



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

January 2016

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday
20th January 2016 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Dean Fonge, Daryl Atkinson, Lawrence Wootten, Royston Davis
Apologies: None
Also Present: SODC Councillor John Walsh, 4 parishioners and later CC Councillor Anne Purse

Actions

- 1) There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meetings on 25th November and 23rd December 2015 that were sent by email to all councillors were approved and signed.

Matters carried forward from previous minutes:

a. Recreation Ground:

Gate Treatment: It was agreed to buy the treatment for the gates using Sikkens Cetol HLS, Filter 7 or Sadolin Extra in spring. Clerk

Trees: Include trees in the Quarterly Inspection. Clerk

Annual Inspection: Form to be sent off for next year. Clerk

b. Finance:

The clerk agreed to arrange for the bank mandate to be changed to remove Adrian Peake and to add Lawrence Wootten, who kindly agreed at this meeting. Clerk

3) Public Open Session:

A parishioner asked about fibre-optic broadband for Waterperry. It was mentioned that a planning notification had been received for a green box on the Waterperry Road near the entrance to village, although it probably would not be connected until 2017. John Walsh gave additional information about progress in Worminghall, Ickford and Waterstock.

Three parishioners then spoke about their concerns with the planning application below for the large house on the edge of the Waterperry Estate nearest to the village.

4) Finance:

The latest bank statement was compared with the latest set of accounts.

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

None

The following items were received since the previous meeting:

None

Clerk
to make
payments and
bank money
as required

5) Recreation Ground Maintenance:

Annual Inspection: Sue said that emails had been sent to Park Leisure and Steve Palmer in relation to their equipment/gates that had been fitted last year pointing out the minor issues raised in the report by the annual inspection company, but that no responses had been received. The clerk agreed to follow them up and other minor issues that were raised in the report to be reviewed. SP / Clerk

Lawrence mentioned that he planned to fix the goal net to the ground using tent pegs and to ensure it is tied correctly to the goal post. LW

Signs: Sue confirmed this was now ready and a date should be set at the next meeting to put it up with some help from the councillors. Clerk

Land Registration: Sue mentioned that the application had not been accepted by the Land Registry due to what appeared to be a minor technicality and the £40 second cheque returned and the £30 initial cheque held on account. Sue had contacted Land Registry and is awaiting an email from them, Sue and the clerk agreed to progress this once the email has been received.

SP /
Clerk

6) Planning Applications:

[P15/S4315/FUL](#) – Waterperry Estate Waterperry OXFORD OX33 1JY – New detached 5-bedroom house sited to the north west of Spinney Cottages at the entrance to Waterperry Estate.

After a lengthy discussion between the councillors and with the members of the public who had attended specifically for this matter, it was agreed by a vote of four to one that Waterperry Parish Council considered that this application should be refused for the following reasons.

- a. Concern that the existing natural stone wall along the whole of the highway boundary of the land is a village character feature and should not be demolished. Please refer to New Rectory Farm House restriction and requirement to retain the wall, not alter it in any way and maintain it in a proper state of repair (Planning Permission P88/N0698 - see point 4 on uploaded file).
- b. Conservation Officer should be consulted as this land is within the curtilage of Listed Buildings on the Waterperry Estate.
- c. Scale is oversized relative to neighbouring properties and dominates.
- d. Land is higher than adjacent gardens and roads and therefore house will be higher.
- e. There have been no consultations with neighbours from the applicants - not neighbourly - refer to pre-planning letter.
- f. Concerns about driveway entrance at very busy and narrow section of road.
- g. The entrance to Waterperry Estate is not one-way as specified on the plans. Traffic exits through the "entrance" all day.
- h. The layout of the proposed house would mean that most windows would overlook neighbouring property to the North West (Deasland).
- i. Need - the application is justified as supporting provision of accommodation for horticultural staff on site. In practice of existing houses/flats, one has been empty for over 2 years and one is let commercially to non-staff.
- j. No mention of trees on site - what about the memorial oak tree in the middle of the garden?

[P16/S0081/T28](#) – PCP005 - Worminghall Road S/O 1 Holbeach Worminghall Road Waterperry Oxford OX33 1LF – Installation of 1 x DSLAM equipment.

This was included for information only.

Clerk

The clerk will enter details on the SODC planning website.

7) Correspondence:

a. The clerk read out a brief email from Worminghall PC saying that one of their parishioners had requested animal signs to be put up on the Waterperry Road by the motorway bridge due to recent car accidents. Waterperry PC agreed to look into this after Anne Purse mentioned there may be budget available.

Clerk

b. The clerk read out a brief email from Worminghall PC about the issue of a bus service to Oxford and whether anything was being done to re-instate it. Anne Purse mentioned that in some parts of Oxfordshire some village bus services had been saved by the company agreeing to run them without a subsidy.

Clerk

c. A letter from Lord-Lieutenant Tim Stevenson was received in connection with celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday on the weekend of 11th/12th June along with the rest of the country. The parish council agreed that it should hold its annual summer event on that weekend and details will be made in future meetings.

Clerk

Postal/email correspondence was reviewed.

8) Any Other Business:

None.

9) The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March 2016 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9:40pm