

## **Watermead Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday 18 October 2018 at 7.30pm**  
**The Village Hall, Watermead**

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr I Schwab, Cllr Rose, Cllr Toler, Cllr Gent  
Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk),  
plus 2 members of the public

**18.53 Apologies**

Cllr Singleton, AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond, BCC Cllr Netta Glover

**18.54 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.

**18.55 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property**

It was reported that PCSO Danny Fahy had moved areas on 8 October and would no longer be patrolling Aylesbury North. PC James (temporary), PCSO Stuart Howarth & PCSO Joanne Morgan would be taking over.

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

A parishioner asked the Chair, in her experience clerking for other Parish Councils, whether it was common for there to be so few parishioners attending meetings. The Chair replied that generally parishioners only attended when there was an issue that was of particular concern to them. Parishioner comments are reported either to the Clerk, to Cllrs in passing or via social media.

There had been many comments made about the changes to the Silver Rider bus service (Fairford Leys to Buckingham Park) where 2 services had been merged which affected the Water Rider service. There had been issues with school children not being able to get on the bus to and from school. These had been reported to Cllr Netta Glover and it was agreed that the PC should also make representation on behalf of parishioners. Cllr Severn to make contact with Paul Irwin. There had also been confusion regarding the new bus timetable. It was agreed to include in the Autumn edition of the Village View. A positive comment had been made with the bus now going from Watermead to Buckingham Park which enabled a parishioner to shop in Budgens rather than having to travel into town.

The bollards were on track for being replaced in early November.

Cllr Severn

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

### **Council Meeting**

**18.57 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 September 2018**

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

**18.58 Planning Matters**

**(1) To update on any Planning Applications submitted.**

**(2) 7/00771/APP - Watermead Village Car Park, Lakeside – Erection of 21 Flats** – As circulated via email Buckinghamshire County Council has withdrawn their previous objections to this planning application. At time of report we are awaiting a committee date. Legal advice had yet to be taken pending clarification from the committee. Cllr Severn had sent in another objection.

**(3) 1401575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera** – Cllr Rose advised that Amersham Crematorium had confirmed Bierton would be opening in March.

**18.59 Finance & Administration**

1. To agree the payment schedule for October 2018 - The Clerk had previously

circulated the payment schedule for October 2018 which was approved.

Payment Schedule		Oct-18			
Company	Invoice No	Allocation	Net Amount VAT		Gross Amount
Mobile Mini	7000961720	R&M Land	£48.00	£9.60	£57.60
E.ON Electricity	11469595940	Land Electricity	£27.02	£1.35	£28.37
British Gas	600026660	Village Hall Gas Supply	£22.51	£1.12	£23.63
Aylesbury Vale Ass. Of Local Cou	2018/2019	Subscriptions	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Dave Lucas	5102018	R&M Land	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
Ian Whittome	Sep & Oct 2018	R&M Grass	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00
Michelle Jackson	Oct-18	Assistant Clerk	£225.15	£0.00	£225.15
Noreen Shardlow	Oct-18	Clerk & Office	£1,540.62	£0.00	£1,540.62
HMRC	Oct-18	PAYE & NI	£504.81	£0.00	£504.81
G. M. Hall & Co	Oct-18	PAYE	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Celebration Management Services		Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
CLC Grounds Maintenance	2124-2126	Litter, R&M & Grass	£1,596.00	£0.00	£1,596.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	SB201800519	Auditor - External 18/19	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
Herts Supplies	H091807461	V. Hall Cleaning Supplies	£64.35	£12.87	£77.22
Taplins Plant Hire	176279	Event Equipment Hire	£438.00	£83.40	£521.40
Broxap	W1333	Double Derby Litter Bin	£529.95	£105.99	£635.94
N. Shardlow Exps (Dropbox & Sta	Oct-18	Office Supplies	£65.90	£0.00	£65.90
			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Routine Payments Total</b>			<b>£6,497.31</b>	<b>£294.33</b>	<b>£6,791.64</b>
<b>Legal/Crematorium Expenses</b>					
<b>Total</b>			<b>£6,497.31</b>	<b>£294.33</b>	<b>£6,791.64</b>

The Clerk advised that the payment for Taplins would be £134 less than reported in the payment schedule. The following payments were also agreed:

£25 to Dave Lucas – tree work  
£50.78 to Eon – Gatehouse  
£128.51 to Eon – Village Hall  
£101.35 to Eric Rose – photographic competition supplies

- To agree the accounts to end September 2018 - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end September 2018 which were approved.

#### 18.60 Councillors' Reports and Recommendations Replacement Dog Waste Bin

Marcus Young Landscapes are awaiting arrival of new bin from manufacturer.

##### Lake Clearance

Awaiting Contractors D. Lucas & CLC Grounds Maintenance. Deferred due to blue/green algae. The Clerk to chase the EA on checking the lake which is due 3 months from the first date of reporting.

The Clerk

##### Watermead Entrance Clearance

A Watermead resident has made contact with the Parish Council and has very kindly offered to clear the area around the entrance to Watermead (see below). I have acknowledged receipt of his request and advised that the necessary approvals would need to be sought from the Parish Council (small part of area is under devolved



Full report sent via separate email. The Film Night was a success and made a profit of £412.00 was made. Agreed dates for next years events, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Larks by the Lake and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Films by the Lake.

**5 To update on Allotments**

Annual renewals process to commence early November. Prize giving for the best kept allotment to take place at their meeting on 8 November.

**6 To report on Village View**

Deadline for the December issue was 26 October with distribution over the last weekend of November in time for the Christmas Fair. The Chair to include details of the PC elections in her Chairman's report.

**7 To update on Village Hall**

The Lakeside Steering Group appointed surveyor visited to carry out an independent report of the Piazza and he believed the cause of the water leaking into the village hall is from the balcony.

**8 To update on Transport/Highways & MVAS**

**Water Rider Timetable/Route Change – discussed during the open forum.**

**\*\* AWAITING INSTALLATION \*\* Village Gates**

Further to our June Parish Council meeting and the update provided on the Village entrances gates, I am pleased to report the following advice from Matthew Whincup our Local Area Technician, Buckinghamshire County Council confirming both gates will be replaced (see below).

***"Now that you have confirmed the gate is no longer serviceable I will order a new replacement along with a matching one for the other side of the road. The gates we use now are actually made of plastic and are a lot easier to maintain and keep clean. They have a wood effect and look just like the original wooden ones but better in my opinion."***

***I need to confirm what size gates we need as the manufacturer does various widths and I will want to match the size as close as possible to the original ones. I need to have a measure up first then I will order them. It can take a while for the gates to be made and name sign attached"***

**Proposed Toucan Crossing and Cycle Path**

**\*\* AWAITING UPDATE \*\*** As reported at the January 2018 Parish Council a meeting was arranged with Paul Ahluwalia, Traffic Signal Engineer of Buckinghamshire County Council, Cllr Severn, Cllr Rose and the Clerk. The meeting was arranged for Buckinghamshire County Council to provide an outline of what the above-mentioned scheme entails.

Paul advised that at present the remit is to provide a costing to install a Toucan crossing at the point where the Pegasus (horse crossing) crossing was initially proposed on the A413. This was part of the original planning agreement for the Buckingham Park development opposite Watermead. To accompany the crossing, a formal cycle-path is proposed to provide an adequate and usable amenity for those wishing to use the crossing. This element will require extensive (7m) cutting back of the verge-line to allow construction of a cycle-path. Only when a costing has been provided and funding addressed (believe the whole project will be over budget), will a final decision be made on whether to proceed with construction.

The Parish Council provided Paul with the necessary maps and advised that they believe the Parish Council owns the land in question.

The next steps are for Paul to commission a topographical survey and make Land Registry enquiries to determine land ownership. Upon results of this Paul will make contact with us.

**Highways Bus Bollards** – The bus bollards at Lark Vale are not operational. The bid for installation of a new system was successful and installation is imminent.

**9 Photography Exhibition/Competition Update**

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Rose for organising the competition. Cllr Rose proposed and it was agreed to repeat the event the following year. Consideration to be given to opening up to children in an under 15s category. Budget to be extended for prizes and display boards. Thanks were also given to the Clerk for her work on the event. 12 photos to be chosen from the entries for inclusion in a calendar together with a cover photo. Calendars to be sold at the Christmas Fair.

**10 Christmas Events**

The band had been booked for the Carol Concert and the Christmas Fair stalls were fully booked. All to promote the event on social media. Approval was awaited from Comptons for a Christmas tree to be installed in the centre of the piazza with decorations and lights.

**18.61 Date of meetings**

15 November, 20 December (Finance Working Group)

**18.62** 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**

Nothing to report.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.31pm and thanked people for their attendance.