

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 18 January 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 J Gent, Cllr P Toler
Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk), BCC Cllr Netta Glover plus 1 member of the public

17.76 Apologies

AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond, Noreen Shardlow (Clerk)

17.77 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.

17.78 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property

There was concern that there was no up to date police report available yet there had been increasing reports of vandalism and a burglary on Watermead. It was agreed to write formally requesting that the police provide a written report.

The Clerk

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

Cllr Glover had received an email from Westerleigh regarding the vandalism at the crematorium, which she would forward on to the Clerk.

Cllr
Glover

Cllr Glover gave her report.

It was agreed to contact the River Thames Society regarding clearance of an area of the River Thames.

The Clerk

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

Council Meeting

17.80 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 November 2017

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

17.81 Planning & Licensing Matters

(1) To update on previous consulted planning applications.

- **17/04081/APP** – 28 Kestrel Way, remove conservatory and erect a single storey extension – AVDC approved.
- **17/04063/APP** – 2 Osprey Walk, garden Renovations – AVDC approved
- **17/00071/APP** – Watermead Village Car Park Erection of 21 flats with associated parking. At time of report we are awaiting Committee meeting.
- **17/04545/APP** – 3 Peregrine, garage Conversion. Awaiting decision. Cllr Gent had concerns regarding the extension works currently being carried out. However these were from a previous planning application, which had already been approved by AVDC. **17/04414/APP** – 59 Lark Vale, Single storey rear extension. Removed from planning portal.

(2) **17/04783/APP** – 2 Mallard Close – Erection of rear extension, new window to front elevation and new opening to porch and insertion of 4 Velux roof light windows – no objections.

(3) **1401575/APP** – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera – allegations via a press release to Three Counties Radio had been made against WPC regarding recent vandalism to the building. Cllr Irina Schwab had written to Westerleigh in her capacity as legal advisor to WPC requesting that the statement be retracted. She had received a response addressed to her as Cllr of the PC.

17.82 Finance & Administration

1. To agree the payment schedule for December 2017 and January 2018 – the Clerk had previously circulated the payment schedule which was approved.

Company	Invoice No	Allocation	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Number)
British Gas	600026660	Village Hall	£135.88	£6.79	£142.67	BACS
Ian Whittome	A12	Grass (R&M)	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00	BACS
E.ON	11469595940	Bandstand	£28.73	£1.44	£30.17	BACS
Mobile Mini	7000680765	Storage R&M	£44.00	£8.80	£52.80	BACS
British Telecom	WM41233299	Village Hall Broadband	£146.20	£29.24	£175.44	BACS
Aylesbury Vale District Council	322029	Dog Bins	£1,121.25	£224.25	£1,345.50	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	1942	Grass	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	1941	R&M	£450.00	£0.00	£450.00	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	1940	Litter Bins	£316.00	£0.00	£316.00	BACS
Celebration Management Services	300	Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	BACS
M. Jackson	Jan-18	Assistant Clerk	£225.15	£0.00	£225.15	BACS
N. Shardlow	Jan-18	The Clerk	£1,532.18	£0.00	£1,532.18	BACS
HMRC PAYE & NI	Jan-18	PAYE & NI	£516.29	£0.00	£516.29	BACS
G. M. Hall & Co.	Jan-18	Payroll	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS

2. To agree the accounts to end of December 2017 - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end December 2017, which were approved.
3. The Clerk had previously circulated the proposed forthcoming year budget, Cllrs unanimously agreed the Budget for 2018/2019.
4. Cllrs unanimously agreed the Precept for 2018/2019 at £75,000.

Watermead		
1	2018/19 Precept	£ 75,000.00
2	Precept Increase %	2.56%
3	2018/19 Tax Base	£ 965.73
4	Tax Base Movement	0.130%
5	2018/19 Band D Council Tax	£ 77.66
6	Band D Increase %	2.43%

5. To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Budget/Precept Working Group Meeting December 2017 - The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

17.83 Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

1 Stroke Association Charity Run Update

All plans and documents including full event management plan & risk assessment are now being prepared as discussed at the October meeting. The Clerk is meeting with Tammy Angus Monday 22nd January 2018 to determine the route. Documents will be sent following this meeting. Permission has been given to cross the Riviera land.

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. At time of report we are awaiting Briants of Risborough to deliver manufactured gate to Ripple for installation on Tuesday next week. The Clerk to organise a combination padlock.

The Clerk

At the November 2017 Parish Council meeting it was proposed and agreed to spend up to £150 for CLC Grounds Maintenance to dig/move soil around the base of the mound to make our new pathway accessible. This agreed work has been carried out.

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

Memorial Garden Fencing – 7th December 2017 fencing to the Memorial Garden was vandalised. As per email agreement, contractor Dave Lucas carried out repairs.

- 3 **Large Lake Path**
Cllr Rose reported on the dip in and 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 for resurfacing. Cllr Severn to pass on details of a possible source of funding to the Clerk.
- The Clerk/
Cllr Rose

Cllr Severn

- 4 **Small Lake Bench Request**
Cllr Singleton had received a request from an elderly parishioner for a bench to be sited opposite the Guillemot flats to allow a place for resting half way around the small lake. The parishioner would be willing to cover the costs. It was agreed that Cllr Singleton should make enquiries for discussion at the next meeting. It was noted that there was currently a green woodpecker nesting in that area. The Clerk to find out prices to replace the dog bin which is in a poor condition.
- Cllr Singleton

The Clerk

- 5 **To update on Allotments**
Nothing to report.

- 6 **To report on Village View**
The publication date for the Spring issue was 10 March and the deadline for articles was 31 January. Reverend Mark Ackford had expressed his thanks for the generous donation made by the PC at Christmas.

- 7 **To report on Village Hall**
At the December meeting it was proposed to increase all Village Hall rates by 3% from April 2018. This was formally agreed and the Clerk to notify all hall users in writing.
- The Clerk

- 8 **To update on Transport/Highways Issues**
Transport – Proposed Toucan Crossing and Cycle Path - Email received from Paul Ahluwalia, Transport For Bucks, Buckinghamshire County Council– At time of report we are awaiting Paul to confirm meeting time scheduled w/c 22nd January 2018. Cllr Severn to discuss with Buckingham Park PC.
- Cllr Severn

Highways Bollards – The bus bollards at Lark Vale are still operational. The PC was 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.

- 9 **To report on Christmas Events**
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| Christmas Fair | Mary Name The Dog (for Lindengate) | £67.00 |
| Christmas Fair | Table Sales | £105.00 |
| Christmas Fair | Kitchen Profit (for Lindengate) | £55.00 |
| Carol Concert | Wine & pies (for Lindengate) | £121.15 |
| Carol Concert | Additional Donation from Mr. P. Williams | £10.00 |
| Total being donated to Lindengate | | £253.15 |

- 17.84 **Date of meetings**
15 February, 15 March, 19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 20 December (budget)
Cllr Gent gave his apologies in advance for the next 2 meetings.

- 17.85 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 8.47 pm.