

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 17 March 2022 at 7.30pm
Held at the Village Hall, Watermead

Attendees: Cllr S Severn (Chair), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr I Schwab, Cllr M Morgan,
BC Cllr Ashley Bond, BC Cllr Diana Blamires
Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk)
plus members of the public: Graham Severn

21.89 Apologies

Cllr E Rose, Cllr S Mackay, Cllr Singleton

21.90 Declarations of Interest

To declare any personal or prejudicial interest regarding the agenda – Cllr I Schwab
– 21.97.1 Land Registry Matters

21.91 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property

No police report received.

Cllr Severn reported on the accident involving the van and the lamp post/MVAS on the spine road.

Cllr Blamires reported that the police were being more proactive and responding to calls in respect of rural crime. Anything suspicious especially with regard to hare coursing should be reported to 999. It was agreed to display notices on gates around fields to report any suspicious activity.

21.92 Open Forum for Parishioner at 7.40pm-8.10pm followed by the Council Meeting

Cllr Blamires reported that she was pleased that Cllrs Phil Gomm, Ashley Bond and Watermead PC had collected donations for Ukraine, which had successfully been delivered to L'viv.

Cllr Bond reported that the Zipp scooter trial was being extended until November.

Graham Severn commented that the small lake was looking nice.

A vote of thanks was given to Dave Lucas & Jo/WPC for installing the new flagpole.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

Council Meeting

21.93 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 17 March 2022

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

21.94 Planning Matters

1. To update on any Planning Applications submitted – no update.
2. **21/03659/AOP** - Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except for landscape for change of use from garden centre to Industrial/Storage Unit – the Clerk to prompt Sivatech for a meeting date.
3. **17/00771/APP** - Piazza Car Park Proposed Development – no update.

The Clerk

21.95 Finance & Administration

1. To agree the payment schedule for March 2022 – the Clerk had previously circulated the payment schedule, which were approved.
2. To agree the accounts to the end of February 2022 - The Clerk had previously circulated the accounts which were approved. The Clerk apologised that the Insurance Renewal documentation was not sent prior to the meeting and would circulate following the meeting.

Payment Schedule		Mar-21		Payment Method (if Chq provide Number)		
Company	Invoice No	Allocation	Net Amount VAT		Gross Amount	
Mobile Mini	7002368273	R&M Land	£55.20	£11.04	£66.24	BACS
Ian Whittome	02/03/2022	Grass	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	2857-2859	Litter, R&M & Grass	£1,294.00	£0.00	£1,294.00	BACS
Michelle Jackson	Mar-22	Assistant Clerk	£246.28	£0.00	£246.28	BACS
Noreen Shardlow	Mar-22	Clerk & Office/Expenses	£1,646.31	£0.00	£1,646.31	BACS
HMRC	Mar-22	PAYE & NI	£520.61	£0.00	£520.61	BACS
G. M. Hall & Co	Mar-22	PAYE	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS
Village Hall Management	Mar-22	Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	BACS
E.ON Electricity	A-4A9A8D6C	Village Hall Supply	£223.38	£44.68	£268.06	BACS
E.ON Electricity	A-CA102F38	Gatehouse Supply	£15.40	£0.77	£16.17	BACS
British Gas	60026660	Village Hall Supply	£124.68	£6.23	£130.91	BACS
Aylesbury Fire Systems Limited	27085	Annual Service Village Hall	£42.20	£8.44	£50.64	BACS
Buckinghamshire Council Bins	Mar-22	Village Hall and Land Bins	£45.50	£0.00	£45.50	DD
Lock & Key Centre	2146	Emergency Call to Village Hall	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00	BACS
Compton Property Management	CO6481.com	Insurance Contribution	£1,351.35	£0.00	£1,351.35	BACS
Routine Payments Total			£6,309.91	£86.16	£6,396.07	
Non Routine Payment						
Ian Collett		Neighbourhood Plan Graphics	£1,510.00	£0.00	£1,510.00	
			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Total			£7,819.91	£86.16	£7,906.07	
Approval for Electronic Payments - To be signed by two Cllr. Signatories at meeting of the Parish Council		Cllr Signature:	Date Approved:			
		Cllr Signature:	Date Approved:			

21.96 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Awaiting a date for a meeting with Planning Consultant, Sally Chapman. Cllr I Schwab to be included on the design code discussions. Cllr Morgan reported that one of the key aspects of the plan is the engagement process but that the group had not yet been in a position to engage with the public. Forthcoming events, Jubilee, Film Night etc would provide good opportunities.

21.97 Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

1 To update on Land Registry Matters

Cllr Schwab and Cllr Severn had met with the residents of Waxing regarding their concerns. Cllr I Schwab reported that the Crown's solicitors had been brought up to date on the PC's consultation process and the PC were now awaiting instruction to move onto the next stage.

2 To update on Litter, Land and Routine Land Work

The Clerk to arrange for emptying of the purple bins to be reinstated.

The Clerk

Lake Debris Communication

Communication had been received from Nick Williams regarding clearance of the debris in the lake.:

It was proposed and agreed to spend up to £100 for Martin Nolan to clear.

The Clerk

BBOWT Request

The Clerk reported that BBOWT had requested permission to display information boards up around Watermead over the summer. This was approved.

Land Use Request

A request had been received for use of the balloon meadow by Ambassadors for Christ group to hold a barbeque for approximately 40 people. Although there are signs around the lake stating no barbeques, the Land Policy needs to be updated to include this. It was agreed not to permit use of the land to the group as barbeques are not permitted.

The Clerk

Crematorium Screening – The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Alan Jose to discuss the inadequate screening. The inappropriateness of the horse hearse in a residential area was discussed.

The Clerk

Works agreed and awaiting completion:

Walkway Brackets D. Lucas

Existing Benches Ground Works D. Lucas

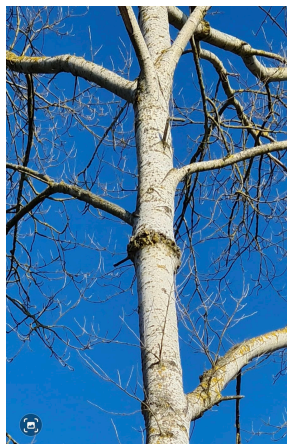
Memorial Benches – Benches delivered awaiting installation.

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To report/update on Tree Management

The Clerk reported that following the storm on Friday 18th February 2022 all emergency tree works were actioned by Dave Lucas and Darren Adamson. The tree by the small lake water outlet was reported as having some broken/dangling branches and required a tree climber to attend. As this works is deemed an emergency, the Clerk agreed with Greg O' Callaghan to attend and remove the many dangerous branches. (RTM were contacted to price/attend but the call was diverted/international ring tone)

Whilst on site with Greg O' Callahan did notice a further damaged tree by the bandstand on the small lake. Whilst this tree does not pose an immediate risk, he was concerned in the event of a storm. To reduce the below tree by 4-5 meters and remove waste will cost £650 plus VAT. The Clerk to obtain a quote from RTM.



Tree Reduction – Kingfisher

A request has been received from a resident of Kingfisher who is seeking permission to reduce the height of trees to his boundary to enable better sunlight to his property. This was approved.

The Clerk

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Watermead Piscatorials Update

The working party dates are Sunday 1st, 22nd & 29th May 2022 08.00-13.00 and all were welcome to come along and help.

It was agreed to ask Kelvin to provide lunch time refreshments.

The Clerk

The Clerk reported on the incident on the small lake whereby one of the members fishing was approached by a lady screaming that fishing is a cruel sport. The member chose to ignore the lady but then she came right up to him telling him he was cruel. The lady got too close and as the fisherman stepped back, he dropped the rod with the pike attached into the lake. They now wish to rescue the pike from the rod.

5 Large Lake Footways Project Update

The Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board allocated £40,712.96 towards the Watermead Walkway from its allocated budget.

Environment Agency Update

Further to my email dated 3rd March 2022, I am able to confirm that an Environment Agency (EA) Permit/Planning Permission is not required for the area highlighted red below. Focuss Construction are still engaged with the EA and we are waiting to hear back about the section highlighted pink.

Funding Updates

FCC Communities Foundation

Our grant application with FCC Communities Foundation has been reviewed and assessed and our application of £42,205.00 (50% of net costs) has been successful.

Councillors had emailed their comments/concerns to the Clerk.

Due to the delay in funding from BC, the projected costs of materials for the project had increased and there was now a shortfall of £38k. Cllr Blamires/Cllr Bond to make enquiries regarding any other possible sources of funding. Cllr Severn to speak to Focuss Construction to discuss what could be done with the monies available.

Cllr Blamires/
Cllr Bond

The Clerk to organise a meeting with the contractor to discuss issues/concerns raised by Cllr Morgan.

The Clerk

6 Report received from Roman Park Community Trust

The Trust was winding down although some of the volunteers had expressed an interest in carrying it on.

7 To Update on Allotments

Nothing to report.

8 To report on Village View

Cllr Severn reported that the Spring issue had been a marvellous edition and gave a vote of thanks to the editorial team.

9 To update on Village Hall (including return of groups)

The Clerk reported that she had met the surveyor on site to discuss the village hall walls.

The Clerk reported that the last of the existing groups would be returning to the village hall after Easter.

10 To update on Highways & MVAS to include Cycling Safety Campaign

MVAS had been damaged when the van had hit the lamp post on the spine road as reported earlier in the meeting.

11 Watermead Photography Competition 2022

To take place in the Autumn.

12 Jubilee Event & Events Committee Update

Jubilee event to be held on 5 June. Film Night to be held in September.

21.98 Date of meetings

21 April, 19 May (plus AGM), 16 June, 21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November, 15 December

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked people for their attendance.

