

Watermead Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday 21 November 2019 at 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Watermead**

Attendees: Cllr Severn (Chair), Cllr A Schwab, Cllr Singleton, Cllr I Schwab, Cllr Gent, AVDC Cllr Ashley Bond, BCC Cllr Netta Glover
Noreen Shardlow (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Assistant Parish Clerk)
plus 2 members of the public

19.58 Apologies

Cllr Rose, Cllr Toler

19.59 Declarations of Interest

To declare any personal or prejudicial interests regarding the agenda – none

19.60 To Receive Police Report re Protection of Persons & Property

PCSO Leanne Burns-Bright had apologised that she was unable to attend due to being in custody all afternoon. Cllr Severn would be meeting with her in the morning. There had been several reports on social media of motorbike and car thefts in Watermead. There had been an incident on Watermead attended by all emergency services and a helicopter.

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

A strimmer and protective clothing had been purchased for Peter Dean to use and he advised he would commence work as soon as the weather was dry enough.

Peter Dean had forwarded via The Clerk information about the Happy to Chat Bench initiative and wondered whether any of the many benches around Watermead could be utilised for such a scheme. It was unanimously agreed to support the initiative. Information to be included on social media and in the next edition of the Village View.

Parishioners commented on how wonderful the new floor in the Village Hall looked.

Cllr Glover gave her report.

Cllr Bond reported that the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan was ongoing.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance.

Council Meeting

19.62 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 October 2019

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

19.63 Planning Matters

- (1) Update on any planning applications submitted
- (2) 19/02988/APP 26 Curlew – Single storey rear extension and integral garage conversion – it was unanimously agreed to send a letter of objection on the grounds of overdevelopment, not in keeping with the vernacular of Watermead etc.
- (3) 19/03949/APP 11 Willowherb – Single storey side and rear extension – it was unanimously agreed to send a letter of objection on the grounds of overdevelopment, not in keeping with the vernacular of Watermead etc.
- (4) 17/00771/APP - Watermead Village Car Park, Lakeside – Erection of 21 Flats. At time of report we are awaiting a committee date – Cllr Severn, Cllr Schwab and the Clerk to attend a meeting on Monday evening with the residents & commercial companies within the piazza.

19.64 Finance & Administration

- To agree the payment schedule for November 2019 - The Clerk had previously circulated the payment schedule for November, which was approved.

Payment Schedule		Nov-19				Payment Method (if Chq provide Number)
Company	Invoice No	Allocation	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	
Mobile Mini	7001426979	R&M Land	£51.60	£10.32	£61.92	BACS
Aylesbury Fire Systems	37176	Village Hall H&S	£41.25	£8.25	£49.50	BACS
Castle Water	2326991	Allotment Water	£7.08	£1.42	£8.50	BACS
Rachel Seago Village View	WPC1069	Winter 2019 V. View	£855.00	£0.00	£855.00	BACS
British Gas	600026660	Village Hall Gas Supply	£70.87	£3.54	£74.41	BACS
Michelle Jackson	Nov-19	Assistant Clerk	£230.52	£0.00	£230.52	BACS
Noreen Shardlow	Nov-19	Clerk & Office/Expenses	£1,604.55	£0.00	£1,604.55	BACS
HMRC	Nov-19	PAYE & NI	£511.11	£0.00	£511.11	BACS
G. M. Hall & Co	Nov-19	PAYE	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS
Celebration Management Service	Nov-19	Hall Management	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	BACS
CLC Grounds Maintenance	2370-2372	Litter, R&M & Grass	£1,294.00	£0.00	£1,294.00	BACS
Ian Whittome	Oct-19	Grass	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00	BACS
E.ON	0135 1946 4970	The Gatehouse	£55.13	£2.76	£57.89	BACS
E.ON	0107 5098 3470	Watermead Village Hall	£187.42	£9.37	£196.79	BACS
E.ON	0114 6959 5940	Bandstand/Land	£37.72	£1.98	£39.70	BACS
Waddeson Village Hall	148	Hall Hire for Interviews	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	BACS
Ask Calendars	206470	Calendars 2020	£439.20	£0.00	£439.20	BACS
Herts Supplies	CS537598	V. Hall Cleaning Supplies	£68.92	£13.78	£82.70	BACS
Routine Payments Total			£6,179.37	£51.42	£6,230.79	
Non Routine Payment						
Folkspur Flooring Ltd	SI-370582	Village Hall Flooring	£4,036.62	£807.32	£4,843.94	Covered by AVDC G
Total			£10,215.99	£858.74	£11,074.73	
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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- To agree the accounts to end October 2019 - The Clerk had previously circulated the Accounts to end October 2019, which were approved.
- Precept and Budget Preparations 2020/2021 – Once November 2019 Accounts have been entered the Clerk to circulate documentation in time for the December Budget meeting

19.65 Councillors' Reports and Recommendations

1 Update on Land & Routine Works

Dog Waste Service

Due to unitary arrangements Aylesbury Vale District Council advised they are to extend its Service Level Agreement with our Parish to 31st March 2019 (extension of 2 months and 10 days). The PC unanimously agreed this.

Request received from Mr. D. Forder – Conduct Wildlife Surveys – Following our October 2019 Parish Council meeting an email inviting Dan to meet with Parish Council was sent. To date no response has been received (at time of preparing report).

Culvert

Reported to Aylesbury Vale District Council, Environmental Health and at time of report we are awaiting an update.

Crematorium Screening

Cllr Severn and The Clerk carried out a land walk together to determine locations for potential planting. Plan agreed. Cllr Severn & The Clerk to meet with Westerleigh. The Clerk to seek potential grants.

Walkway Brackets Installation

Waiting confirmed installation date.

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.

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VE Day

Link to information website included with November 2019 Agenda. Please see letter over received via Buckinghamshire Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (BALC).



LOCAL MAYOR'S, LEADERS & CHAIRMAN OF TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS TO TAKE THE LEAD IN VE DAY 75 CELEBRATIONS 8TH - 10TH MAY 2020

Mayor's, Leaders and Chairman of town and parish councils throughout the UK are to take the lead in local celebrations marking the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in EUROPE on the 8th May 2020. **(VJ Day will be commemorated on the 15th August 2020)**. After years of fighting, the end of hostilities were officially announced on the 8th May 1945 by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, from the Cabinet Office, 10 Downing Street, London, that date has since become enshrined in history as VE Day.

The VE Day 75 weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions at home and abroad who played such a vital part in achieving it. This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives or were physically and mentally injured; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others safeguarded the home front.

SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity - which has been supporting service personnel, veterans and their families since 1885 - is the charity partner for this series of VE Day 75 commemorative events.

The planned activities over the weekend are as follows, please go to the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org to see the complete overview for this anniversary:

1. The Playing of Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years.
2. The 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2.'
3. The 'Cry for Peace, around the World.'
4. Churches & Cathedrals 'Ringing out for Peace.'
5. Street parties and parties in pubs, clubs, Hotels, on town and village greens and in halls etc.
6. Services of commemoration and celebration in churches, including the reading of the 'Tribute to the Millions' and the playing of the Last Post

From a central location of their choice, Mayors, Leaders and Chairman of town and parish councils are being encouraged to lead them in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2', paying 'tribute' to those from their local communities that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today by undertaking the following ceremony at **3pm on Friday 8th May** next year. (The wording of the 'Toast' can be obtained from the DOWNLOAD page of the VE day 75 website – www.veday75.org).

2.55pm: Source and arrange for a local Bugler, Trumpeter or Cornet player to play the Last Post followed by Reveille. (These can be obtained from local cadet forces, school, brass and silver bands and other organisations such as the Salvation Army etc).

3pm: Source and arrange for a local Piper to play Battle's O'er and VE 75 Years, the new tune especially written for this occasion. (This music can be obtained from the DOWNLOAD page of the VE day website – www.veday75.org).

3pm: To coincide with the Piper playing Battle's O'er, Mayor's, Leaders and Chairman of council, accompanied by invited guests, along with the members of the general public, raise a glass of refreshment of their choice and undertake the attached 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2.' (**The refreshment does NOT need to be alcoholic as we want the event to be inclusive and not exclusive involving people of all ages, races, creeds, colour and religion in the VE Day 75 celebrations next year**).

7pm: Encourage your local church to ring their bells as part of the nationwide 'Ringing out for Peace' that evening too.

We believe the above will provide every town and parish with a very short, simple, reflective and meaningful VE Day 75 event on the 8th May 2020, that is easy to

organise and will be appreciated by all.

You will be interested to know that the complete short ceremony above, including all elements and timings, will also be taking place at **3pm** on the **8th May** next year, on the top of the four highest Peaks throughout the United Kingdom – BEN NEVIS – Scotland, MOUNT SNOWDON – Wales, SLIEVE DONARD – Northern Ireland and SCAFEL PIKE – England.

All those taking part are being asked to register their involvement on the VE day 75 website – www.veday75.org to enable us to keep in contact with them, along with informing the media of their involvement nearer the time.
(IMPORTANT: Those councils etc, already registered, do NOT need to do so again)

My warmest regards,



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Cllrs discussed holding an event and it was proposed and unanimously agreed to honour a parishioner within Watermead. Contact to be made with Kelvin Wong at the Watermead Inn. Cllr Gent and Cllr Severn to form a working group to discuss arrangements.

Cllr Gent & Cllr
Severn

3 Happy to Chat Bench

Information link sent with November 2019 Agenda – It was unanimously agreed to purchase a sign.

**4 Buckingham Park Scouts Request
Update November 2019**

"We are working towards getting what is classed as a Patrol box, which covers certain things like tables, benches, stoves cooking utensils etc. we have certain items we would like to use for consistency and happy to show where any donation might help towards. The basic cost of the items inside the box is approx £500-£600 each depending on deals at the time etc.

Any help towards getting a second set off the ground to enable more Scouts and Cubs etc to go on their own camps and competitions would be gratefully received."

Since receipt of this request, the Clerk reported that an alternative suggestion had been made for a feather/sail flat for competitions and promotional events. It was proposed and agreed to make a contribution of £250 towards the Scouts. Cllrs I Schwab and Cllr A Schwab abstained from voting as they have a child who attends the Scout group.

5 To update on Allotments

Allotment renewals to commence. Included with invoices we will advise all plot holders of the agreed rate increase. As previously advised we could not increase 2020 invoices as one-year notice (minimum) must be provided.

6 To report on Village View

The Winter edition of the Village View would be distributed at the weekend. The deadline for contributions for the Spring edition would be end of January.

7 To update on Village Hall

October half term was the ideal time for our project to begin - out with the old dark brown floor and in with the new. The hall has now been modernised with a lovely grey floor installed by Folkspur Flooring who certainly faced many challenges when removing the old floor, which was installed 30 years ago.

We now have a very bright facility to offer; all long-term hall users on their return from the half term break noticed this. They were amazed at how much larger our facility appeared and how much brighter it is too.

Thank you to Jan Roffe and the Grants Team of Aylesbury Vale District Council for all their assistance and support with this application.

8 Provision of new Pre-School

Footsteps Day Nursery & Pre-School – Application sent via email. Berryfields Parish Council had contributed to the costs of undertaking credit checks. Footsteps had been trading for 9 years with a Good Ofsted grading. It was proposed and agreed to appoint Footsteps. A vote of thanks of was given to Dot Toler and her team for providing an asset to Watermead for many years.

9 To update on Highways

The Sentintel had been fixed and the MVAS would be put up at the weekend.

10 Highways

Nothing to report.

11 Christmas Events

The Christmas Fair would take place on 7 December and the Carol Concert on 14 December. The calendars had gone to print and would be available initially at the Christmas Fair.

19.66 Date of meetings

19 December.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10 pm and thanked people for their attendance.