



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council Thursday 22nd July 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 22nd July 2021 at 7:00pm in the marquee outside the Waterperry
Gardens Tea Rooms

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Lawrence Wootten (Deputy Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer),
Daryl Atkinson, Simon Melton, 2 Parishioners

- Actions**
- 1) Apologies from Sharon Wootten, Royston Davis
 - 2) Daryl declared an interest in item (6). Otherwise, there were no declarations of interest, gifts or hospitality
 - 3) No matters raised.
 - 4) a) Minutes of the previous meeting on 16th June 2021 sent to all councillors approved and signed and will be added by the clerk to the website and the noticeboard. **Clerk**
b) Item 5 (c) – Daryl’s query about the white speed limit gates in the village. Lawrence had contacted OCC Highways Dept and they had advised him that the gates ought to be included in the Parish Council’s insurance in case of theft/damage. Lawrence had checked the insurance policy and the value of the gates (about £1000) was well within the insured liability for roadside furniture.
 - 5) a) Lawrence presented the Financial Report and Bank Reconciliations up to 14th July 2021.
b) It was agreed that Jane Olds would be appointed as External Auditor for the 2021/22 AGAR. Her letter of appointment was signed by Sue and Lawrence to be returned to Jane by post. **Clerk**
c) It was agreed that the closure of the Thame Branch of Barclays Bank and the problems this presented to everyday banking for the Parish Council, meant that the Parish Council had little option other than to open an online current account with Unity Trust Bank – Lawrence to proceed with the application process. **RFO**
d) The following invoices were approved for payment and cheques signed for distribution:-
Cheque No. 100266 – R Taylor Landscapes – Verge and Rec Ground Mowing - £138.00 **Clerk**
Cheque No. 100267 – Lawrence Wootten – Parish Council Email Account (reimbursement) - £43.06
 - 6) Owing to Daryl declaring an interest in the Planning Application (Ref P21/S2973/HH) at 2 Waterperry, the Parish Council became inquorate for this item which meant that the application could not be discussed.

- 7) a) No further developments on Rec Ground Land Registration - a parishioner present at the meeting offered to put the Parish Council in touch with a solicitor who might be able to offer some advice. Sue to investigate. **SP**
- b) Carried forward to next meeting and to action following public consultation. **SP**
- c) It was agreed to seek advice on the issue of verge maintenance and protection from Mark Francis at OCC Highways Dept.
- 8) Nothing to discuss.
- 9) Nothing noted
- 10) A possible date of 25th August was suggested, but recognising that the Parish Council does not usually hold an August meeting, it was thought likely that a meeting in mid- to late-September might be more realistic, in which case a date would be confirmed subject to the availability of the classroom at Waterperry Gardens (since outdoor meetings in the marquee won't be possible in the evenings).

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Sharon (Popsie) Wootten
Clerk