

## WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

January 2019

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th January 2019 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens

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## MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Lawrence Wootten, Daryl Atkinson, Dean Fonge, Royston Davis

Apologies: None

Also Present: One parishioner

**Actions** 

Daryl declared an interest in his planning application and agreed to leave the table whilst it was being discussed by the other councillors.

Minutes of the previous meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 sent by email to all councillors approved and signed. 2)

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 towards the mowing costs.

Clerk

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

SP/LW

c. Rec Ground Furniture: Progress purchases and siting of new recycled plastic seating

On-Hold

Public Open Session:

Sue read out an update from OCC Councillor Tim Bearder in which he said the local plan passed by SODC in December was of great concern as 3 of the 7 sites they plan to place in the green belt are in his Division. That 6 Conservative Councillors had been suspended for 6 weeks and then they will be potentially disciplined. Tim also referred to the meetings he had held with various stakeholders concerning the Expressway.

Sue offered to ask Tim why the six Councillors had been suspended as this was not stated.

SP

Clerk

- 4) Finance and Administration:
  - a. The clerk showed the receipt for the food and drinks for the previous meeting where parishioners had been invited for an Expressway discussion. It was agreed that the £40 cashback would be put into petty cash, as detailed below.
  - b. Latest Bank Statement reviewed against Cashbook and agreed it balanced.
  - c. 2017/18 Expenditure was reviewed against Budget and agreed it was correct.
  - d. Recreation Ground Report, sent to all councillors, was agreed to be ok. Clerk agreed to update insured items from the stock valuation report as necessary and review against insured values.

e. CIL Report reviewed and agreed if no changes by end of financial year.

- f. Budget drawn up by the clerk was reviewed and adjusted to meet the parish councillor's requirements.
- g. Precept of £3,300 was agreed based on the revised Budget.
- h. It was agreed to include publicity to encourage councillors in the March parish magazine.

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

Adrian Cave (Food/Drink and £40 for Petty Cash) £58.93 (cheque 100217)

The following items were received since the previous meeting:

Cashback for Petty Cash £40.00 (to petty cash from cheque 100217)

Payments and Receipts into the Village News Account for the HWW Magazine are not shown here.

payments and SP to bank money as required

Clerk

to make

Update on Village Projects:

Land Registration: Sue agreed to show documents and supply invoice from solicitor at the next meeting.

SP

<u>Traffic Speed Reduction</u>: Sue read out an email from OCC Highways referring to the results of the speed survey and that whilst most of the village road adhere to the OCC Policy, Green Ground would require some form of additional measures for a 20mph speed limit, which could be a "Vehicle Activated Sign". Agreed to send the speed survey results and latest update from OCC with additional details to the councillor, and to progress for the next meeting. Sue also mentioned that an offer of a donation had been received from Waterperry House to progress the 20mph speed limit in the village. Additionally, there are posters available to publicise that the parish council is progressing a 20mph speed limit.

SP

<u>Verge Posts:</u> The clerk mentioned that the insurance company said it expects the parish council's verge posts to be regularly checked and maintained as and when necessary (e.g. ensure they are safely in the ground, correct way round and reflectors are replaced, etc). Lawrence agreed to do this monthly when delivering the parish magazine and to notify the clerk of any issues, but all councillors and parishioners can contact the clerk to notify any damage.

LW

<u>Weekly Routine and Quarterly Inspections Reminder:</u> The importance of the recreation ground inspections was again mentioned including the necessity for an inspection to be done and an email sent to help prove that it has been done.

ALL

### 6) Expressway Update:

The clerk referred to the correspondence from Wheatley Parish Council in which it stated that its parish councillors had recently passed a resolution at its monthly council meeting. The Waterperry with Thomley Parish Councillors discussed this and passed the same resolution to the effect "that this Council fully supports the main object of the Expressway Action Group, namely its objections to the building of the proposed Expressway within the B3 Corridor". Clerk to respond to Wheatley Parish Council's letter.

Clerk

#### 7) Planning:

<u>P18/S4154/HH</u> – 1 Waterperry OX33 1LD – Two storey side extension to create open plan kitchen/dining at ground floor and replacement bedroom 4 with ensuite bathroom at first floor.

Waterperry Parish Council considered this application in the meeting on 16th January 2019. The parish council noted the Planning Officer's comments in Pre-application Advice and discussed those concerns. The unanimous decision was to respond that the Parish Council Fully Supports the application, for the following reasons:

- The Parish Council felt that the property is within the existing established limits of development of the village, since it is in an early C20th house (circa 1910) on the built-up side of the road into the village. A small row of 6 semi-detached council houses were built adjacent to the property post war, completing development to that end of the village road.
- The proposed extension does not materially alter the style of the original house and therefore it is still in keeping with the character of nearby properties in the village.
- There was full agreement that the Parish Council would prefer to see the house extended to continue its use as a single dwelling, rather than see the plot divided for infill development.
- The extension to the front of the property would balance the existing previous rear extension, making more sense of the internal accommodation and making it more suitable for modern family living.
- There is lots of space for on-site parking for several cars, so this would not cause road issues.
- Although the proposed extension is large, the house is set back from the road within a large garden and even with the extension, would still sit to one side of its plot, with a large area of garden between it and the neighbouring property on Green Ground. It would not be overwhelming in the street view. Clerk to enter details on the SODC planning website.

Clerk

#### 3) Correspondence:

Hardcopy of SODC Plan 2034 passed to Sue to peruse and to pass on to other interested councillors.

SP

# 9) Any Other Business:

None.

10) Other than possible meetings for planning applications, the date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9:25pm