

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 15 February 2018 at 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Watermead

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr E Rose, Cllr I Schwab, Cllr M Singleton, Cllr P Toler
Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk), AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond,
BCC Cllr Netta Glover plus 1 member of the public

17.86 Apologies

Cllr J Gent

17.87 Declarations of Interest

To declare any personal or prejudicial interests regarding the agenda – Cllr A Schwab & Cllr I Schwab – All items relating to crematorium and legal. Cllr M Singleton Agenda Item 17.93(4), small lake bench request.

17.88 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property

Emailed report received from PCSO Danny Fahy:

2 x criminal damage to cars at the same address (Whinchat) – it is not clear how this has occurred but it is assumed this would be paintwork being scratched.

1 x burglary in Pintail Close - police attended and there were enquiries made but since then those investigations have been looked into with negative results.

1 x criminal damage at the crematorium and 1 x burglary (but offenders did not enter the property).

There have also been reports of drug dealing occurring near the lake and Guillemot Court

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

Cllr Glover gave her report, which included her response to Westerleigh's letter. The PC thanked her for writing a response in support of the PC.

Since the change in the food caddy and waste bin collection system, several houses in Kingfisher beyond the pillars had not had their food caddies emptied for the last 3 weeks. Cllr Bond to make contact with AVDC Waste Department.

Cllr Bond

Dog bins were not being emptied despite AVDC insisting that they had been.

The Clerk has now requested evidence be provided every Monday morning.

Vans of dog walkers were coming to Watermead to exercise several dogs at once and there was an increasing problem with dog poo not being picked up. Cllr Bond to take up this issue with the AVDC dog warden.

Cllr Bond

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

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17.90 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 January 2018

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

17.91 Planning & Licensing Matters

(1) To update on previous consulted planning applications.

- **17/04545/APP** – 3 Peregrine, Watermead. Garage conversion. Approved.

Friday 9th February 2018, Watermead Parish Council were advised by AVDC that the applicant appealed the refusal decision of their previous planning application application 17/03162/APP. The Clerk sent the below to the Appeals Officer at AVDC and was awaiting a response.

Appeal Ref: 17/00096/FTHA Application 17/03162/APP

I am writing to confirm that today (9th February 2018) Watermead Parish Council received your notification that an appeal has been lodged with the Secretary of State in respect of the above planning application, 3 Peregrine, Watermead, Aylesbury HP19 0WY.

I would be most grateful if you could confirm that this appeal is still the intention of the applicant as since the refusal of application 17/03162/APP and further application was made 17/04545/APP and this was approved by your planning department 25th January 2018.

A response by Wednesday 14 February 2018 would be very much appreciated, as this will enable me to report at the February 2018 Watermead Parish Council meeting.

(2) 17/00771/APP – Watermead Village Car Park, Lakeside – Erection of 21 Flats – it was agreed to resubmit the PC's original objection letter plus updates to the revised application. The Clerk

(3) 1401575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera – ongoing. It was reported that the screen trees had been planted on PC land. There was concern regarding exposed cables by the footbridge.

17.92 Finance & Administration

- 1. To agree the payment schedule for February 2018**– the Clerk had previously circulated the payment schedule, which was approved. One further payment of £145 to Dave Lucas for repairs to the walkway and other land works was approved
- 2. To agree the accounts to end of January 2018** - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end January 2018, which were approved.

17.93 Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

1 Stroke Association Charity Run Update

All plans and documents including full event management plan & risk assessment had been prepared and circulated to Cllrs. Cllrs approved all documentation.

2 To update on Routine Land Work

Access to Parish Council land - At the November 2017 Parish Council meeting it was proposed and agreed to proceed with the quotation from Ripple to install a gate to the left hand side of the Gatehouse to ensure that the PC has available access to their land at all times. Gate installed Tuesday 23rd January 2018.

Replacement Dog Waste Bin - At the January 2018 Parish Council is was requested that the Parish Clerk obtain quotations to replace the dog waste bin that was in very poor condition on the small lake. Whilst obtaining these quotations the bottom of the dog waste bin came away making the replacement urgent as people were still using. Three quotations were received and sent to all Cllrs and it was agreed to proceed with the quotation from Marcus Young Landscapes. AVDC were advised of the change and this will not affect the PC's current contract with them.

The new bin was installed Wednesday 7th February and the existing one was removed and properly disposed. Due to the style of the existing bin and fixtures the PC had to proceed with a new bin and post, costing £185 plus VAT including installation.

Tree on the small lake and other routine works – CLC Grounds Maintenance to provide a quote for removal of the tree on the small lake.

Lake Clearance – Contractors D. Lucas & CLC Grounds Maintenance are made aware that these works have been agreed and deferred to Spring 2018.

3 **Large Lake Path**

At the January meeting, Cllr Rose had reported on the dip in the land by the metal memorial seat which had been flooded for a period of 10 days with water rushing through at speed and questioned the possibility of bridging the gap. It was proposed and agreed to make tentative enquiries as to costs and what would be involved. The original path from Kestrel Way to the bridge was also in a poor state and it was proposed and agreed to explore costs/methods for resurfacing. The Clerk had made contact with Environments for People.

It was reported that a number of fitness groups appeared to be using the Balloon Meadow without the PC's permission. The Clerk to be notified immediately so she could make contact.

4 **Small Lake Bench Request**

A request had been received from an elderly resident to install a bench on the opposite side of the ornamental lake to the Guillemot flats to allow her to sit down half way around the small lake. The parishioner would be willing to cover the costs. It was approved in principle subject to finding a suitable site. The Clerk and Cllr Rose to make a recommendation for the location of the bench which would not cause a disturbance to nesting birds.

The Clerk/
Cllr Rose

5 **To update on Allotments**

Renewal invoices had been issued.

6 **To report on Village View**

The Spring issue was being finalised for publication on 10 March.

7 **To report on Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

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

As reported at the January 2018 Parish Council meeting a meeting was arranged with Paul Ahluwalia, Traffic Signal Engineer of Buckinghamshire County Council, Cllr Severn, Cllr Rose and the Clerk.

Paul advised that at present the remit is to provide a costing to install a Toucan crossing at the point where the Pegasus (horse crossing) crossing was initially proposed on the A413. This was part of the original planning agreement for the Buckingham Park development opposite Watermead. To accompany the crossing, a formal cycle-path is proposed to provide an adequate and usable amenity for those wishing to use the crossing. This element will require extensive (7m) cutting back of the verge-line to allow construction of a cycle-path. Only when a costing has been provided and funding addressed (believe the whole project will be over budget), will a final decision be made on whether to proceed with construction.

The Parish Council provided Paul with the necessary maps and advised that they believe the Parish Council owns the land in question.

The next steps are for Paul to commission a topographical survey and make Land Registry enquiries to determine land ownership. Upon results of this Paul will make contact with us.

Highways Bollards – The bus bollards at Lark Vale are still operational. We are still waiting to hear if the bid for installation of a new system is successful and chasing on a regular basis direct with Transport for Bucks and Cllr Netta Glover.

Spine Road Street Furniture - 9th February 2018 New island bollard were installed by Transport for Buckinghamshire, Buckinghamshire County Council (see below)

17.94 Date of meetings

15 March, 19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 20 December (budget)
Cllr Rose gave his apologies in advance for the March meeting.

17.95 Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it will be necessary for a Councillor to move a motion to close the meeting to the press and public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Planning/Legal Review – not required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.