

## **Watermead Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday 16 February 2017 at 7.30pm  
The Village Hall, Watermead**

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr Singleton, Cllr Toler, Cllr Rose, Cllr J. Gent  
Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk),  
AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond and AVDC & BCC Cllr Netta Glover plus 1 member of the public

**16.82 Apologies**  
Cllr I Schwab

**16.83 Declarations of Interest**  
To declare any personal or prejudicial interests regarding the agenda – Cllr A Schwab –  
All items relating to Crematorium and Legal.

**16.84 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property**  
No police attendance due to their shift pattern.

**16.85 Open Forum for Parishioners at 7.40 pm – 8.10 pm followed by the Council Meeting**

Cllr Glover and Cllr Bond gave their reports.  
Cllr Severn wished Cllr Bond to pass on her concern for AVDC staff working in difficult circumstances, whilst their career positions were under review.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

### **Council Meeting**

**16.86 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 January 2017**  
The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**16.87 Planning Matters**

**1.To update on any Planning Applications submitted** – no updates on existing planning applications submitted.

**2. 17/00051/APP 12 Lark Vale – Two-storey rear and side extension and internal alterations** – The PC unanimously objected to the planning application on the grounds that it was not in-keeping with the vernacular of Watermead, it was over-development of the site and there would be a loss of light to the neighbouring property.

**3. 14/01575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera** – still awaiting a decision.  
Cllr Bond to pass on the PC's concerns to AVDC that the structure appeared to be much larger than originally suggested and request that an officer from the planning department undertake a site visit. The PC also requested to have sight of the defined plans.

**16.88 Finance & Administration**

1. To agree the payment schedule for February 2017 – The Clerk had previously circulated the payment schedule, which was approved.



Dave Lucas of Dave Lucas Gardening Services and resident of Watermead had prepared a remedy to this problem that he believed would be a much better solution. He suggested as it is the tarmac that has corroded (at both ends) if we could source two lengths of the existing walkway material he would install at each end butted next to the first foot plank and then he would remove loose/debris tarmac and then redress. The Clerk had made contact with Hugh of Environments for People who installed the walkway and he had agreed that they would deliver two full lengths when they are next on site in London (within a couple of weeks).

Dave has confirmed he can extend the sub frames of the existing walkway and fill both exiting voids making allowance for expansion and will redress tarmac for a total of £175.00. This was approved.

**Vegetation around Lakes** – Paul Holton of Aylesbury Vale District Council site visit – a walk around had been arranged for 9.00am Wednesday 22 February.

**Land between Sandpiper and The Osprey:** The tree officer had left and the Clerk had a new contact.

#### 4 **To update on Bank erosion & Land Project**

Cllr Severn reported that the Clerk had carried out an exhaustive search and spoken to various funders for the erosion project. It is possible that funding will be found but in the meantime, in view of the necessity to get the work done this summer, if we are to retain the footpath and banks, we need to order the work. Cllr Severn therefore proposed that the PC makes an application in principle to borrow £30,000 over 10 years from the Public Works Loan Board. In order to secure the loan we have to apply to BALC who will send our approved application to DCLG and then to PWLB who will confirm the loan amount and date funds are required. If funding becomes available the PC can cancel the application, if not then we will be able to proceed with the work. The total cost of works is estimated at £35,000 so this would mean we use £5,000 from reserves, less any grants.

It was resolved to seek the approval from the Secretary of State for DCLG to apply and for a PWLB loan of £29,600 up to 10 years via BALC for the essential land repairs and maintenance works needed to the lakeside bank. The annual loan repayments will come to approximately £3200 which will be funded from the precept budget. The Clerk to obtain two further tenders for works and a full report to be prepared for next meeting.

#### 5 **To update on Land/Meadow Project**

Cllr Severn had been in touch with professional fundraisers who are able to carry out feasibility studies, prepare applications for funding and assist in all aspects of grant applications. The Clerk had also identified a possible funder in the Big Lottery heritage parks project and has registered an expression of interest. Cllr Severn reported information had been included in the Village View. Public opinion/consultation/support would be a requirement of applications.

A video had been made to use for grant applications.

#### 6 **Watermead Piscatorials**

As proposed and agreed at the January 2017 meeting, the Clerk confirmed written communication had been sent to the Watermead Piscatorials confirming the 50% reduction in fee's for this year only due to the quality/quantity of fish. Don Smith was very grateful indeed to the Parish Council for assisting them through this period and will be reporting to all club members at their AGM being held in May. Don Smith also advised that he would like to make further contact with Andy Killingbeck of the Environmental Agency to enquire into the possibility of restocking the small lake now the barrier measure is in place. The Clerk agreed to help Don should he require any assistance with this.

#### 7 **To Update on Allotments**

**ONGOING** Ditches site inspection is still to be carried out by Buckinghamshire County Council who will come back to us in due course with their findings and suggestion of works. TFB have just rearranged Local Area Technician areas. Matthew Whincup will continue with Watermead.

- 8 **To report on Village View**  
Phil Toler had volunteered to take over the role of Advertising Manager. The Spring edition would be distributed weekend after next.
- 9 **To report on Village Hall**  
**ONGOING** The rear wall to the hall is yet again affected by dampness. This has been reported to Jean Jones of Compton Management. Jean has advised me that we are not the only property affected by this problem. A Surveyor is now scheduled to take a look as they wish to cure this problem before the external decoration works take place. In light of the above communication from WVLRRA works are delayed.
- 10 **To update on Transport/Highways Issues**  
It was agreed that the PC would write formally to Highways, the planning Department, AVDC (Cllr Bond), BCC (Cllr Glover) regarding the state of the spine road due to the mud left by Westerleigh during the construction of the crematorium. A copy of the planning decision which included the condition of the road being cleaned to be included.
- The Clerk had obtained a quote of £10k for Verge Bollards from Forde & McHugh who suggested bollards run both sides of the road between the two bridges. The Clerk to obtain a second quote from Aylesbury Mains. Bollards to only be installed should permission for the Crematorium continue to be granted.
- The Clerk and Cllr Severn to attend the LAF to see if funding was available for the bollards to prevent parking on the verges or double yellow lines (to prevent parking on the road) if required and also for the community speedwatch system.
- 16.90 **Date of meetings**  
16 March 2017, 20 April 2017, 18 May 2017, 15 June 2016, 20 July 2017, 17 August 2017, 21 September 2017, 19 October 2017, 16 November 2017, 21 December 2017.
- There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm and thanked people for their attendance.