



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

January 2018

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday
10th January 2018 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Lawrence Wootten, Daryl Atkinson, Dean Fonge
Apologies: Royston Davis
Also Present: District Councillor John Walsh and Anne Purse from Wheatley Maple Centre

Actions

- 1) There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting on 22nd November 2017 sent by email to all councillors approved and signed.

Sue updated the councillors on the OxCam Expressway and mentioned that the local Expressway Action Group, who are against the option which would bring the Expressway east of Oxford to Aylesbury between the local Villages in the Green Belt, were looking for a local Road Engineer/Consultant who could help commission a report on the benefits of having the Expressway somewhere else, or not at all, along with the economic/environmental/cost/etc disadvantages of having it near us.

Please let Sue / Parish Clerk know if you are such a person or know someone who could help.

Matters carried forward from previous minutes:

- a. Finance: Claim contribution for the mowing of the village verge, as OCC no longer does it, to use Clerk
towards the mowing costs.
- b. HWW Mag: Although the magazine does manage to cover its costs, the parish council agreed to donate a split of any reasonable shortfall if this did happen in the future. Lawrence agreed to check with Holton LW
and Waterstock parishes if they would agree as well.
Lawrence agreed to request Bank Statements for the new HWW Village Mag account to be produced LW
monthly on the 15th, and to look into whether on-line banking would be more appropriate.
- c. Recreation Ground: Royston to sand and treat the picnic table and bench, along with treating the high RD
fence in the recreation ground, and will purchase treatment.

3) Public Open Session:

Anne Purse spoke about the progress that has been made in setting up the Wheatley Children's Maple Centre, and asked if the parish council would consider making a donation this year. Details of the many events that take place weekly to go into the parish magazine and possibly on Facebook (forwarded by the editor). The building is also able to be hired for other events (personal/business) at an hourly rate.

4) Finance:

2017/18 Accounts for the year reconciled and agreed were correct.

2017/18 Expenditure against Budget to be reviewed next PC meeting.

Clerk

It was agreed to review whether to donate any money to the Wheatley Maple Tree Centre at the end of the financial year to see if money available.

Clerk

The following accounts/receipts were previously approved, or approved at this meeting, and paid:

Windmill Landscapes (Grass Cutting) £274.80 (cheque 100202)

Clerk
to make
payments and

Waterperry Village News (Parish Mag Colour Page) £57.00 (cheque 100203/4)
The following items were received since the previous meeting:
None

SP to bank
money as
required

5) Recreation Ground:

Football Net: LW said he would fit the new football net as soon as he could.

Grass Mats: Sue will order the two grass mats for the swings and pass them to Lawrence to install.

Land Registration: Sue to pick up documents to sign and will distribute so they can be signed before the next meeting. Sue said an invoice will be collected or sent.

LW
SP / LW
SP

6) Update on Village Projects:

Playground Sign: In hand with OCC. *Subsequent to the meeting it has been confirmed this is expected to be put up in mid to late February.*

Village Road Repairs / Traffic Speed Reduction: Still awaiting update from OCC on when road repair along large village verge and at farmyard entrance would be done. Sue said she still had not had a response from OCC Highways Keith Stenning, whom Kirsten had chased as well, to her email which referred to details she had read about changes that allowed 20mph zones or speed limits to be more easily implemented.

Sue mentioned that it may be sensible to tarmac the entrance to the recreation ground, which would mean the surface from the road would be level, allowing the rain to flow away. The councillors agreed it was a valid option that would sort the current issue out, and Sue said she would email OCC Councillor Kirsten to see if she could progress this by getting OCC to do this.

SP

SP

7) Correspondence:

The clerk mentioned that a new process for doing VAT Refunds was being commissioned by HMRC and more details would follow.

No other Post or email correspondence to review in the meeting.

8) Any Other Business:

Sue suggested claiming a community grant from OCC for the Speed Survey Project and would progress this for the next meeting.

SP / Clerk

9) Other than possible meetings for planning applications, the date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st February 2018 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm