

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 19 January 2017 at 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Watermead

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr I Schwab, Cllr Singleton, Cllr Toler, Cllr Rose Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk), AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond and AVDC & BCC Cllr Netta Glover plus 1 member of the public

Before opening the meeting the Chairman announced the death of former Councillor Sandra Landy.

She proposed a vote of thanks to acknowledge and thank Sandra for her service to the community of Watermead.

'Sandra moved to Watermead to take up a role with the English Bridge Union in Aylesbury with her husband Peter, moving back to Hove after Peter passed away. Sandra's enormous energy and determination to get things done were of enormous benefit to us. She was the founding editor of Village View, winning the Magazine of the Year Award – which was duly presented at the National Association of Local Councils' Conference in Cardiff and inscribed to 'Village Vice.' She was amused.

Sandra led the fundraising team for Larks by the Lake and single-handedly raised many thousand pounds by literally knocking on every door selling raffle tickets – an amazing effort. She similarly managed to collect completed questionnaires from a large proportion of houses... working on the principle that if she annoyed people enough they would buy raffle tickets or fill in the questionnaire... she was quite right. Her enthusiasm for the Parish Council and the work she undertook were valued by colleagues and parishioners. She certainly made a difference, as she did, famously in the world of bridge and in her professional life.

Apart from her work, Sandra was a very valued and loyal friend. She didn't suffer fools, but was compassionate and generous in her friendship. My family came to know her very well and respected, loved and valued her, as did so many others. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family'.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Adrian Schwab and unanimously agreed.

16.73 Apologies

Cllr Gent

16.74 Declarations of Interest

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

16.75 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property

To discuss any Neighbourhood Watch matters – TVP

No police report received but parishioners were advised not to leave their car unattended with the engine running when de-icing since cars had been stolen in nearby villages while residents left them unattended.

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

Cllr Glover and Cllr Bond gave their reports.

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Glover for her donation of £400 towards land erosion works.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

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16.77 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 November 2016

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

16.78 Planning Matters

1. To update on any Planning Applications submitted – 16/04441/APP 9 Pintail Close – replacement conservatory – no objections.
2. 16/03662/APP 4 The Falcon – Single storey side extension – Approved by Aylesbury Vale District Council 12th January 2017
3. 16/04066/APP 18 Kingfisher – Lowering of kerb to provide second access including alterations to footpath and new parking area – Approved by Aylesbury Vale District Council 12th January 2017
4. 14/01575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera – no update. Cllrs Schwab to pursue next week.

Cllr I
Schwab

16.79 Finance & Administration

1. To agree the cheque runs for December 2016 (agreed December 2016 Budget meeting) & January 2017 – The Clerk had previously circulated the cheque payment schedule, which was approved.

Cheque run Company	Jan-17		Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Cheque
	Invoice No	Allocation				
Watermead & Weedon W.I	N/A	Christmas Carols	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00	2738
British Gas	6000026660	Village Hall - Gas Supply	£106.69	£5.33	£112.02	2739
Castle Thames Water	TW0052007468	Allotments - Water Supply	£19.35	£0.00	£19.35	2740
E.ON Electricity	See Inv	Village Hall, Bandstand & Gatehouse	£194.76	£9.74	£204.50	2741
British Telecom	WM41233299	Village Hall Broadband	£126.00	£25.20	£151.20	DD
Ian Whittome	525 & 522	Grass Cutting	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00	2742
CLC Grounds Maintenance	706, 1682 & 1681	Grass Cutting, R & M, Litter	£1,447.00	£0.00	£1,447.00	2743
SLCC	N/A	Subscriptions Renewal	£177.00	£0.00	£177.00	2744
Celebration Management Services	CPF0276	Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	2745
Michelle Jackson	N/A	Assistant Clerk	£212.00	£0.00	£212.00	2746
Noreen Shardlow	N/A	Clerk	£1,436.92	£0.00	£1,436.92	2747
HMRC	N/A	PAYE & NI	£463.58	£0.00	£463.58	2748
G M Hall & Co.	688	PAYE	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	2749

2. To agree the accounts to end of December 2016 - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end December 2016, which were approved.
3. The Budget for 2017/2018 was agreed.
4. The Precept for 2017/2018 of £73,125 was agreed.

1	Watermead 2017/18 Precept	£ 73,125.00
2	Precept Increase %	2.99%
3	2017/18 Tax Base	£ 964.48
4	Tax Base Movement	0.000%
5	2017/18 Band D Council Tax	£ 75.82
6	Band D Increase %	3.00%

5. To agree variation to Financial Regulations s. 5c & 6a to enable electronic payments as per Parish Council Meeting July 2016 16.40 (4) & Finance/Budget Working Group Meeting December 2016 (2) – unanimously agreed.
6. The Pensions Regulator Update – The Clerk confirmed that Parish Council staging date has now come into effect, this is when the law on workplace pensions effects the PC and she has made the necessary arrangements with The Pensions Regulator to confirm auto enrolment pension not required as both staff members

have a pension already.

7. External Auditors Update – The Clerk reported that the external auditor for Buckinghamshire is changing to PKF Littlejohn LLP. Arrangements for the 2016-17 External Audit remains with Mazars.

16.80. Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

- 1 Stroke Association Charity Run – to take place on 12 March at 11.00 am. The Clerk to make contact about whether the footpaths should be closed for the duration of the event and, if so, organise the necessary signage.
- 2 The Watermead Inn Event - At the November 2016 the PC proposed and agreed to the event and agreed to request a holding deposit and a donation of £500. Sponsorship opportunities had been received. Cllrs referred to the November minutes in which Cllr Gent had offered to speak to his contacts about attending the event.

3 To update on Routine Land Work

Communication from Spratt Endicott Solicitors – Letter being circulated separately – Cllr I Schwab/The Clerk to write a response seeking confirmation that transfer of the pieces of land (5, 6 and 8) would not involve any costs to the PC.

Cllr I
Schwab/The
Clerk

Vegetation around Lakes – Awaiting Paul Holton of Aylesbury Vale District Council to confirm a site visit.

Land between Sandpiper and The Osprey: Still waiting to hear from Ralph Branston. Cllr Ashley Bond also chasing.

4 To update on Bank erosion & Land Project

£400 donation had been received from Cllr Glover towards the Bank Erosion project. A response was awaited from the Tesco carrier bag scheme. Consideration to be given to taking a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

5 Watermead Piscatorials

Don Smith had advised that membership numbers were down by 40% due to the quality of fishing in the lake. It was proposed and agreed to offer a 50% rebate for this year only. An advert for new members would be included in the next edition of the Village View.

6 To Update on Allotments

ONGOING Ditches site inspection is still to be carried out by Buckinghamshire County Council who will come back to us in due course with their findings and suggestion of works. TFB have just rearranged Local Area Technician areas. Matthew Whincup will continue with Watermead.

7 To report on Village View

The deadline for the Spring issue of the Village View was 28 January. An editorial meeting was arranged for Sunday 22 January. No applications had been received for an Advertising Manager as yet.

8 To report on Village Hall

ONGOING The rear wall to the hall is yet again affected by dampness. This has been reported to Jean Jones of Compton Management. Jean has advised me that we are not the only property affected by this problem.

9 To update on Transport/Highways Issues

Highway Verges – Installation of anti-traveller posts/boulder. Cllr Severn awaiting contact from Paul Irwin. LAF Meeting being held in 20th February 2017.

It was agreed to join Community Speed Watch with Berryfields, North Marston and Shabbington in connection with Waddesdon Police Station. Volunteers would be trained on the equipment.

MVAS would be installed in Watermead on Tuesday 24 January. Data would be downloaded and analysed and a report produced.

10 To update on Christmas Events

The Craft Fair had gone very well with a good selection of stalls. £52 had been raised for CHAT on the Name the Dog stall.

The Carol Concert had seen a good turnout considering the cold and wet weather and £85 had been collected.

16.81 Date of meetings

16 February 2017, 16 March 2017, 20 April 2017, 18 May 2017, 15 June 2016, 20 July 2017, 17 August 2017, 21 September 2017, 19 October 2017, 16 November 2017, 21 December 2017.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm and thanked people for their attendance.