

## **Watermead Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday 16 June 2016 at 7.30pm**

**The Village Hall, Watermead**

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr Toler, Cllr Rose,  
Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk),  
AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond plus 5 members of the public

### **16.24 Apologies**

Cllr A Schwab, Cllr I Schwab, Cllr Singleton, AVDC and BCC Cllr Netta Glover

### **16.25 Declarations of Interest**

To declare any personal or prejudicial interests regarding the agenda – None

### **16.26 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property**

To discuss any Neighbourhood Watch matters – TVP

No police report received.

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

Marcia Lang expressed concern about the state of the erosion of the banks of the large lake and suggested using sandbags as a short-term solution. Cllr Severn commented that the PC was aware that the work needed to be done and would be taking expert advice from Environments for People and seeking grant funding.

Debbie Clarke expressed concern that it appeared that work had already started on the crematorium. Cllr Severn advised that communication had been received from Westerleigh's contractor requesting a meeting with the PC which would be arranged. Two posts had been installed at the end of the footpath by the jetty and there were concerns regarding access around the remainder of the large lake. The PC advised that Westerleigh had given reassurance that the land would not be closed off to the public. The PC had investigated making this footpath a right of way but due to the land signage this would not be possible.

Debbie queried, if leave of appeal was granted and the PC decided to appeal, would the judgement be appealable from either party. Cllr Severn replied that if the PC were successful, Westerleigh would have to reapply for planning permission. If the PC were not successful, it could still apply for an oral hearing. Debbie advised that she intended to write to David Lidington MP and the Bucks Herald regarding planning regulations and the limited grounds for objection. Cllr Severn suggested she read through the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan and The Clerk would forward the link to her. The PC was thanked for all that was being done.

Gordon Rennie had undertaken a survey of the dog poo bins and would forward his findings to the Clerk. A vote of thanks was given to him for undertaking this task.

Mr Holland queried the land to the East of Watermead – the Clerk advised that it was still with the Secretary of State and that as soon as a decision was heard, it would be added to the website.

Cllr Netta Glover's report had previously been circulated to all Cllrs.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

### Council Meeting

#### 16.28 Charity Event – The Watermead Inn – Ruth Mayhew & Kelvin Wong, The Watermead Inn – Event Report

No report received. Neither Ruth or Kelvin were in attendance.

#### 16.29 To agree the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 19 May 2016

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

#### 16.30 Planning Matters

1. To update on any Planning Applications submitted - 16/00769/APP 18 Kingfisher Update - Application approved 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

2. 16/00552/APP – 16/01658/APP 7 Owl Close - Removal and replacement of existing conservatory roof with the addition of three roof-lights – the PC had no objections to the planning application.

3. 13/03534/AOP – Land East of Watermead Update – Still with the Secretary of State.

4. 14/01575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, Riviera Site – Communications had been received from Mr Pardis which had been circulated to all Cllrs. The Clerk advised that the police had been notified regarding the fencing.

A request had been received from the Model Boat Club to use the area between the pub band stand and the stepping stones. This was agreed subject to the footpath not being obstructed and that if anyone objected to the starting noise the Club desist.

An email had been received from Westerleigh's contractors, Beard Oxford, requesting a meeting. Cllr Severn and the Clerk to attend and raise the following points: that there be minimum traffic disruption, care for the wildlife, minimum noise disturbance, no obstruction of the footpath as well as advising that there is a S52 on the land this side of the River Thame. Cllr Rose to then write up a press release.

Cllr Severn/  
The Clerk

Cllr Rose

#### 16.31 Finance

1. To agree the cheque run for June 2016 - The Clerk had previously circulated the cheque run for June 2016 which was approved.

Cheque run	Jun-16				Gross	
Company	Invoice No	Allocation	Net Amount	VAT	Amount	Cheque
	Summer					
R. Seago	2016	Village View	£830.00	£0.00	£830.00	2621
Play Safety RoSPA	22560	Land - Outdoor Gym	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00	2622
Burgess Office Equipment Ltd	86231	Office - Ink Supplies	£59.88	£11.98	£71.86	2623
Eagle Graphics (Printers) Ltd	20852	Village View Printing	£1,497.00	£0.00	£1,497.00	2624

ERS Environmental Services	10624 & 10619	Litter & Land Repairs	£731.25	£146.25	£877.50	2625
CLC Grounds Maintenance Ltd	1529, 1530, 1518, 1519 & 1548	GPC Clearance at The Heron, Grass, R & M, Allotments & Agreed Tree Removals	£2,670.00	£0.00	£2,670.00	2626
Sign Wizzard	29015	Wildlife Signage	£51.85	£10.37	£62.22	2627
G M Hall & Co.	623	PAYE - Payroll	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	2628
Michelle Jackson	Jun-16	Assistant Clerk Assistant & Office	£212.00	£0.00	£212.00	2629
Noreen Shardlow	Jun-16	Office	£1,436.92	£0.00	£1,436.92	2630
H M Revenue & Customs Celebration Management Services	Jun-16 264	PAYE & NI Village Hall Management	£463.58	£0.00	£463.58	2631
Ian Whittome	1627	GPC Grass Cutting	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	2632
Berryfields Parish Council	MVAS	MVAS & Training	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00	2633
			£1,480.91	£0.00	£1,480.91	2634

2. To agree the accounts to end May 2016 - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end May 2016 which were approved.

**3. Parish Councillor Vacancy update** – the Clerk reported that no applications had been received. The notice would be renewed and the date extended.

The Clerk

### 16.32. Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

1. To update on Land – Clerk's Report & Full Council

It was agreed to get professional advice from Environments for People regarding the bank erosion around the large lake and pricings for short term and long term solutions. Funding grants to then be sought.

It was proposed and agreed not to operate the Christmas tree project again but consideration was being given to offering a tree chipping service. The Clerk to take advice regarding chipping Christmas trees for reuse.

The Clerk

**67 Kestrel Way Site Visit Request:** Waiting resident to provide a convenient meet up time with Cllr Rose and Clerk

**Tree works Kestrel Way & Small Lake** – works had taken place on 14 June.

**Tree Walk/Survey** – As agreed at the April 2016 meeting Cllr Rose, Clerk and Darren Adamson will carry out on 23 June 2016.

Philip Bennison had advised of a potential siting in the bird boxes. This would be monitored and he would let the Clerk know as soon as determined.

A quote for £97 had been received to repair the gap between the walkway and the start of the path by the nursing home and it was agreed to proceed. An estimate of £200 had also been received to clean the walkway which the PC would consider having done in the Spring.

**Adoption of Land** – applications had now been submitted for the pieces of land.

**Outdoor Gym** – the annual inspection had taken place and all equipment placed on Low Risk. Signage board on site presented a medium risk, due to

protruding bolt and the bin being loose. These would be rectified as soon as possible.

On 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 there had been vandalism involving the removal of a seat from one of the benches. Replacement parts were being sourced.

**Bench Request** – Awaiting a response from Alison Lambert.

Routine works are progressing well.

**Land between Sandpiper and The Osprey:** Still awaiting to hear from Ralph Branston. A chase has been put on again via email. It was agreed to take this up with Neil Blake as it had been 6 months since this had first been raised.

The Clerk

**2 Watermead Piscatorials & EA Site Visit**

Andy Killingbeck, EA Fisheries Department to make a formal request to Mr Pardis to undertake a survey of fish stocks on the large lake.

**3 Dog Control Update**

The stolen signs had been replaced. It was agreed to wait and see whether the signs have any effect before looking at taking out a public space protection order.

**4 To Update on Allotments**

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 - ongoing.

At the last meeting it had been reported that some of the allotment sheds had been broken into. A week later they had been broken into again and a quad bike brought in through the gap by the gate where clearing work had been undertaken. The police had attended and provided equipment for the allotment holders to mark their tools. It was suggested and agreed to move the stone boulder to prevent access through the gap. The Clerk/Cllr Rose to undertake a site visit.

The Clerk/  
Cllr Rose

**5 To report on Village View**

Articles to be submitted by 23 July.

**6 To report on Village Hall**

A report from the surveyor was awaited.

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

Transport for Buckinghamshire (TFB) have been to site and reported that the adjacent black cabinet that houses the Hydraulic levers/pumps was leaking and the repair had been fixed. Unfortunately when they raised the bollards they found another leak, the base of the bollards was filled with fluid. TFB are awaiting contractor to inspect/quote for repair. A resident had reported that she had spoken to the engineer who had advised that it was a simple job and just a matter of ordering and replacing the seal. The Clerk to chase BCC & Cllr Netta Glover.

The Clerk

**8 To update on MVAS**

MVAS would be installed on Monday 20 June.

**9 To update on Website**

Updates ongoing.

The Clerk

**16.33 Date of meetings**

21 July, 18 August (Finance Committee), 15 September, 20 October, 17 November, 15 December (Budget)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.44 pm and thanked people for their attendance.