GPC website has all the information about the village ie. Minutes agenda and Audit to view by the public.

# Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

# **Date of forthcoming meeting:** 8th April 2024