



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

24th November 2021

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held in the classroom
at Waterperry Gardens on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 7:30pm

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Lawrence Wootten (Deputy Clerk/RFO), Daryl Atkinson, Royston Davis,
Simon Melton, 4 parishioners
Apologies: Popsie Wootten

Actions

- 1) Apologies received from Popsie Wootten.
- 2) Sue declared an interest in item 7 (f) as she is a member of Waterperry Parochial Church Council.
- 3) No matters raised from the public.
- 4) a. Minutes of the previous meeting on 6th October 2021 sent to all councillors approved and signed and will be added by the clerk to the website. **Clerk**
- 5) a. Finance report and a reconciled bank statement was presented and discussed.
b. Councillors and RFO signed the Unity Bank account application documents. Cheque for £500 payable to Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council approved and signed to set-up the account which will be shown in the financial report as a transfer between the council's bank accounts (Cheque Number 100278). Clerk to send all documents to Unity Trust Bank. **Clerk**
c. The following invoices were approved for payment and cheques signed for distribution:- **RFO/
Clerk**
 - Cheque number 100273 – Lawrence Wootten – Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription - £59.99
 - Cheque number 100274 – Community Heartbeat Trust – Defibrillator Scheme Subscription - £151.20
 - Cheque number 100275 – R Taylor Landscapes – Verge/Rec Ground Mowing - £138.00
 - Cheque number 100276 – R Taylor Landscapes – Verge/Rec Ground Mowing - £138.00
 - Cheque number 100277 – A J Gallagher Insurance – Parish Council Insurance - £360.03
- d. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Report for 2019-2020 showing the use of the £2610.00 levy to fund the village 20mph speed limit was agreed as accurate, and signed by Sue for return to SODC. **Clerk**
- 6) No planning applications received.
- 7) a. No progress to update, but Sue explained to the public the importance of registering the land if possible. Sue still investigating. **SP**
b. It was agreed to replace the existing old wooden Recreation Ground furniture with like-for-like items in maintenance-free recycled plastic. Clerk/RFO to report back to the Parish Council with prices and suppliers. **Clerk/
RFO**

c. The verge posts ordered from Jacksons Fencing would be arriving in the next couple of days and delivered to Royston for safe storage and distribution.

d. The possibility of organizing a village event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was discussed. Agreed to setting up a working group to come up with proposals – Jonathan Boyne will put together something for the monthly village news magazine to generate interest and volunteers.

e. Lawrence and Sue reported that although it had been used by several parishioners over the summer, the village marquee was now in a poor state and beyond economic repair – there were large tears in the roof sections, as well as mouse and mould damage. It had been ok for dry, summer events, but wouldn't provide sufficient protection in the rain. It was agreed that replacement was not viable as the Parish Council doesn't own a drying/storage facility and that hiring a marquee as and when needed would be the best option in future.

f. The Parish Council had received a request from the Parochial Church Council for a grant of £200 towards grass cutting and shrub pruning in the village churchyard. It was agreed that, since the churchyard is one of only two open access areas in the village that provides a community space of "quiet reflection and relaxation" (the other being the Recreation Ground) and it is the only village burial ground (open to burials of all parishioners of any or no religion) that there was a public benefit in making the grant.

8) Sue agreed to write to Mark Bostock at OCC Highways Dept requesting scraping the road surface on Smith's Lane leading to Waterperry Common and to copy Tim Bearder into the email since he's the Oxfordshire County Councillor with special interest in highways issues. **SP**

9) The Clerk had received a request from the Maple Tree Children's Centre in Wheatley requesting a donation to support their work – this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

10) No new items raised

11) Date of next meeting to be finalized

Meeting closed at 9.30pm