



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

April 2017

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday
12th April 2017 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Lawrence Wootten, Daryl Atkinson
Apologies: Dean Fonge, Royston Davis
Also Present: Simon Buchanan Waterperry House, Councillors John Walsh, Anne Purse and guest

Actions

- 1) There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meetings on 1st March 2017, sent by email to all councillors, approved and signed.

Matters carried forward from previous minutes:

- a. Finance: Claim contribution for the mowing of the large village verge as OCC no longer does it, and this small amount of money could be put towards one of the village road projects. Clerk
- b. Donation: The parish council agreed to a £100 donation to the Maple Tree Centre in Wheatley, which lost funding from OCC last year. Awaiting details of how to pay the donation. Clerk
- c. HWW Mag: Although the magazine does manage to cover its costs, the parish council agreed to donate a split of any reasonable shortfall if this did happen in the future. Lawrence agreed to check with Holton and Waterstock parishes if they would agree as well. LW
- d. Recreation Ground:
 - i. Purchase new football net, clips and pegs for around £65. Sue to measure and purchase. SP
 - ii. Daryl agreed to rub down and paint goal post before new net installed. DA
 - iii. Lawrence agreed to jet wash the picnic table and bench and Royston to sand and treat. LW
 - iv. Clerk to buy Danish Oil to treat gates, play equipment and benches. Clerk
 - v. Lawrence agreed to jet wash his fence on the recreation side and treat it, if necessary. LW

- 3) Public Open Session:
John Walsh spoke about the SODC Local Plan Consultation and the proposed Unitary Council and the latest Local Plan Consultation.

Anne Purse mentioned that if the Gigaclear resurfacing dips by more than the 2cm tolerance then Gigaclear can be asked to come back to correct and if issues to contact the current county councillor. Additionally she referred to The Friends of the Maple Tree Children's Centre and asked for a poster to be placed on the noticeboard, and the parish council also suggested it being put on Waterperry Village Facebook.

Clerk

Councillor Anne Purse also announced that she is to retire from local politics at the forthcoming elections. Kirsten Johnson, who will stand in her place as the Lib Dem candidate, accompanied her at the meeting.

- 4) Finance:
2016/17 Expenditure for the year reviewed against Budget and agreed.
2016/17 Accounts due the year reviewed and agreed were correct.

Clerk gave Lawrence the cheque and paying in books for the new bank account to run the HWW Parish Magazine and confirmed bank statements changed to monthly on the 15th. Online banking discussed and the clerk agreed to look into this.

Clerk

Clerk confirmed that a Transparency Code Grant for £607.50 received and would enable the parish council to purchase its own laptop, scanner with printer and software, etc. Clerk asked for training in updating the parish council website so he can meet the Transparency Code and upload the Agendas and Minutes in a timely manner. Lawrence agreed to show the clerk how to do this once the new laptop was working and the appropriate software downloaded on to it.

LW / Clerk

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

S Parker (Verge Posts)	£360.00	(cheque 100186)
S Parker (Ink/Paper)	£18.95	(petty cash)

Clerk
to make
payments and
bank money
as required

The following items were received since the previous meeting:

Precept (first half)	£1,300.00	(direct to bank account)
Transparency Code Grant for Computer Equipment	£607.50	(direct to bank account)

5) Recreation Ground / Marquee Maintenance:

Rec Ground Maintenance – Spring tidy of the recreation ground:

a. Sue mentioned that the mats that could be purchased would be slightly larger than the current ones, and that lifting and replacing the existing ones could cause them to tear or be unstable. Agreed to purchase new ones at a cost of around £30. Clerk confirmed insurance company would cover installation of new mats under swings by a responsible councillor or parishioner.

SP

b. Lawrence offered to remove some rubble from recreation ground and place in his skip.

LW

Land Registration – Sue to see solicitor next week to confirm details and send to councillors.

SP

6) Community Emergency Planning (CEP) and APM:

Sue asked Simon Buchanan from Waterperry House that, if a CEP is set up, then would it be possible to use the classrooms in a village emergency, and he agreed this would be ok. Sue asked that specific details for a CEP are produced for the APM to enable discussion.

Clerk

7) Update on Village Projects:

Now that the verge posts have been delivered, Sue asked the other parish councils for suggestions to where these should go to keep drivers off the verge and for safety to slow drivers down.

SP / LW /

Sue asked Anne if she could speak to Keith Stenning to see if any progress could be made.

DA

Clerk had received confirmation that the grant application for a defibrillator in the phone box is being considered and that they are checking eligibility, etc. and hope to hear more soon.

SP

Clerk

8) Dog Bags on Footpath/Bridleway:

The issue of dog bags left littering the footpath/bridleway to Waterstock Mill was discussed including mentioning that a number of visitors to Waterperry Gardens dog walk to Waterstock Mill. Simon explained that Waterperry Gardens Ltd choose not to provide dog litter bins as they prefer to encourage visitors to take all of their rubbish (picnics, dog bags, etc) home with them. Lawrence suggested having a bin on the footpath/bridleway that the parish council would pay to have emptied, but it was suggested that villagers would then use this instead of putting their dog bags in their own grey bins, and that the dog bin would attract rubbish and require emptying more often. Rectory Farm, which owns most of the land for these paths, had previously said that they would put proper signs up warning of the dangers of discarded dog mess to livestock, but this has not yet been done. Sue suggested the parish council could put up signs, but they would actually be on private property. As the village landowners appear not inclined to help resolve this issue, no further action was agreed.

9) Gigaclear Update:

Only that the work is continuing slowly along the village road and that they will be doing the bend in the village on Friday night.

10) Correspondence:

The SODC Local Plan was discussed briefly in relation to smaller villages.

Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) were given and it was noted that CIL payments to parish councils would be 15% of the total CIL payment capped at £100 per existing council tax dwelling, but those parishes with a Neighbourhood Plan would be receive 25% of the total CIL payment with no cap. Sue agreed to ask Holton Village, excluding Brookes Land as part of the Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan, and Waterstock if they would be interested in producing a joint Neighbourhood Plan.

SP

Other correspondence not to be acted on.

11) Planning Applications:

P16/S3602/FUL – Land on the east side of Junction 8A M40 Waterstock OX33 1JW – To put on the land: a gravel track and turning point, horses (not for riding), stables (As amplified by supporting statement received 20 March 2017)

After a brief discussion, the parish council agreed to reiterate its previous comments and the additional supporting statement did not change anything.

Clerk to enter details on the SODC planning website.

Clerk

12) Any Other Business:

The issue of the Weekly Inspections of the recreation ground not being done, or not being audited was brought up by the clerk and it was agreed to include this on the agenda for the next meeting as could affect the third party insurance on the parish council's policy.

Clerk

13) The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th May 2017 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens incorporating the Annual Meeting of the Council (AMC) at 7:30pm and the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm