

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 19 April 2018 at 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Watermead

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr M Singleton, Cllr P Toler, Cllr Rose, Cllr Gent, Cllr I Schwab
Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk),
AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond, plus 6 members of the public

18.1 Apologies

BCC Cllr Netta Glover

18.2 Declarations of Interest

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

18.3 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property – Including Allotments

Communication had been received from PCSO Danny Fahy advising that they were unable to supply a report due to system changes which have prevented the normal car crime and burglary reports being produced. This should be rectified for next month. There has been some criminal damage and thefts from sheds on the allotments and there has been further criminal damage to the crematorium. Police would endeavour to patrol the area as best they could and try to advertise their presence via Facebook. Valuables should not be left in cars.

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

Peter Dean and Daniel Hyland wished to thank the Parish Council for their efforts regards the crematorium despite the outcome of the hearing the previous day. Further concern from those in attendance was expressed regarding the chairmanship and conduct of the meeting. Graham Severn endorsed these comments and he was also concerned about the behaviour of the AVDC development committee. The PC shared these concerns with many of the issues raised not being addressed. Parishioners were urged to write, as the PC would be doing, to complain about the conduct of the meeting. Libby Rose had spoken to Richard Evans after the hearing regarding pedestrian access, as there was no footpath beside the access road. He commented that few mourners arrived on foot but pedestrians could use the access road itself.

Cllr Severn asked parishioners whether they wished for the PC to take further action in opposing the application and parishioners unanimously voted that they did. It was noted that there were conditions attached before Westerleigh were permitted to operate. The PC to seek assurance from AVDC that they will put a stop to them operating until those conditions had been met. Cllr Bond to take this comment back to AVDC. It was also noted that there were diggers and operatives on site the morning immediately after the hearing had been held and the outcome unknown until around 5pm.

The Clerk

The Chair stepped down to speak with our MP David Lidington and Cllr Schwab took the Chair

A request was made that the litter be removed from the copse prior to the Larks by the Lake event.

It has been reported that 2 fishermen had been seen at 6.45 am packing up after a night's fishing between the copse and the memorial garden.

The PC to write to residents in Redwing regarding cutting back branches which overhang the pavement.

The Clerk

It had been reported that there was a large number of youths smoking cannabis in the corner of the piazza and other sites. Cllr Schwab advised residents to call 101 if seen.

Cllr Gent reported that the lamppost he had reported as broken on Stork Close had been repaired within 48 hours.

Cllr Severn returned to the Chair and thanked the visitors for their attendance.

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18.5 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 March 2018

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

18.6 Planning & Licensing Matters

1. To update on any planning applications submitted – none received.
2. 17/00071/APP Watermead Village Car Park, Lakeside - Erection of 21 flats with associated parking – BCC had responded to the second consultation and refused on the grounds of parking.
3. 14/01575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera – already discussed.

18.7 Finance & Administration

1. To agree the payment schedule for April 2018 – the Clerk had previously circulated the payment schedule, which was approved.

Payment Schedule		Apr-18				Payment Method (if Chq provide Number)
Company	Invoice No	Allocation	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	
CLC Grounds Maintenance	1965	Tree Work (Spine Road)	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	2000	Litter	£395.00	£0.00	£395.00	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	2001	R&M Land	£450.00	£0.00	£450.00	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	2002	Grass	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	BACS
LMS Printing	7167	Printing - Legal	£47.25	£9.45	£56.70	BACS
D. Lucas	904	Land Repairs	£170.00	£0.00	£170.00	BACS
Castle Water	TW0052007468	Water Supply Allotments	£47.44	£9.49	£56.93	BACS
British Gas	600026660	Gas Supply - Village Hall	£128.34	£6.41	£134.75	BACS
North Bucks Planning Consortium	Annual Sub	Subscription	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS
Celebration Management Service	Apr-18	Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	BACS
M. Jackson	Apr-18	Assistant Clerk	£225.15	£0.00	£225.15	BACS
N. Shardlow	Apr-18	The Clerk	£1,532.18	£0.00	£1,532.18	BACS
HMRC PAYE & NI	Apr-18	PAYE & NI	£516.29	£0.00	£516.29	BACS
G. M. Hall & Co.	Apr-18	Payroll	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS
Abington Consulting Eng.	4654	Legal - Crematorium	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	BACS
British Telecom	WM41233299	Village Hall - Broadband	£144.00	£28.80	£172.80	DD
Mobile Mini	70000773595	R&M	£44.00	£8.80	£52.80	BACS
The National Allotment Society	S3651A	Subscription	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	BACS
BALC Subscription	2018/19	Subscription	£399.10	£0.00	£399.10	BACS
Steve Pitcher	15158	Village Hall Boiler Service & Pipe Repair	£162.50	£32.50	£195.00	BACS
Ian Whittome	5418	Grass R&M	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00	BACS

2. To agree the accounts to end of March 2018 (Year End 2017-2018) - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end March 2018, which were approved. A copy to be forwarded to the internal auditor, Gus Orchard.

The Clerk

3. Funding Buckinghamshire County Council Netta Glover – **Schemes of local importance** – To continue over email.
4. To renew the following Parish Council Policies:
 - Standing Orders (including Risk Assessment)
 - Financial & Procurement Regulations
 - Communications Policy
 - Asset Register

Cllrs unanimously agreed to adopt the above policies.

18.8 Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

1 Stroke Association Charity Run Update

Unfortunately, the Stroke Association had to postpone the Resolution Run at Watermead, which was due to take place on Sunday 4 March 2018, because of the extreme weather conditions.

This was not a decision taken lightly and after working very closely as a team and monitoring ground conditions, it was agreed this was the right decision for all participants and volunteers' safety.

The Event has been postponed to Sunday 29 April 2018.

2 The Watermead Inn Event Update

Karen Collett advised that a committee of volunteers had been put together with everything in place and events booked. There were 10 sponsors at £50 each. Posters were being circulated.



3 To update on Routine Land Work

Replacement Dog Waste Bin – Following the vandalism of the newly installed dog waste bin a quote for a metal dog bin has been received from Marcus Young Landscapes as below plus £60 installation fee. It was agreed to accept the very generous offer from Marcus Young of a replacement dog bin with a metal inside at a cost of just the installation fee of £60.

Land Signs – Works still to be carried out by D. Lucas.

Tree on the small lake and other routine works – CLC Grounds Maintenance had inspected the tree together with the tree surgeon. To remove it would require supporting the tree and a quote had been received for £800. It was agreed that the Clerk should make contact with Greg O'Callaghan to determine the stability of the tree and, if it were necessary to remove it, obtain a further 2 quotes for its removal.

The Clerk

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

4 Vale Countryside Volunteers

At the meeting in September the PC had agreed to ask the Vale Volunteers back this year at a cost of £150. Cllr Rose was waiting a suitable date mid September.

5 **To update on Allotments**

The PC expressed concern about the allotments being targeted by vandals and what action the police intended to take. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to PC Russ McFarland to request a meeting with the PC. Cllr Severn to make representation to the IAG.

The Clerk
Cllr Severn

6 **To report on Village View**

The editorial meeting for the Summer issue would take place on Sunday 22 April. Emails had been sent to regular contributors with a deadline for content of 26 April. The issue would be printed early to enable delivery in time for the Larks by the Lake event. It was agreed to postpone the proposed advertisement and editorial from Church View Funerals for a few months and revisit at the time of the next issue.

7 **To report on Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that the emergency lighting had been updated. At the time of boiler service, a waste pipe had broken but all had been repaired over the Easter break.

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

Highways Weed Treatment – Two years ago we were advised by Buckinghamshire County Council that due to budget cuts the weeds in the highways/prevention measures would no longer be carried out.

To prevent the problems we faced two years ago, our contractors can apply treatment as soon as conditions allow. Price is £600 as per last year and this includes the spraying of all highways roads in Watermead. **Will commence once weather conditions permit.**

Transport – 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 Bollards – The bus bollards at Lark Vale are still operational. We are 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.

18.9 Date of meetings

17 May (including the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm), 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 20 December (budget)

18.10 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 – list of actions agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.