

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 17 November 2016 at 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Watermead

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr I Schwab, Cllr Singleton, Cllr Toler, Cllr Gent Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk), AVDC and BCC Cllr Netta Glover plus 3 members of the public

16.64 Apologies

Cllr Rose

16.65 Declarations of Interest

To declare any personal or prejudicial interests regarding the agenda – Cllr I Schwab and Cllr A Schwab – All items relating to Crematorium and Legal.

16.66 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property

To discuss any Neighbourhood Watch matters – TVP

No police report received. The Clerk had taken crime Statistics from the Thames Valley Police website for Watermead September 2016 in which it was reported that there had been 3 incidents of vehicle crime, 2 thefts and 1 violence and sexual offence.

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

Graham Severn reminded everyone of the date of the Christmas Fair on 3 December. Stalls had now all sold out.

Cllr Singleton expressed her concern regarding the system for online reporting of streetlights not working. There was also concern that it was difficult for people to make contact with AVDC and Cllr Glover was asked to make representation on behalf of those residents who do not have access to or are not able to use a PC.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

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16.68 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 October 2016

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting subject to the amendments requested by Cllr Rose.

16.69 Planning Matters

1. To update on any Planning Applications submitted – no updates

2. 16/03807/APP – 12 Willowherb. First storey side extension and single storey rear extension – the PC were in support of the application.

3. 14/01575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera – The hearing for the appeal was due on 22 November. It was reported that Westerleigh's appeal against Bierton had been unsuccessful.

16.70 Finance

British Telecom	SM51876007	Village Hall	£78.30	£15.66	£93.96	DD
British Telecom	SM50260908	Office Line	£165.14	£33.03	£198.17	DD
British Gas	600026660	Village Hall	£43.12	£2.15	£45.27	2700

Aylesbury Fire Systems	61535	Village Hall/Health & Safety	£37.55	£7.51	£45.06	2701
Kedel Limited	PO10812	Bench Order	£514.50	£102.90	£617.40	2702
I. Whittome	424	Grass R&M	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00	2703
LMS Printing	6384	Crematorium Printing	£23.20	£4.64	£27.84	2704
CLC Grounds Maintenance	1644, 1643 & 1668	Grass, R&M & Litter	£1,424.00	0	£1,424.00	2705
Celebration Management Services	CPF0272	Village Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	2706
G M Hall & Co.	659	Payroll	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	2707
M. Jackson	Nov-16	Assistant Clerk	£212.00	£0.00	£212.00	2708
N. Shardlow	Nov-16	Clerk	£1,436.72	£0.00	£1,436.72	2709
HMRC	42675	PAYE	£463.78	£0.00	£463.78	2710
Christmas Expenses - S. Severn	N/A	Christmas Exps/Gifts	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	2711
Carol Concert -N. Shardlow	N/A	Christmas Carol Exps & Weebly Subscription	£320.00	£0.00	£320.00	2712
Schwab & Co. Legal Services	512	Crematorium Appeal Xmas Fair & Concert	£158.20	£0.00	£158.20	2713
LMS Printing	6392	Posters	£6.60	£1.32	£7.92	2714

1. To agree the above cheque run for November 2016 – The Clerk had previously circulated the cheque run for November which was approved. A further four cheques were also agreed.

Watermead Lakeside Residents Association - £200
Rachel Seago Village View - £870.00
Petty Cash Replacement - £264.25
Richard Kimblin Chambers No 5 - £750.00

A vote of thanks was given to Richard Kimblin for all the advice and assistance in preparation for the Crematorium Appeal.

2. To agree the accounts to end October 2016 - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end October 2016, which were approved.
3. Budget & Precept Meeting – The Clerk confirmed arrangements for the budget meeting on 14 December.

16.71. Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

- 1 Charity Event Request – Watermead Inn Kelvin Wong and Ruth Mayhew
An Event Management Plan had been circulated to Cllrs by email. It was proposed and agreed to request deposit and a donation of £500 and that the PC would consider sponsoring an event. Cllr Gent to speak to his contacts about attending the event.
- 2 Stroke Association Charity Run Request
An Event Management plan had been circulated to Cllrs. It was proposed and agreed to support the charity run.
- 3 **To update on Routine Land Work**
Vegetation around Lakes – Awaiting Paul Holton of Aylesbury Vale District Council to confirm a site visit.

Dog Signage – Stencil signage to Bandstand Island in place

Sally Stocker Bench Request – Bench is now ordered, waiting a delivery date.

Land between Sandpiper and The Osprey: Still waiting to hear from Ralph Branston. Cllr. Ashley Bond also chasing.

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

Funding applications for the Bank Erosion have been made and applications for the land project to be sent. A video of the land has been made.

5 **Watermead Piscatorials & EA Site Update**

Cllr Toler reported on a resident's concern about the number of ducks now crossing the road as opposed to going under the bridge. Cllr Toler to advise the resident that the netting and ramps had been installed on the advice given by the Environment Agency. Agreed to continue monitoring.

6 **To Update on Allotments**

The annual renewals system had commenced.

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.

7 **To report on Village View**

The Winter issue of the Village View was now at the printers. Notice had been received from Chris Cooling that he would no longer be able to continue as Advertising Manager. An advert for the vacancy had been included in the Village View.

8 **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.

9 **To update on Transport/Highways Issues**

UPDATE – LAF Meeting being held in February 2017

Report from October Meeting - At the September 2016 meeting it had been agreed for the Clerk to investigate the possibility of installing anti-traveller posts/boulders on the grass verges along the spine road into Watermead.

As this land remains and falls under the Highway remit advice has been sought from Buckinghamshire County Council.

In the first instance the PC must send a fully detailed report to our Local Area Forum. This used to be managed by our Local Area Technician but this no longer applies. The Local Area Forum will then arrange for a Feasibility Study to be carried out. As no traffic survey will be needed they advised costs should be minimal. Once carried out and they agree to such measure we then have a couple of options.

1. They will produce a quotation for the works to be carried out by Transport for Bucks (Buckinghamshire County Council). The Local Area Forum may even make a contribution. However the Clerk believes funds for 2017-2018 have already been reserved.
2. Should the PC wish to arrange quotes and the works itself they would provide details of approved contractors who are accredited Please note the PC would still need to go through the Local Area Form.

The PC cannot proceed any other way as the survey and statutory undertaking drawings have to be agreed and carried out through Buckinghamshire County Council.

On the basis that the PC proceed they advised they would ascertain/prefer to install as per their description the measure pictured below. Please note they quoted in the region of £150 per bollard (this includes installation).

Bus Bollards on Lark Vale

Prior to the PC The Clerk confirmed that the rising bollards were repaired.

10 To update on Cricket Pitch

Work was progressing on the Cricket Pitch.

11 To update on Christmas Events

The Craft Fair would take place on 3 December and the Carol Concert on 10 December.

16.72 Date of meetings

15 December (Budget), 16 December (Christmas Dinner), 19 January 2017, 16 February 2017, 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 8.52 pm and thanked people for their attendance.