



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

16th November 2022

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held in the classroom
at Waterperry Gardens on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7:00pm

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker (Chairman), Lawrence Wootten (Deputy Clerk/RFO), Daryl Atkinson,
Royston Davis, Simon Melton, 3 parishioners

Actions

- 1) No apologies for absence.
- 2) There were no declarations of interest, gifts or hospitality.
- 3) No items raised.
- 4) No reports received.
- 5) (a) Minutes of the previous meeting on 14th July approved and signed by the Chairman and will be added by the clerk to the website and posted on the village noticeboard. **LW**
The meeting on 17th August was inquorate, so Lawrence has produced a short statement to that effect, which is published on the Parish Council website in 2022's meeting minutes.
- 6) a. Finance report and reconciled bank statements were presented, discussed and agreed as accurate.
- b. It was agreed to appoint Jane Olds as Internal Auditor for the 2022/23 Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Forms signed for Lawrence to return to Jane.
- c. The Parish Council's insurance policy renewal was reviewed, and existing cover agreed to be sufficient. It was agreed to renew the Parish Council's insurance policy with Gallagher Insurance from 27th January 2022 **LW** (see item 6e below).
- d. The Parish Council had received a request from the Howe Trust in Wheatley who provide a hamper sufficient for a family Christmas dinner to the families of those pupils attending Wheatley Primary School and Wheatley Park School (our catchment schools) who receive free school meals, two of whom are resident in Waterperry with Thomley Parish. It was agreed to make a donation of £75 (listed in item 6e below).
- e. The following payments were agreed. Lawrence to set-up online – Daryl and Sue to authorise:
 - R Taylor Landscapes – Recreation Ground/Verge Cutting - £207.00
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 - Community Heartbeat Trust – Annual Defibrillator Support Package - £151.20
 - Itsa Goal Posts Ltd – New Goal Net for Recreation Ground Goal Posts – £84.99
 - Gallagher Insurance – Parish Council Annual Insurance Premium - £360.03
 - Howe Trust – Charitable Donation - £75.00
 - Village News Printing Costs - (bank transfer to Village News Account) - £300

- 7) **P22/S3886/FUL**, for development work at the following location: Waterperry House Waterperry: The application is for: New kitchen yard storage to include utility stores, existing bins and fuel storage, dry store and ladder store, plus additional space for a new tool and paint store and bursars store relocated from other parts of the estate.

P22/S3815/FUL, for development work at the following location: Waterperry House Waterperry Estate Waterperry: The application is for: Relocation of teashop to marketing yard and rear extension to market building.

The Parish Council had responded to SODC on the above applications when they were originally made. It was agreed that Sue would respond highlighting those original concerns.

P22/S3798/FUL, Rectory Farm Waterperry OX33 1LB Construction of a 60m x 30m sand and fibre surfaced equestrian riding arena (menage), surrounded by post and rail fencing. Change of use for this specific area from agricultural to equestrian use. **SP**

No objections raised.

- 8) a. No further progress on the land registration of the recreation ground. **SP**
- b. The new recycled octagonal picnic table had been assembled and was now in-position. The old wooden picnic table would now need to be removed and disposed of. Sue agreed to put something in the village news asking for volunteers to help move it.
The purchase of a new goal net was agreed (see item 6a above).
- c. The continuing erosion of village verges was discussed – especially Green Ground. The possibility of extending the wooden verge protection posts onto Green Ground was discussed.
- d. Simon presented possible designs with examples from Wheatley and Littleworth. A noticeboard large enough for eight A4 sheets was agreed as sufficient. It was agreed to approach a manufacturer for a definite quote. **SM**
- e. Sue agreed to investigate Woodland Trust grants for hedge planting for the proposed hedge in the Recreation Ground. **SP**
A suitable Perry Pear tree to replace the one on the Green Ground verge would be approximately £30-45 + delivery + planting costs. Sue to investigate suppliers.
- 9) a. No training courses to approve at present.
b. No new training courses attended.
- 10) The Parish Council had received a letter from SODC's Environmental Health Officer, Trevor Dean, regarding the ongoing drainage issues outside Townsend Farm. He explained that the drainage system has been cleaned out, CCTV surveyed and works done to improve the foul waste treatment on site completed to meet the number of residents living there. However, there is an outstanding issue that the outlet ditch has been left so overgrown and clogged it doesn't allow proper outfall, this part of the ditch is in another person's riparian ownership and so they are being contact to clear their section and allow proper outflow from the farm and prevent it overspilling on to the road.

11) Date of next meeting – Thursday 15th December 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Sue Parker
Chairman

Lawrence Wootten
Clerk/RFO