

GARSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 5th January 2026 at 7.30pm.

Members of the Parish Council In attendance: Cllr Chris Wright, Cllr Judith Westgate, Cllr Anne Eastwood, Cllr Paul Bolam, Cllr Richard Betteridge, Cllr Annalisa Miller and Cllr Louise Bower.

District Councillor Cllr Sam James-Lawrie not attended.

County Councillor Cllr Robin Jones

Public attendance: 15

Minutes: Elaine Small (Parish Clerk)

01/26/1. Apologies for Absence. Cllr Ian Ashley family care, Cllr Matthew Dovey ill.

01/26/2. Declarations of Interest. None.

01/26/3. Public Participation.

Resident mentioned workshops to be held for making of nest boxes, 2 dates (125 Oxford Road) in January, all welcome.

Resident voiced concerns about the absence of nets in the kick-about area and a linked past - history of vandalism of nets owned by the Sports and Social Club. Has collected over 320 names for support/interest of footballs nets adjacent to the playground.

Discussion of planning applications for Kiln Lane 7,8 and 12, and objections to planning. Mentioned later in the minutes.

Pettiwell yellow lines and priority route raised. Mentioned later in the minutes.

Playground grants and how things are going.

01/26/4. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1st December 2025.

Cllr Miller wished to make an amendment to the item concerning football nets . She agreed to write a correction which could be added to the next minutes. Action

Cllr Miller.

Minutes signed by Chair Cllr Wright.

01/26/5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr Wright had written to SODC about 9 Kiln Lane.

Proposal for Tubular Bells in Playground going ahead Application submitted. Action Cllr Miller.

Poplar Close. Trees relocation ongoing. Action Cllr Bolam.

TOE Grant submitted and received £20,000 to create a path and a board walk in Kiln Lane Pond area.

Village Hall access. Grant application has been declined.

Manor pub planning application. SODC have been sent the PC`s comments.
Actioned Cllr Wright.

Footpath and slip guard on footbridge below the church. Ongoing.
Action Cllr Betteridge.

Project list for the year was circulated.

01/26/6. Kiln Lane Nos 7/8 and 12. Planning applications have been submitted without supporting arguments. In absence of justification PC decided to send objections and to ask for all decisions to be taken together
Action Cllr Wright.

01/26/7. Footballs nets. The PC recognised the high level of interest and would explore the cost and the FA`s view on their safe use. We would also check any impact on insurance.
Action Cllr Bolam and Betteridge.

01/26/8. Orchard Sign. Ongoing. Action Cllr Bolam.

01/26/9. Playground plan. Agreed to submit similar applications for an SODC CIL grant by 30th Jan and an FCC Communities Fund grant by 26th Feb. Parish Council to carry VAT and claim back. Cllr Miller will circulate an early draft of each application for review. PC agreed that in principle it could provide the matching funding required by these bids.
Action Cllr Miller submitting applications.

01/26/10. Correspondence to Chairman and Clerk.

- a. Resident emailed Cllr Dovey concern of Kiln Lane. Travellers` sites such as that at Stadhampton were an issue.

01/26/11. Environmental Sub-Committee. Meeting held in Dec. Minuted.

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01/26/12. Northfield Stakeholder Forum. Meeting Wednesday 4th February 2026. Attendees be decided at next PC meeting.

01/26/13. Bus stops - Kings Copse area. Nothing to report. Carried over. Action Cllr Dovey.

01/26/14. Ex-Pye Land. Pond. Agreed to purchase tests kits, as described earlier in an email to councillors, to access water quality.

Action Cllr Wright,

01/26/15. St. Mary`s Fabric Committee. Team is working up a long-term plan which should be available for wider discussion in March
Cllr Wright. Action

01/26/16. AGM Parish Council meeting & Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Miller wrote a paper around discussions of venue and Community Engagement. GPC agreed

- a. that these meetings to be held in Village Hall on the same evening.
- b. to support in principle a plan to provide a means for younger people to get involved with and to understand how local democracy works prior to the lowering of the voting age to 16 .

Action Cllr Miller.

01/26/17. County Councillors report. Robin Jones

No report.

Questions were put to Robin who will relay to County Council and will feedback.

Pettiwell yellow lines these are due to be taken to a final decision after the public consultation, with Cllr Gant, March 2026. Cllr Jones will consult colleagues "Off the Record" about the implementation of a priority road scheme for the road-narrows section in Pettiwell.

There was a discussion about road works in the village/lack of coordination between the utilities.

01/26/18. District Councillors Report. Non-attendance. No report. The PC was reminded that it had considered publishing attendance records.

01/26/19. Planning Applications.

P25/S3846/S73 – 7/8 Kiln Lane.

P25/S3847/S73 12 Kiln Lane Both these GPC have agreed to write with objections. Action Cllr Wright.

01/26/20. Finance

1. Bank statement approved and signed by Chair Cllr Wright. Community Business Account £1,078.11, Premium account £49,154.03
2. Monthly bank reconciliation. Signed by Cllr Wright.
3. Monthly Forecast GPC accounts 25/26 agreed.

The following invoices were agreed and passed for payments by the PC.

Salary Clerk & BGM £767.26

Travel & Expenses Clerk & BGM £25.26

HMRC Income tax and NI £199.07

AW Mobbs & Co – Hinge for gate Playground £13.92

AW Mobbs & Co – Weedtex for Kiln Lane Land £28.56

AW Mobbs & Co - For Terram and bolt for Kiln Lane Land £36.72

Website Weebly GP Annual subscription 2026 £42.22

Citizens Advice £500

Howe Trust Hamper Appeal - vulnerable families in GP £600

Waterperry Garden pass 2026 – for resident who helps in the Church Yard £60

River Learning Trust (Wheatley Park School Prize giving) GPC agreed to donation. £150.00 (Cllr Miller would write to the school suggesting alternatives to book tokens)

Invoice sheet signed off by x2 Cllr's (Cllr Westgate and Cllr Bolam).

Direct Debits Grundon Waste – Nov 2025 £68.77, Dec 2025 £318.37
Grundon Waste – clear fly tipping Kiln Lane Land £249.60

01/26/21. Village Maintenance.

Gate at Church entrance discussed if needs attention. Action Cllr Betteridge.

Burial Ground Manager to have a .gov account in line with GPC. Cost of £38. Action Cllr Dovey.

Village Hall path grant rejection - Cash could be used from the CIL reserves and the project line in the budget. Cllr Wright suggested however that we should press the County Council to make a contribution, since it was a problem that they created in the first instance. Also we need to ask SODC if can defer the expenditure of the CIL money. As a fall back, the project money could be used for the footpath in Denton Lane.

Action Cllr Wright and Cllr Ashley.

01/26/22. Any other business.

Software for the preparation of the newsletter was causing issues due to age. Problems are arising. Discussed an upgrade which would be £250 annually. GPC agreed to fund this subject to any comments from Cllr Dovey.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of forthcoming meeting: February 2nd 2026.