

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 20 June 2019 at 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Watermead

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr I Schwab, Cllr A Schwab, Cllr Singleton, Cllr Rose, Cllr Toler
AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond, BCC Cllr Netta Glover
Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk),
plus 3 members of the public

19.22 Apologies
Cllr Gent

19.23 Declarations of Interest
To declare any personal or prejudicial interests regarding the agenda

19.24 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property
No report received.

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

Peter Dean, Graham Severn and a volunteer who wished to remain anonymous were thanked for their efforts on clearing the vegetation around the Welcome to Watermead sign at the entrance. Graham Howse provided advice at installing electrical supply to light up the sign at night.

The Clerk

There were reports of cars in the car park with engines running and lights on, and hooded youths who were believed to be drug dealing. The police had been informed and patrols have been increased to include the car park area as well as the spine road.

The wire netting between the two lakes to keep the fish in the small lake was causing issues with the wildlife as water levels were low. Cllrs to discuss under agenda item 19.29.1.

Cllr Bond reported that the first joint council meeting had been held in Wycombe had gone well.

Cllr Glover gave her report and also reported that the bollards were now working.

The Clerk to check NALC/GDPR guidelines on whether parishioners' names could be included in the Open Forum section of the minutes if they gave permission. To be added to the July agenda.

The Clerk

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

Council Meeting

19.26 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 May 2019
The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

19.27 Planning Matters

(1) To update on any Planning Applications submitted – no updates. Two applications had been received since the agenda had been published and these would be circulated to Cllrs for comment and ratification at the July meeting.

The Clerk

(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– As circulated via email Buckinghamshire County Council has withdrawn their previous objections to this planning application.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.

19.28 Finance & Administration

1. To agree the payment schedule for June 2019 - The Clerk had previously circulated the payment schedule for May 2019, which was approved. Three further payments were approved:

Eon £63.59

Road signs £127.14

Dave Lucas (install signs and repair work) £50.00

Payment Schedule		Jun-19				Payment Method (if Chq provide Number)
Company	Invoice No	Allocation	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	
Mobile Mini	7001247759	R&M Land	£48.00	£9.60	£57.60	BACS
Eagle Graphics Printers	25466	Village View Printing	£1,353.00	£0.00	£1,353.00	BACS
Castle Water	TW0052007468	Allotments Water	£7.08	£1.42	£8.50	BACS
Taplins Plant Hire	192302	Plant Hire - To be reclaimed	£354.00	£68.70	£422.70	BACS
British Gas	600026660	Village Hall Gas Supply	£52.02	£2.60	£54.62	BACS
Ian Whittome	27th May 2019	R&M Grass	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00	BACS
Michelle Jackson	Jun-19	Assistant Clerk	£230.52	£0.00	£230.52	BACS
Noreen Shardlow	Jun-19	Clerk & Office/Expenses	£1,602.75	£0.00	£1,602.75	BACS
HMRC	Jun-19	PAYE & NI	£510.91	£0.00	£510.91	BACS
G. M. Hall & Co	June 2019 997	PAYE	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS
Celebration Management Service	Jun-19	Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	2268-2271	Litter, R&M, Allot & Grass	£1,666.00	£0.00	£1,666.00	BACS
Bridge Electrical Testing (PAT Test)	28	Electricity - Village Hall	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	BACS
Steve Pitcher Plumbing & Heating	15585	Boiler Service Village Hall	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00	BACS
D. J. Lucas	See Invoices	Litter, PC Land & Event - Part to be reclaimed	£190.00	£0.00	£190.00	BACS
			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Routine Payments Total			£6,799.28	£96.32	£6,895.60	
Non Routine Payment						
Total			£6,799.28	£96.32	£6,895.60	
Approval for Electronic Payments - To be signed by two Cllr. Signatories at meeting of the Parish Council						
Cllr Signature:		Date Approved:				
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2. To agree the accounts to end March 2019 - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end March 2019, which were approved.

19.29 Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

1 Update on Routine Land Work Wire Fence between the Lakes

Cllrs discussed the wire fence between the two lakes, which had been installed by the EA under the instruction of the PC at the request of the Piscatorials. It was felt that this was now potentially harmful to wildlife when water levels were low and distressing to see wildlife struggling to get through. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to instruct EA to remove the wire fence.

The Clerk

The ROSPA inspection had taken place and the report forwarded to contractors and landowners.

There was an issue with cars parking in the drop kerb section by the large lake and it was agreed to source a template to spray "No Parking".

The Clerk

**** AWAITING INSTALLATION** Accepted Quotation (Qty. 50) from Dave Lucas for Walkway**

Dave Lucas has now been in contact with the manufacture of the proposed brackets for the Watermead Walkway and has advised as follows:

"I have looked into the possibility of phasing this work but in my view it would be prohibitively expensive as the retooling is £125 per batch for manufacture. I do appropriate this is a fairly large investment and whilst I would be willing to purchase the brackets in bulk I would prefer not to as I simply would be hard pushed to do so. I have revisited my pricing as if it would be several visits. I have spent a reasonable amount of time with both fabricators in order to get the prototype produced this I have not and will not charge for."

Dave confirmed the prices are as follows. Dave also advised that he believes to install all 50 at once will take more than a day but is willing to only charge one day's labour. Original quotation of £935.00 includes fixings – This would need to be added to all of the above.

Quantity	Fabricator Cost	Cost of Brackets	D Lucas Charge	Total
10	£125	£125 (@£12.50)	£150.00	£400
25	£125	£275.00 (@£11.00)	£300.00	£700
50	£125	£475.00 (@£9.50)	£300.00	£900

Hanging Baskets

Hanging baskets had been installed.

Mink on the Small Lake

Marcus Militello of Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBWOT) has sent further information. I am waiting contact from Paul Holton, Biodiversity Officer, Aylesbury Vale District Council. No sightings reported since the last PC meeting.

Outdoor Gym Project

Update June 2019 – Sport England Grant Application - The programme had proved extremely popular, with a high number of strong ideas being submitted from organisations across the country. With demand being so high, regretfully this means they are not able to support as many projects as we would like to. Unfortunately, after careful consideration by the panel, they have not been able to support our project on this occasion. Will continue to seek grants.

Replacement Dog Waste Bin

Marcus Young advised he would send the dog waste bin and for our contractor to install.

A follow up email has been sent to Marcus Young Landscapes. To date no response has been received.

River Thame Trust Update

Update report received February 2019: Before moving forward with suggestions for improvement works on the river at Watermead I think it is key that we first establish the water depth at low flows. If the water is shallow we could think about running a work party to add in some woody material to the channel to increase the habitat and flow diversity. However if water is going to be above thigh high we wouldn't be able to do this safely with volunteers. I'll plan to visit later in the year to

establish the depth and then we can move forward from there.

Lake Clearance/Islands

To be rescheduled. D. Lucas & CLC Grounds Maintenance.

Watermead Junction

Monday 17th June three Watermead volunteers started the works at the "Welcome to Watermead" sign. It certainly is noticeable when you drive in. Thank you to Dave Lucas too for lending the strimmer/equipment. They have done an amazing job.



CCTV Update – Cllr Toler reported on CCTV camera activity and it was agreed that the Clerk should make contact with Jean at Comptons regarding the possibility of installing cameras in the car park. If approved “CCTV operates in this area” signage to be installed.

Outdoor Yoga Land Request – A request has been received from a Judita Kotelesova to operate outdoor yoga on the meadow, a copy of our land use policy has been sent.

The requested dates are 6th and 20th July, which are Saturday mornings 11-12 am.

Judita expects 15-25 people to attend. The events will not happen if it rains. Users will be requested to park at the Piazza. These will be donation-based classes, to teach people a basic short sequence to practice at home and become more resilient to stress.

Copies of insurance policy, yoga teaching certificates and a risk assessment has been received, I will send via separate email.

Cllrs unanimously approved the request for the two mornings.

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To discuss provision of Meadow BBQ



Cllr Severn's email dated 22nd May 2019

"The unit is self-supporting and is placed directly on the grass. People use the BBQ area and then slide the hot remains into the slot, which is self-closing, and they drop into a steel lined casing which is emptied via a locked section at the side.

The cost is £1,250 plus delivery or alternatively the unit can be rented from David Ogilvie for the summer at a cost of £26 per week for 26 weeks. At the end of this period they collect it, clean and renovate as necessary and it can be re-delivered for next year. Apparently Littlehampton council has done this for 7 years and has now bought one. We frequently say that people are having BBQ and they ruin the grass and this seems a brilliant and safe solution".

It was agreed to rent one on a trial basis. Signage to be temporarily covered to allow BBQ's to take place on this unit only.

3 To report on BBOWT & Vale Countryside Volunteers Land Requests

Cllr Rose, the Clerk and Mark Militello along with the Chiltern Rangers had identified 4 areas to cut back. It was proposed and agreed to allow Pebblebrook School to assist in tidying up area number 1 in the Woodland area and plant wildflowers. Work to continue with Vale Volunteers. Seeding to begin around the gatehouse on 5 October. Date to be included in the Autumn edition of the Village View for volunteers to attend.

4 Larks by the Lake 2019

The Watermead Inn - Lark by the Lake Sunday 26th May 2019					
Actual Income			Expenditure		
Company/Reason	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Company	Amount	
Advertisers (Based on ten)	£ 500.00	£ 950.00	Loo Hire	£ 120.00	
Raffle Ticket Sales	£ 500.00	£ 507.00	Litter Removal - DJL	£ 90.00	
Stall Holders (GS)	£ 150.00	£ 345.00	Banners	£ 168.00	
The Watermead Inn Bar	£ 500.00	£ 260.00	Disabled Loo	£ 90.00	
Fun Fair	£ 400.00	£ 620.00	Generator x 2	£ 144.00	
Jayes Ices	£ 100.00	£ 160.00	Bollywood Dancer Travel	£ 100.00	
Cygnets Tombola	£ 100.00	£ 348.00	Incidentals	£ 50.00	
Cygnets Stalls	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	Dog Show	£ 86.87	
Bake Off	£ 100.00	£ 93.65	H Safety (Landyards 1st)	£ 24.67	
Zorbs	£ 60.00	£ 55.00		£ -	
Marie's Travelling Teas	£ 35.00	£ 40.00		£ -	
Smiles - Goals	£ 100.00	£ 180.00		£ -	
Rodeo Man	£ 25.00	£ 55.00		£ -	
Dog Show SS	£ 100.00	£ 86.00		£ -	
Bob's Darts	£ 100.00	£ 114.43		£ -	
Coconut Shy GH	£ 100.00	£ 92.45		£ -	
Fair Food inc. in Fun Fair	£ 80.00	£ -		£ -	
JGM Burger Van	£ 100.00	£ 100.00		£ -	
CHAT Charity SS	£ 100.00	£ 136.41		£ -	
Buzz Wire DL	£ 100.00	£ 53.50		£ -	
German S. Appleton	£ 100.00	£ 100.00		£ -	
Donation from N. Glover	£ -	£ 100.00		£ -	
Lil Rider	£ -	£ 30.00		£ -	
Mexican	£ 100.00	£ -		£ -	
Amazing Colour Maze	£ 50.00	£ 52.00		£ -	
The Pork Shack	£ 100.00	£ 34.00		£ -	
Car Park Income	£ 50.00	£ 52.45		£ -	
Slush Puppie	£ 50.00	£ 10.00		£ -	
King Of Curry	£ 100.00	£ 35.00		£ -	
Total Income	£ 3,900.00	£ 4,709.89	Total Expenditure	£ 873.54	
INCOME v EXPENDITURE					
TOTAL INCOME	£ 4,709.89			£ 3,836.35	

£3836.35 had been raised for charity and community projects from the Larks by the Lake event. The event was a huge success (considering the weather). Well done to all those involved.

The charity darts event the previous evening had been a great success and had raised £2.5k. It was anticipated that another Darts event would be held next year.

5 Allotments

The MacIntyre School

Update June 2019 – The MacIntyre School are delighted that the Parish Council has agreed to provide an allotment. The PC awaits all relevant insurance documentation.

6 To report on Village View

Cllr Singleton reported that the Summer edition had been published at the beginning

of the month. The front page for the next edition would include dates for the Christmas events. Graham Severn to organise stallholders for the Christmas Fair. Cllr Singleton proposed and it was unanimously agreed that any proceeds from the Carol Concert be donated to Tiggywinkles. It was further agreed that any proceeds from the Christmas Fair also be donated to Tiggywinkles. The deadline for the Autumn issue was 26 July. The Clerk to investigate whether the Newfoundland dog rescue event had taken place. Details of the photographic competition to also be included.

7 To update on Village Hall

Watermead Cygnets Closure – 1 application had been received so far and 2 others were expected. Closing date for applications was 28 June. The Grant application for a new floor had been submitted and micro grants applied for regarding the gents' toilet facilities.

8 To update on Transport & MVAS

Community Speedwatch signs had been installed along the spine road and cars were slowing down. MVAS was still being used and data being sent to the police.

Change of Bus Stop Location

Update June 2019 – Exact location to be determined imminently. Once approved Dave Lucas can install the hard-standing area.

Village Gates

The Watermead village gates have now been installed.

9 To update on Highways

Highways Weeds – It was agreed to ask Darren to do the rest of Watermead.

Bus Bollards

Update June 2019 – Cllr Glover had reported that the bollards have now been fixed. Installation of the reset button to follow. Cllrs to monitor operation of the bollards.

10 Photography Exhibition/Competition

Richard Landy to judge the competition.

19.9 Date of meetings

18 July, 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November, 19 December.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm and thanked people for their attendance.