



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

16th December 2020

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday
16th December 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Lawrence Wootten, Daryl Atkinson, Royston Davis, Simon Melton
Apologies: None
Also Present: 3 parishioners

Actions

1. There were no declarations of interest.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting on 29th July sent by email to all councillors approved and signed.
3. Public Open Session: no comments
4. Finance and Administration:
 - Lawrence has offered to resign as a Parish Councillor and take on the role of clerk unpaid in the first instance, and then on a salaried basis from 1st April 2021. This proposal was unanimously agreed. Contract of employment etc to be finalized once Lawrence has consulted OALC on the details. This will create a vacancy for a Councillor. **LW**
 - Parish Precept and Charity Commission returns were due around the Christmas/New Year period. Budget and Parish Precept for 2021/2022 were agreed, and Lawrence agreed to action the returns for these and brief the Parish Council at the next meeting. **LW**
 - A number of financial and administrative tasks needed to be completed that had been overlooked owing to Adrian resigning as Parish Clerk and the ongoing Covid-19 situation. Sue and Lawrence to confer and take appropriate remedial action. **SP/LW**
 - Sue reported that the Village Defibrillator function checks were fully up-to-date. The next check was due on 15th January 2021.
5. Update on Village Projects: **SP**
 - Sue reported that she is on a waiting list for an OALC scheme for free legal advice which might be helpful in getting the Village Recreation Ground land registered.
 - Sue had recently met with the local PCSO and was going to write to him to thank him for his help in providing the mobile speed testing unit that helped raise awareness of the new 20mph speed limit in the village. **SP**
 - Damage to the verges on Green Ground has been caused by an Oxfordshire County Council highways contractor. The County Council Highways Department will look again at repairing the damage done once the weather improves.
 - The need for more posts to protect the village verges was discussed. The use of large stones to protect the verges in Garsington was mentioned by a parishioner and Sue agreed to ask Garsington PC about them. **SP**
 - Hedge overgrowth in the area around the entrance to the Recreation Ground was discussed as a possible safety hazard for users. Sue agreed to discuss with the landowners. **SP**
 - Lawrence asked if there was a record in public utility infrastructure in the village as there was an uncovered inspection/access pit close the hedge line on Green Ground, and it would be helpful to know which utility company was responsible for it. Lawrence and Sue to investigate. **LW/SP**

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- The possibility of a Parish Councillors' walk through the village to assess verges etc. in the New Year was discussed. Councillors to arrange between themselves assuming Covid restrictions allow.

6. Planning:

DA/LW

P4334/FUL – Duck Cottage Waterperry OX33 1LB

Although the Parish Council recognized that the revised application addressed many of the concerns raised and the size and aspect of the application were sensitive to the locality, the use of external white render and cladding was not in keeping with the feel of the village, and on those grounds, objected to the proposal. Daryl agreed to supply a suitably-worded explanation which Lawrence would add to the SODC planning site.

7. Correspondence:

- Lawrence reported that a letter had been received regarding from a Worminghall resident regarding the ongoing flooding problems between Waterperry and Worminghall, and asking if more could be done to clear ditches and improve the situation. Royston said that his property is closest to the problem and that it appear to be a drainage issue concerning Thames Water's infrastructure rather than one of roadside ditches being cleared. Lawrence agreed to reply to the query of behalf of the PC.

8. Date of next meeting:

Other than possible meetings for planning applications, the date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.30pm – venue to be agreed but in all probability the meeting will be held via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm