



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

May 2018

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting held on
Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 8pm in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Daryl Atkinson, Royston Davies, Lawrence Wootten*
Apologies: Dean Fonge (*till 20:30)
Also Present: County Councillor Kirsten Johnson, District Councillor John Walsh
and two parishioners

Actions

1) There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.

2) Drinks and Nibbles were provided.

3) Chairman's Report:

Sue read out her Chairman's Report for the financial year 2017/2018 discussing projects in progress and potential future projects as well as asking parishioners to come forward to help with projects and community events. The clerk to arrange for the Chairman's Report to be displayed on the Parish Noticeboard and added to the Parish Council website as well as being placed in the parish magazine.

SP / Clerk

4) Update from County and District Councillors:

Kirsten Johnson spoke about all the different subjects she had been involved in during her first year as county councillor and updated the meeting with her current actions for Waterperry.
John Walsh spoke about SODC issues, particularly clarifying, as far as possible, the current options for the new Ox-Cam Expressway.

5) Proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway potentially passing close to Waterperry:

Daryl updated the meeting with details from a meeting he and Royston had recently attended arranged by MP John Howell on the subject. Concerns were shown of the two potential routes that would go east of Oxford City. All agreed that the parish council should write to relevant parties encouraging a route that would go west of Oxford City. Daryl agreed to draw up the letter to be circulated to all councillors for agreement.

DA

6) Open Discussions and Questions from parishioners:

There were two issues on the meeting agenda that were discussed:

New Recreation Ground Seating
Reducing Traffic Speed Through The Village

The Clerk and the Chairman explained that the PC has received £2600 as a CIL payment, that must be spent on specific village projects, rather than just be absorbed into the PC funds. These two issues would be suitable uses of this money.

Lawrence referred to some approximate costings he had gathered for a new recycled plastic wood effect 8-seater picnic table with wheelchair/pushchair access and a separate bench seat of approximately £1,000. Councillors agreed to progress further at the next meeting.

Clerk

Discussion of the Village Road speed limit unanimously agreed that this should be progressed as a priority. Residents at the meeting suggested that the potential costs for this should take priority over purchasing new equipment for the Recreation Ground. The Chairman clarified with Cllr Kirsten Johnson that the PC may be able to obtain some funding from her Councillor Priority Fund.

There was general discussion about the perceived increasing volume and speed of traffic through the village, presenting a hazard to villagers and other walkers, and additionally resulting in the on-going damage to the village verges.

It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the relevant parties to put in motion the surveys and consultations required to take the traffic project to the next stage.

SP

No other topics were brought up or discussed.

Meeting closed at 09:25pm