

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 16 March 2017 at 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Watermead

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr I Schwab, Cllr Singleton, Cllr Rose, Cllr J Gent
Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk),
AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond and AVDC & BCC Cllr Netta Glover plus 70 members of the public

16.91 Apologies
Cllr Toler

16.92 Declarations of Interest

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

16.93 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property
No police report.

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

Cllr Severn read out a communication received from Marcia Lang on behalf of Watermead Lakeside Residents Association (WLRA) this included objections to the planning application for the erection of 21 Flats with associated parking in the Lakeside car park.

Parishioners made the following comments:

Although the car park is private land, the application affects the whole of Watermead.

It would be overdevelopment of the site, out of character, potentially dangerous to the roads and it would block in an open space. It could potentially adversely affect local businesses as a result of the reduced parking spaces. Concern was also expressed that the letter from WLRA expressed the opinion that AVDC were happy with the plans.

There were already parking issues in Watermead with inconsiderate drivers.

The PC confirmed that it was already investigating the possibility of having double yellow lines and bollards installed on the spine road. This was dependent on the outcome of the hearing for the Crematorium.

It was proposed setting up a meeting with the WLRA. Cllr Severn to meet with WLRA.

Cllr Severn

None of the 70 residents in attendance were in favour of the application and they were advised to express their objections online by the deadline of 5 April 2017.

With regard to the crematorium, it was reported that Westerleigh had cut down a number of trees. The PC advised that photographic evidence had been taken and forwarded to AVDC.

Cllr Bond gave his report. Cllr Glover to email hers for circulation.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

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16.95 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 February 2017
The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

16.96 Planning Matters

1.To update on any Planning Applications submitted

17/00051/APP 12 Lark Vale – Two-storey rear and side extension and internal alterations

At the February 2017 meeting the Parish Council unanimously resolved to object to this planning application on the grounds that it was not in keeping with the vernacular of Watermead, it was over development of the site and concern was expressed that there would be the loss of light to the neighbouring property.

The Clerk advised that AVDC refused this planning application and used the following key issues in determining this application.

- Impact on appearance and character of the dwelling house, street scene and wider area.
- Impact on the residential amenity.
- Impact on highways and parking.

The proposed two-storey side/rear extension by reason of its size, scale and bulk would not appear subservient or complimentary to the existing dwelling. The extension would appear as an overly prominent addition that would detract from the pattern of development and would adversely impact the character and appearance of the original dwelling and result in harm to the visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to policies GP9, GP35 of AVDLP.

2. 17/00007/APP Watermead Village Car Park, Lakeside – Erection of 21 Flats with associated parking - the PC unanimously resolved to object to the planning application on the following grounds:

- Impact on appearance and character of the dwelling house, street scene and wider area.
- Impact on the residential amenity.
- Impact on highways and parking.
- Potential loss of parking that could be detrimental to the local businesses.

The Clerk
Cllr Severn

The Clerk to put together a response. Cllr Severn to meet with the WLRA.

The PC took a 5 minute break from 8.15 pm to 8.20 pm

3. 14/01575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera – still awaiting a decision.

16.97 Finance & Administration

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

Payment Schedule Mar-17				Payment Method (if Chq provide Number)		Comments
Company	Invoice No	Allocation	Net Amount VAT	Gross Amount	provide Number	Comments
Tesco	N/A	Printer Ink	£17.50	£3.50	£21.00	Debit Card
Post Office	N/A	Signed for Mail BN1 3	£4.45	£0.00	£4.45	Debit Card
Tesco	N/A	Mailbags (Leaflets)	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00	Debit Card
Office Outlet	N/A	Stationery	£2.24	£0.45	£2.69	Debit Card
Aeglesburgh Inn	N/A	Meeting (Allowances)	£9.85	£0.00	£9.85	Debit Card
Tesco	N/A	Village Hall Handwash	£5.15	£0.00	£5.15	Debit Card
Toni Macdonald	N/A	Allotment Key Refund	£8.00	£0.00	£8.00	BACS
N. Lewis	N/A	Allotment Key Refund	£16.00	£0.00	£16.00	BACS
R. Seago	Spring 2017	Village View	£855.00	£0.00	£855.00	BACS
Eagle Graphics	22026	Village View	£1,542.00	£0.00	£1,542.00	BACS
I. Whitton	528	GPC Grass Cutting	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00	BACS
Aylesbury Vale District Cou	257108	Dog Bins	£1,123.72	£224.75	£1,348.47	BACS
Hertfordshire Supplies	H021704742	V. Hall Cleaning Supp	£54.00	£10.80	£64.80	BACS
HCI Data Limited	WEB9418	Website 2yr domain	£69.90	£13.98	£83.88	BACS
D J Lucas	138	Walkway	£175.00	£0.00	£175.00	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	1717, 1718 & 1721	Grass, R&M & Litter	£1,216.00	£0.00	£1,216.00	BACS
British Gas	958211014	Village Hall Gas Supp Planning	£172.66	£8.63	£181.29	BACS
LMS Printing	6565	Letters/Plan	£180.00	£36.00	£216.00	BACS
Came & Company	8420/3216	Insurance Renewal	£1,903.68	£0.00	£1,903.68	BACS
Celebration Management	280	V. Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	BACS
G. M. Hall & Co.	Mar-17	PAYE	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS
M. Jackson	N/A	Assistant Clerk	£212.00	£0.00	£212.00	BACS
N. Shardlow	N/A	Clerk	£1,436.92	£0.00	£1,436.92	BACS
HMRC	N/A	PAYE & NI	£463.58	£0.00	£463.58	BACS
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Total			£10,137.65	£299.11	£10,436.76	
Approval for Electronic Payments - To be signed by two Cllr. Signatories at meeting of the Parish Council		Cllr Signature:	Date Approved:			
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2. To agree the accounts to end of February 2017 - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end February 2017, which were approved.

3. Process to renew the following Parish Council Policies:
 Standing Orders (including Risk Assessment)
 Financial & Procurement Regulations
 Communications Policy
 Asset Register

The Clerk to circulate the policies to Cllrs for review at the next meeting. Any comments to be forwarded to the Clerk beforehand.

4. Insurance Renewal - The Parish Council resolved to accept the second year renewal of the 3yr Long Term agreement (LTA) from Came & Company.

16.98 Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

1 **Stroke Association Charity Run** – Cllr Severn, Cllr Singleton and the Clerk had taken part in the event. There had been 154 runners and no issues on the day. The Stroke Association would like to hold a Santa Run at Christmas. A report was awaited from the Stroke Association.

2 **The Watermead Inn Event** – Ruth Mayhew and Kelvin Wong to attend the April meeting.

3 **To update on Routine Land Work Repairs to Walkway Gap(s)** - At the February meeting it had been unanimously agreed for Dave Lucas of DJL to carry out maintenance works to the small lake Walkway. The Clerk confirmed he had extended the sub frames of the existing walkway and filled both exiting voids making allowance for expansion. A return visit will be made to redress the tarmac as advised within quotation and is included in the price agreed.

Wildlife Signage – The Clerk had obtained quotes for signs A5 size at £10.37 plus VAT and A4 size at £10.95 – New layout will include the 's' from disturbances being removed. It was agreed to proceed with signs in A4.

Vegetation around Lakes – Paul Holton of Aylesbury Vale District Council site visit – Cllr Rose had circulated a land walk report. He proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the PC adopt a 3 yearly cyclical programme of maintenance along the guidelines suggested. It was further proposed and agreed that the PC should approach Vale Countryside Volunteers and also ask for local volunteers to assist with the work

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

As agreed at the February meeting an application to Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) had been made for a PWLB loan of £29,600 (reduced £400 contribution received from Cllr N. Glover, Community Leaders Fund). Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils (BALC) had confirmed receipt of application and had sent to Department Communities of Local Government (DCLG). The PC was awaiting determination from DCLG.

To date two quotations have been received from Environments for People and Greenford. The Greenford quotation received would only reduce the speed of erosion but not provide a long-term solution. The Clerk had requested a quotation for a more permanent method which they have agreed to do and this was due imminently.

The Clerk had tried to obtain a further quotation from a company called Ponds UK who specialise in hard landscaping and equine projects including, ponds, lakes and reservoirs. Details & plans have been sent but it was unlikely they would be in a position to undertake a site visit for several months and given the urgency of the work required it was proposed and agreed to instruct Environments for People, subject to DCLG/PWLB borrowing approval.

8:40pm Cllr Gent had to leave the meeting

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

A briefing document had been circulated to Cllrs. It was agreed to defer discussion until the following meeting to give Cllrs a chance to properly review the information. Cllr Rose wished to minute his objections to holding full public consultation prior to the PC having discussed and being in agreement to proceed with the proposal.

6 **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.

7 **To report on Village View**

The next issue was due for publication at the beginning of June and contributions were needed by 26 April.

8 **To report on Village Hall**

ONGOING The rear wall to the hall. In light of the communication from WVLRA works are delayed.

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

Condition of Watermead Spine Road – As agreed at the February meeting a formal letter was sent to Buckinghamshire County Council Highways Division, Aylesbury Vale District Council Planning Department, Cllr Ashley Bond and Cllr Netta Glover. This was automatically sent to our Local Area Technician Matthew Whincup who had responded advising that he did not see the mud on the road as per the PC's photos a safety issue.

Sentinel Speeding Equipment – the equipment to be shared with Shabbington had been funded by the LAF and would be delivered in April. Cllr Severn and the Clerk to attend training on 31 March.

Cllr Severn/
The Clerk

Installation of Verge Bollards – Cllr Severn/Clerk & Full Council

As agreed at the February meeting a second quotation from Aylesbury Mains (specialist service, Highways approved contractors only) had been received. It was

agreed to proceed with Aylesbury Mains should bollards be required. This was dependent on the outcome of the crematorium hearing.

16.99 Date of meetings

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.

16.100 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.

Recreational Facilities - Electronic leaflet to be distributed to all parishioners inviting attendance at an EGM to be held on 31 March at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm and thanked people for their attendance.