

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 21 June 2018 at 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Watermead

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

18.23 Apologies

BCC Cllr Netta Glover

18.24 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.

18.25 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property

No report received.

To be discussed under allotments.

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

Request to speak received from Marcus Militello, Hedgerow Havens Project Officer of Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust

The Chairman and Clerk had previously met Marcus Militello who attended the meeting to discuss/present to full Council.

Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust have recently started a new project called 'Hedgerow Havens' and are looking to work with parish councils and local landowners to improve habitats such as hedgerows, field margins, road verges, water courses, ditches and ponds for wildlife. This new scheme has been developed to mitigate for wildlife affected by the Berryfields development to the north of Aylesbury

Notable species that they are looking to improve habitats for include:

- Overwintering birds such as lapwing and golden plover
- Breeding farmland birds, such as buntings and tree sparrow
- Brown hare
- Barn Owls
- Badgers

Numerous other species would also benefit from the works carried out.

As part of the scheme there will be grants available to parishes and landowners who are willing to sign up to new methods of management for linear features. It was agreed for a site visit to be carried out.

BCC Cllr Netta Glover had emailed her report prior to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

Council Meeting

18.27 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 May 2018

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

18.28 Planning Matters

(1) **To update of any Planning Applications submitted** – a complaint had been received regarding a boundary wall being knocked down at Sparrow Close while building works were undertaken. It was believed that this was for access purposes and would be rebuilt once works were complete.

((2) **17/00771/APP - Watermead Village Car Park, Lakeside – Erection of 21 Flats** - At time of report we are awaiting a committee date. As well as the previous objections made, the PC to respond by 28 June 2018 with the following additional objections:

- Impact on appearance and character of the street scene and wider area
- Impact on the residential amenity
- Impact on surface water drainage
- Impact on highways
- Impacts on Parking

(3) **17/00771/APP – S106 site sport/leisure contribution** – on the basis that the above Lakeside development is given planning permission, Cllrs discussed possible use of the S106 funds and agreed to purchase new children's play equipment to be sited next to the outdoor gym.

(4) **1401575/APP – Proposed Crematorium, The Riviera** – to be discussed during the closed session.

18.29 Finance

1. To agree the payment schedule for June 2018 - The Clerk had previously circulated the payment schedule for June 2018 which was approved.

Payment Schedule		Jun-18			
Company	Invoice No	Allocation	Net Amount VAT		Gross Amount
Taplins Plant Hire	169978	Event Hire	£284.00	£55.45	£339.45
RTM Landscapes	1140	R&M Stock Fencing	£1,387.50	£277.50	£1,665.00
CLC Grounds Maintenance	2041-2044	R&M, Grass, Lit & Allot	£2,080.00	£0.00	£2,080.00
Norman Stangroome NSA	1425	Land Survey	£550.00	£0.00	£550.00
British Gas	600026660	Village Hall Gas Supply	£54.19	£2.70	£56.89
Mobile Mini	7000835949	R&M Container	£44.00	£8.80	£52.80
Herts Supplies	H0151805724	Cleaning Supplies	£120.58	£24.12	£144.70
Martin Godfrey Electrical	4043	Refurbishment	£647.76	£129.55	£777.31
Eagle Graphics Printers	23957	Village View Summer 18	£1,542.00	£0.00	£1,542.00
Ian Whittome	May-18	R&M	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00
Celebration Management Service	CPF0310	Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
ROSPA	34992	ROSPA - H&S	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00
Michelle Jackson	Jun-18	Assistant Clerk	£225.15	£0.00	£225.15
Noreen Shardlow	Jun-18	Clerk & Office	£1,540.62	£0.00	£1,540.62
HMRC - PAYE	Jun-18	PAYE & NI	£504.81	£0.00	£504.81
G. M. Hall & Co.	877	PAYE	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
D. J. Lucas	May-18	R&M & Village Hall	£175.00	£0.00	£175.00
Legal/Crematorium Expenses					
Abington Consulting	4699	Legal	£275.00	£55.00	£330.00
John Brearley	420281	Legal	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
2. Total			£13,165.61	£567.12	£13,732.73

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

4. General Data Protection Regulations & Adoption of Policies – draft policies had been emailed to Cllrs for consideration and it was proposed and agreed to accept.

18.30 Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

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18.30 (1) Update on routine works

Replacement Dog Waste Bin

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

Tree on the small lake and other routine works

Cllr Rose and the Clerk met with Greg O'Callaghan. Greg has advised that this tree is not, in his opinion, in danger of falling any time soon and believed that the tree has been leaning for some time (as this was evidenced by the mark on the trunk). He confirmed that there is no obvious root lift and moving forward he has advised that we should routinely monitor.

In the event that the tree does move further (during high winds) and instead of removal, he suggested removing some of the branches by way of a crown lift and this would reduce the weight and tension to the tree. This would cost in the region of £650. No decision required, we continue to monitor.

In the event of a storm and the tree does fall, he confirmed that it would fall into the lake and not towards the public footpath and land.

Lake Clearance

Awaiting Contractors D. Lucas & CLC Grounds Maintenance. Deferred due to water levels.

Boundary Fencing

The required boundary determination near to the proposed crematorium access is complete as is the boundary stock wire fencing.



Walk around mound on PC owned land

CLC Grounds Maintenance works scheduled for 19 June 2018.

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). The Clerk had 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 services we mow) and also Len Bone, as Len owns most of the land in question. Cllrs discussed and approved subject to agreement by Len Bone.



The Clerk

RosPA

The safety inspection had been carried out on the outdoor gym and all risks identified were low.

2 Environment Agency/The River Thame Trust

Cllr Rose reported that the River Thame had become choked in areas and was not draining or flowing, as it should. He proposed and it was agreed to seek opinion from the Environment Agency and or The River Thame Trust.

Cllr Rose

It was agreed that the first wildlife walk should not be open to dogs or children.

2 Land Request Karl Morgan KM Fitness

Karl Morgan of KM Fitness was delighted with the response received from the Parish Council and has confirmed this his series will commence on the 25th of June and these sessions again will be on the Balloon Meadow 6am for a six week period.

It had been reported to the Clerk that another group advertised on Facebook with a very similar session, only difference was that the leader was part of a gym in Aylesbury. Contact was made with the trainer, advising they needed permission. They have been sent the land use policy and required information that we need. To date no response has been received.

3 Larks by the Lake Event Update

Final accounts for the Larks by the Lake 2018 are as below. Karen Collett, Chairman of the event committee attended to provide a report for the day. Despite the forecast, the weather held out and there had been a good turnout for a lovely community event with everyone helping out. A profit of £4,069 had been made and a share of which would be given to Smiles and the local scout group. The committee had also discussed making a donation for children's play equipment on Watermead if a national lottery grant could be secured to fund the remainder. It was agreed to add this to next month's agenda for discussion. Karen to provide a report of the event for the Autumn edition of the Village View. A vote of thanks was given to Karen and her committee of volunteers and Kelvin and Nikki Wong. Larks by the Lake 2019 agreed in principal subject to a full Event Management Plan being agreed.

for any damage. The Clerk to amend and return the conditions accordingly.

The Clerk

5 To report on Village View

The deadline for the Autumn edition was 26 July and the winner of the best garden would be included.

6 To update on Village Hall

Nothing to report.

7 To update on Transport & MVAS

The MVAS was now working and statistics would be recorded and published. Possible dates for using the Sentinel to be circulated to Cllrs.

8 To update on Highways

Village Gates

Contact has been made with Buckinghamshire County who advised that our Local Area Technician would raise an order to replace the Village Gate that was damaged and removed. An email has been sent to our Local Area Technician Matthew Whincup requesting him to confirm that he has placed an order. The Clerk has also requested for the gate on the right hand side of the road as you drive in to be replaced as parts are beginning to deteriorate.

The Clerk

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 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.

9 Photography Exhibition/Competition Update

Cllr Rose to provide details to be included in the Autumn edition of the Village View. Much interest had been expressed on the All About Watermead Facebook page. Ron Adams had agreed to judge the competition. Cllr Rose

and Ron to draw up the categories and rules. In memory of Sandra Landy, who had originally started the photography competition, Graham Severn had very kindly offered to donate a "Sandra Landy Trophy" for the best photo overall for this year's competition.

Interest had also been expressed on Facebook about forming a photography club.

18.31 Date of meetings

19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 20 December (budget)

- 18.32** 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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28pm and thanked people for their attendance.