



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

21st April 2021

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday
21st April 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Lawrence Wootten (Deputy Clerk), Daryl Atkinson, Royston Davis
Apologies: Simon Melton, Popsie Wootten

Actions

1) Sue declared an interest in item 6.

2) a. Minutes of the previous meeting on 25th March sent to all councillors approved and signed and will be added by the clerk to the website. **Clerk**

b. Most matters arising were discussed under the relevant sections below. Under item 8, it was agreed that each entrant for the village scarecrow traffic-calming display (6 in total) would be given a £10 book token. Lawrence agreed to action this and pay from petty cash. **Clerk**

3) No matters raised from the public.

4) a. The asset register for the 2019/20 AGAR was confirmed.

It was agreed that as in previous years, the council would complete a Certificate of Exemption from submission to the External Auditor due to being under the £25,000 threshold.

Internal Audit Report hadn't been received as yet from the Internal Auditor, so remaining items relating to the completion of the 2019/20 AGAR would be deferred until the report had been received and a meeting convened quickly thereafter.

b. The Register of Interest Forms held and published by SODC for all councillors present at the meeting were reviewed and agreed to be accurate and up-to-date. Lawrence's name would need to be removed from the register as he is no longer a councillor. Lawrence agreed to forward paper copies of the relevant forms to Simon for completion, as he is still having problems with this computer and internet connection. Lawrence will then submit the relevant forms to SODC. **Clerk/SM**

c. There were no invoices requiring payment.

d. It was agreed to set the date of Wednesday 19th May for the date of the AGM (to start at 7.00pm) and APM (to start at 7.30pm). The council will hopefully will be able to use the marquee at Waterperry Gardens to comply with current Covid restrictions – Sue to confirm with Waterperry Gardens. Lawrence reported that legislation still hadn't been passed to allow the continuation of virtual meetings beyond 7th May and would update on the situation as soon as possible. **Clerk/SP**

- 5) a. Sue is continuing to pursue the Recreation Ground Land Registration. We are £30.40 in credit with the Land Registry and latest advice is that it should be a quite straightforward process. **SP**
- b. Lawrence showed the councillors a few options for replacing the existing wooden furniture in the Recreation Ground with similar items made from recycled plastic. These items are maintenance free and have a 25 year guarantee. It was agreed to put proposals forward to the public for feedback at the APM and make a decision thereafter. Lawrence also mentioned that the football goal net would need replacing soon. **Clerk**
- c. Sue had written to Thames Water regarding the damage caused to the village verges by the coming and going of the sewage tankers. Thames Water had told her that a policy was in place to repair verges that had been damaged, but that work on that would not commence until the work on the sewage line between Waterperry and Waterstock had been completed.
- 6) The Parish Council had received no comments from parishioners regarding the Planning Application received and Sue declared an interest. Since only 2 councillors were left, the council was inquorate and could not therefore make a decision on the application. Lawrence agreed to inform SODC's Planning Department. **Clerk**
- 7) Lawrence reported that a Planning Application had been received the evening before the meeting and therefore too late to add to the agenda and therefore could not be discussed. A meeting would need to be arranged to discuss this application and could also be used to agree the outstanding 2019/20 AGAR documents. **Clerk**
- 8) The summer season of events at Waterperry Gardens was raised and agreed to put on the agenda for a future meeting with an invitation to Simon Buchanan (Waterperry Gardens) to address the council. Sue agreed to write to Simon as soon as a date was agreed. **SP**
- 9) Date of the next meeting: APM/AGM Wednesday 19th May 2021 in the marquee at Waterperry Gardens. However, a meeting via Zoom would need to be held before that to complete the 2019/20 AGAR and respond to the Planning Application mentioned in item 7 above.
- 10) Meeting closed at 8.30pm