



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

2nd October 2024

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held in the classroom
at Waterperry Gardens on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7:00pm

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker (Chairman), Lawrence Wootten (Clerk/RFO), Daryl Atkinson,
Caroline Monteith, Dawn Leopard

Actions

- 1) Apologies received from Simon Melton.
- 2) There were no declarations of interest, gifts or hospitality.
- 3) No items raised.
- 4) No new report had been received from Tim Bearder (District and County Councillor).
- 5) a. Minutes of the previous meeting on 25th July 2024 approved and signed by the Chairman and will be added by the clerk to the website and posted on the village noticeboard. **LW**
b. Ref. Item 8(f). Lawrence reported that Richard Taylor Landscapes had done the first trim in the churchyard, and would be doing a second in November.
- 6) a. Finance report and reconciled bank statements were presented, discussed, and agreed as accurate. On 30th September 2024 the balances of the bank accounts were as follows:
Unity Trust Current Account - £3775.38
Unity Trust Instant Saver Account (Allocated Reserves) - £6648.45
Barclays Village News Account - £75.65 (paper statement issued on 16th September, no online available)
b. The following invoices for payment were approved – Lawrence to set up the payments on the Unity Trust online account – Daryl and Sue to authorise:

Community Heartbeat Trust (Defibrillator Annual Support Package)	£ 151.20	LW/SP
Richard Taylor Landscapes (mowing – invoice 2938)	£ 163.20	DA
Richard Taylor Landscapes (mowing – invoice 2923)	£ 244.80	
Richard Taylor Landscapes (mowing – invoice 2861)	£ 163.20	

c. A revised table of the council's allocated reserves was agreed to account for the unbudgeted £1500 donated to Waterstock Parish Meeting (see minutes 25th July 2024 Item 6(f)). Lawrence would publish the revised table on the Parish Council website. It was agreed to transfer £1500 from the Unity Trust Instant Access Savings (allocated reserves) Account to the Unity Current Account to compensate for the donation (which was made from the Current Account). Lawrence to set up transfer, Daryl and Sue to authorise. **LW/SP**
DA
d. It was agreed that the Parish Council would accept the proposed changes to OALC's annual subscription rates. Lawrence to respond to OALC. **LW**
e. It was agreed that the Parish Council would accept SODC's proposed changes to Polling Station locations and would publicise those changes via the village news magazine, website and social media at an appropriate time.
f. It was agreed in principle to move the Parish Council website to a ".gov.uk" domain with associated email addresses for councillor and clerk through Hugo Fox, but clarification of the total annual cost would be sought before final approval would be given (clerk to contact Hugo Fox for clarification). **LW**

7) **P23/S1407/RM - Oxford Brookes University, Holton Campus, Planning Amendment Consultation.**

P23/S2384/O - Land east of Junction 8a, M40 Waterstock OX33 1HT – Appeal by developer (Greystoke) against refusal of Planning Consent.

It was agreed that no further action was currently necessary on either of the above Planning Applications.

- 8) a. This item is ongoing. Lawrence informed the Parish Council that SEE has requested access to the Recreation Ground in order to trim some branches of an ash tree that are growing close to the power line. Lawrence will facilitate access for SEE contractors when requested. **LW**
- b. Sue had written to Jonathan Beale at OCC Highways Dept about the possible use of kerb stones to protect the village verges (especially at Green Ground) and is waiting for a response from him. **SP**
- c. Sue had emailed Gary Neal (the contractor who had repaired the electrical supply to the defibrillator earlier in the year) about installing the cable cover replacement and is waiting to hear back from him. **SP**
- d. Sue has emailed John Roberts (Team Leader – SODC Planning Dept) to get an update on the status of the Planning Permission for the new Parish Council noticeboard. **SP**
- e. Login details for Thames Valley Police Community Speedwatch Scheme had now been received and several parishioners had now registered. Sue agreed to forward the link. **SP**
- f. It was agreed that the Parish Council would wait until OCC had published their Biodiversity Action Plan and use that as the basis for the Parish Council's action plan. Caroline agreed to find out more about bat boxes, insect hotels, and bird nest boxes that could possibly be purchased by the Parish Council and to encourage wider adoption of them within the local community. **CM**
- g. Concerns were raised about the speed of traffic during summer events at Waterperry Gardens, particularly when exiting the village (especially Waterperry Opera). It was agreed that the Parish Council would approach the organisers of these events to express those concerns and discuss ways forward.
- h. It was agreed that upgrading the current VAR sign would not be cost effective, and that it would be better to wait until the current unit reaches end-of-life. It was agreed to investigate the possible use of a mobile VAR – either to hire or to purchase. **LW**
- 9) a. No new training courses requested.
b. No training to report.
- 10) No correspondence received.
- 11) No items for next agenda.
- 12) Date of next meeting TBC.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm
Sue Parker
Chairman

Lawrence Wootten
Clerk/RFO

