

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 18 February 2016 at 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Watermead

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chairman), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr I Schwab, Cllr Singleton, Cllr Cooling, Cllr Toler, Cllr Rose, Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk), AVDC & BCC Cllr Netta Glover, AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond plus 7 members of the public

15.82. Apologies

None received.

15.83. Declarations of Interest

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

15.84. To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property

No police report received. There had been reports of damage to vehicles in other parishes and residents were urged to report any sightings to the police.

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

Residents of Sparrow Close, Wendy Bailey and Andrew Jordan, expressed their objections to the planning application for 1 Sparrow Close on the grounds that it was overdevelopment of the area, would overlook neighbouring properties, would not be in-keeping with the character of the rest of the close, would block light to number 3 and parking issues. There was also a question over the siting of the planning notice on the downpipe of the property. Interested parties may feel they were trespassing if they went over to read.

It was reported that the rising bollards on Lark Vale were still not working and the road was being used as a cut through Watermead. The Clerk advised that BCC were awaiting a specialist to try and fix. Cllr Glover to pursue with BCC.

Cllr Glover

Difficulties in contacting relevant people at AVDC was again discussed. Cllr Bond to report back to AVDC.

Cllr Bond

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

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15.86. To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 January 2016

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

15.87. Charity Event & The Watermead Inn Event Request

The event would be going ahead on 1 May on the balloon meadow from 11 am to 6 pm.

15.88. Planning Matters

1. To update on household Planning Applications already submitted – 18 Kingfisher had been refused by AVDC.

2. 16/00273/APP & Cert of Lawfulness 16/00271/ACL – 1 Sparrow Close – single storey and rear extension (see Clerk's report) – the PC unanimously agreed to support the parishioners in their objections to the planning application on the grounds of overdevelopment, loss of light, intrusive, will add to existing parking problems. Cllr Bond to make enquiries as to the legalities of the position of the planning notice (on the down pipe next to the property's back door).

Cllr Bond

3. 16/00408/APP – 28 Kestrel Way – Garage Conversion – no objections.

4. 14/01575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera - Judicial Review to take place on 1 March 2016.

15.89. Finance

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

Company	Feb-16		Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Cheque
	Invoice No	Allocation				
Land Registry	UN1	Law - Cricket Pitch Hall Cleaning	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	2519
Hertfordshire Supplies	CS01165524	Supplies	£97.61	£19.52	£117.13	2520
Taplins Plant Hire	121349	Heras Fencing Hire Printing Crt	£2.70	£0.54	£3.24	2521
LMS Printing	6017	Bundles Law	£305.34	£61.07	£366.41	2522
J. W. Peeters	376.1	Planning Advice	£170.00	£0.00	£170.00	2523
E.ON	0135 1946 4970	Electricity Gatehouse	£51.51	£2.58	£54.09	2524
British Gas	600026660	Gas - Village Hall	£142.25	£7.11	£149.36	2525
British Telecom Office	Q028U4	Office Phone Line Village Hall Land	£144.39	£28.87	£173.26	2526
British Telecom Village Hall ERS Environmental Services	Q014 7& 10547 & 10581	Line Litter & Land R&M	£122.40	£18.48	£140.88	2527
Burgess Office Equipment Ltd	83177	Law - Court Bundles	£153.29	£30.66	£183.95	2529
CLC Grounds Maintenance Celebration Management Services	1428 & 1431 256	Grass & Land R&M Hall Management	£950.00	£0.00	£950.00	2530
M. Jackson	Feb-16	Assistant Clerk	£212.00	£0.00	£212.00	2532
N. Shardlow	Feb-16	Clerk & Office	£1,430.12	£0.00	£1,430.12	2533
HM Revenue & Customs	Feb-16	PAYE & NI	£470.38	£0.00	£470.38	2534
G M Hall & Co. Schwab & Co. Legal Services	Feb-16 Feb-16 Feb-16	PAYE Crematorium & CP Law	£20.00 £500.00	£0.00 £0.00	£20.00 £500.00	2535 2536

2. To agree the accounts to end January 2016 - The Clerk had previously circulated the accounts which were approved.
3. The future of External Audit for Smaller Authorities (Clerk Report) - BALC had advised that local councils should remain opted in for the future and this was unanimously agreed by the PC.
4. Payments for Telecommunications - following the change in the phone system and losing the VOIP system to keep the previous office number, the Clerk advised that the PC's quarterly invoices from BT are much lower. However this could be made cheaper if paid by Direct Debit. BT now charges £18.00 per quarter for all payment methods excluding DD. Also it would avoid the risk of a late payment charge should their invoices miss the payment schedule (currently £30). This was unanimously agreed.
5. Cheque Run Publication in Minutes – Following the introduction of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities (under £25k does not affect WPC) in which payment schedules must be available in minutes etc, the Clerk believed that once the transparency has been introduced for over £25k, the same will apply and would like to start this process now. The PC is compliant with other requirements, i.e. website, publications of agendas, minutes etc. It was unanimously agreed to include payment schedules in the minutes.

15.90. Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

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

An email had been received from the Piscatorials in respect of the decline in the number of fish in the lakes. It was agreed to defer discussions until the Piscatorials were able to attend and report at a PC meeting.

A letter had been received from Mark Ballman enquiring about the option of buying part of the land behind his garden at 51 Kestrel Way. The Clerk to advise that the PC were not permitted to sell areas of land as it was subject to a s106 agreement. It had been Lakeside Land who had sold a small area of land to a neighbouring property.

The Clerk

Ralph Branston, AVDC Trees to visit within the next 2 weeks to assess the trees on the Land between The Osprey and Sandpiper.

A request had been received at the last meeting by Gordon Rennie that the PC consider installing paving slabs to ease access to the dog bins without dog owners having to walk on the muddy grass. The Clerk to ask which bins in particular as many of them are already by a footpath.

The Clerk

2. Dog Control

Cllr Rose advised that he and the Clerk had been gathering evidence to be put into a document for submission to AVDC.

3. To update on Allotments

Buckinghamshire County Council had cleared half the ditch but not from the junction to the gate. Boundary fence found, contact to be made to BCC.

4. To report on Village View

The Spring edition was a full issue due out at the end of February.

5. To report on Village Hall

The dampness to the rear wall of the hall has been re-reported to Jean Jones of Compton Management.

The new electrical work as agreed at the July meeting will commence over the Easter holidays.

6. To update on Transport/Highways Issues/Speeding/MVAS

Bus Passes – 45,000 bus passes are due to expire in March 2016. Residents were not happy that Buckinghamshire County Council had not notified bus pass holders directly. Many had found out via the PC's website.

Cllr Rose to draft a press release in respect of the rising bollards for inclusion in the Bucks Herald.

Cllr Rose

The Speed Indicator Device exiting Watermead was not flashing until a vehicle was close to it. Positioning to be queried or device to be recalibrated.

The Clerk

15.91 Date of meetings 2016

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm and thanked people for their attendance.