



WATERPERRY with THOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

February 2018

Minutes of Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday
21st February 2018 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens

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MINUTES

Present: Sue Parker, Lawrence Wootten, Dean Fonge, Royston Davis
Apologies: Daryl Atkinson
Also Present: County Councillor Kirsten Johnson, District Councillor John Walsh

Actions

- 1) There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting on 10th January 2018 sent by email to all councillors approved and signed.

Matters carried forward from previous minutes:

- a. Finance: Claim contribution for the mowing of the village verge, as OCC no longer does it, to use towards the mowing costs. Clerk
 - b. HWW Mag: Although the magazine does manage to cover its costs, the parish council and Waterstock have agreed to donate a split of any reasonable shortfall if this did happen in the future. Lawrence agreed to check with Holton parish council if it would agree as well. LW
- 3) Public Open Session:
Kirsten Johnson reported that the Full Council Meeting for the next financial year had agreed giving each County Councillor a £15k personal allowance that they could allocate to local projects, and an extra £1m funding for highway repairs from the Department of Transport.
John Walsh reported that SODC had passed a budget which would see a £6 increase in the SODC portion of the Council Tax for a Band D property.

- 4) Finance:
Financial Regulations and Financial Risk Assessment for 2018 sent by email to all councillors for review of minor changes were agreed.

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
SP to bank
money as
required

Review of Risk Assessment for IT Equipment completed and agreed.

Risk Assessment for Defibrillator to be completed for review at next meeting.

Clerk

- 5) Recreation Ground:
Tidy: Ongoing maintenance as needed.
Football Net: Lawrence said he would fit the new football net as soon as he could. LW
Grass Mats: Sue to order the two grass mats for the swings and pass them to Lawrence to install. SP / LW
Entrance Drainage Problems: Sue to follow up with OCC. SP
Condition of Seated Table: The councillors present agreed that the parish council should consider replacing the seated table and bench with recycled plastic furniture to reduce maintenance and increase expected life. Another suggestion was a gazebo for the main seating area. As such expenditure would have to be made in consultation with village residents, Lawrence agreed to come up with some options and quotes in time to present them at the APM. LW
Land Registration: Sue to see solicitor next week to pick up documents to sign and will distribute so they can be signed before the next meeting. Sue said an invoice would also be collected or sent. SP
- 6) Update on Village Projects:
Playground Sign: Confirmed this is expected to be put up in late February or early March.
Village Road Repairs / Traffic Speed Reduction: Still awaiting update from OCC on when road repair along large village verge and at farmyard entrance would be done.
Sue suggested trying to obtain a grant for the 20mph speed limit and perhaps match funding with some of the CIL money to be received in the next financial year. As this would be a village project, there would have to be agreement to use the CIL in this way. SP
- 7) Saplings close to Bow Bridge:
Sue reported that a concerned villager had raised the issue of several large saplings growing near the Grade II Listed Bow Bridge on both the Waterperry and Waterstock side, which could cause damage to it in the near future. Sue explained she had written to Waterstock Parish Meeting and the owner of Waterstock Mill to find out if they were concerned enough to deal with the issue on their side. They replied to say they would prefer to contact OCC Footpaths/Highways in the first instance, as they are responsible for the public right of way and the bridge structure and have carried out previous repairs.
- 8) Correspondence:
Email from OCC Highways regarding a new scheme set up for communities/villages to nominate Super Users to be able to escalate local road repairs quicker than the current Fix My Street process works. Basic training from Highways will be given on what size/depth potholes need to be before they can be repaired.
No other Post or email correspondence to review in the meeting.
- 9) Any Other Business:
Issue of Waterperry Gardens signs at village entrance and other unauthorised signs to be raised at next meeting. Clerk
- 10) Other than possible meetings for planning applications, the date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th April 2018 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens at 7.30pm.
The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and the Annual Meeting of the Parish (AMP) will be on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 in the Lecture Room, Waterperry Gardens at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm