

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Pendell Cottage, Hungerford Lane. Shurlock Row, Berkshire RG10 0NY



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Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council held on 8th August 2017 in Neville Hall at 7pm – Restricted Agenda

Present: Mike Kay - Chairman, John Birkett - Vice Chairman Clive Scott-Hopkins, Katie Sarsfield, Mark Hipgrave, Maggi Bevan, Suzy Young & Alison Jones (Clerk)

Also present 3 members of the public

		ACTION
FC231/08/17	Public Question Time: No questions.	
FC232/08/17	Apologies: Katie Sarsfield was delayed and would join the meeting later.	
FC233/08/17	Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 11 th July 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.	
FC233/08/17	Declaration of Interests: The Vice-Chairman declared interests with regards to Milley Farm and Mark Hipgrave with regards to 1, Bruncketts.	
FC234/08/17	Planning Applications: Ref. No: 17/02313/CPD: Blackthorn Farm West End Road Waltham St Lawrence The Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether a detached outbuilding is lawful. Parish Council has no comment at this stage to this application, subject to the Vice-Chairman checking to confirm that their development rights are still intact. Ref. No: 17/02223/FULL: Glebe Farm Cottage: The Straight Mile, Shurlock Row Change of use from existing paddock to a 20m x 40m riding arena. The Parish Council has no objection to this application, subject to it be restricted to private use and no floodlighting. 17/02401/FULL Baldasarre Farm, Baldasarre The Straight Mile Shurlock Row Replacement poultry shed with ancillary works (Part retrospective). The Parish Council has no objection to this application. Katie Sarsfield joined the meeting Ref. No: 17/02210/FULL: Milley Farm Milley Road Waltham St Lawrence. Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension. The Vice-Chairman left the meeting during discussions. The Parish Council has no objection to this application. Ref. No: 17/02327/FULL: The Barn The Straight Mile Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0QP Construction of new gate and driveway following removal of existing hard surface. The Parish Council strongly objects to this application as it objected to the previous application in 2016 as follows Planning Application Ref No: 16/02448/FULL The Parish Council objected to this application. The road is very fast being unrestricted until the site in question, where 40mph restriction commences. The speed restriction is often ignored in that cars slow when they reach the sign. The property is in the same ownership of Glebe Farm Cottage and both properties share a common entrance leading to separate drives. There is no reason why the existing arrangement should not continue. The application seems to be in conflict with RBWM policy GB2 paragraph 2.1.16 Furthermore, with regards to the new application: The Parish Council objects because the new access is so close to the 40mph sign on this	Vice-Chairman

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	<p>fast road thus presents a safety hazard. The proposed extensive driveway harms the open and rural character of The Green Belt. As no information has been submitted with regard to the intended building material the Parish Council considers the application to be deficient. If the Borough are minded to approve this application the Parish Council would request that the matter to be called to panel; also a condition of suitable material to be used for a green belt site.</p> <p>Ref. No: 17/02288/FULL: 1 Bruncketts Halls Lane Waltham St Lawrence Detached garage with accommodation above and new driveway following demolition of existing garage and shed. Mark Hipgrave left the meeting during discussions. The Parish Council objects to the height and bulk of the replacement building which appears to conflict with policy CA2, paragraph 1&6 and GB2 b3. The new driveway will detrimentally impact the street scene. However, should the Borough be minded to approve, the views of the arboricultural officer should be considered.</p>	
FC235/08/17	<p><u>Trees in Conservation Area</u> 17/02208/TCA: The Burial Ground Halls Lane Waltham St Lawrence Reading (T1) Sycamore - crown reduction of 20%, shortening lower section of the crown to minimise overhang to neighbouring gardens, crown lift to 3m and removal of deadwood This matter was discussed prior to Katie Sarsfield being in attendance. The Parish Council have made no comment, as the application was made by this Parish Council.</p>	
FC236/08/17	<p><u>Other Planning Matters</u> This matter was discussed prior to Katie Sarsfield being in attendance. Clive Scott-Hopkins gave an update of the revision of The Borough Local Plan. He stated that the Parish Council do not need to register a comment. He highlighted part of the Borough's inspector's report on the travellers site in June 2016, stating the use be limited to 5 years from the date of the decision, and condition 2 being: "And the land restored to its original condition as part of a field". Thus, Clive suggested that the Chairman write to the Borough proposing that they cannot close the file for a further 4 years as Mrs Eastwood has rights of occupancy during this period. The Chairman stated that the Borough were aware of Mrs Eastwood's rights but were less stringent with regards to the condition of the land, he added that the Parish Council has yet to receive a response from The Environment Agency with regards to his concerns following the site visit with 2 Borough councillors. The Chairman requested that the Clerk liaise with Clive Scott-Hopkins with regards to the narrative. The Chairman stated that there has been an attempt to transfer some of the travellers' site land from Mr. Pickett to another party. Maggi Bevan suggested that maybe a response from the Parish Council to the Borough Local Plan with regards to current travellers' sites would be appropriate. Clive Scott-Hopkins stated that he felt that as Pool Lane is the only remaining established site in the Parish and voicing an opinion on other parishes would not be appropriate, also a report on other sites is due in 2018. The Chairman suggested that Maggi Bevan further investigate the matter, but he noted Clive Scott-Hopkin's views that he did not think that the Parish Council should make a formal comment. The Chairman stated that he had just received the Borough's notification of an extension of representations to the Local Plan to</p>	Clive Scott-Hopkins/ Clerk

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	27 th September 2017. Clive Scott-Hopkins highlighted that the Borough were concerned that all the Parishes distribute the document as widely as possible, and that the Local Plan was in The Bell and advertised on the website and on the Parish noticeboards.	
FC237/08/17	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>The proposed July cheques were approved and signed. The salary payments for the end of the month were approved to be paid The Parish Council confirmed a decision made at the July confidential meeting that, in recognition of the additional hours worked, the Clerk will receive the same salary as the previous incumbent with effect from 1st April 2017 and the RFO to be paid for extra work undertaken on behalf on the Parish Council at the year end totalling £150. The Chairman stated that he had asked ANB Groundcare for an estimate to repair the Milley Lane playing field gate, they had completed the work and the cost was in their monthly invoice. This was accepted this but he has asked Alistair Brooker to ensure that in future an estimate is submitted and approved by the Parish Council before work is undertaken.</p>	Clerk
FC238/08/17	<p><u>Open Space</u></p> <p>Maggi Bevan raised the suggestion made by a member of the public in the last meeting with regards to the age of those eligible to register an opinion. Maggi stated that she and Suzy had provisionally suggested 13-17-year olds be included and she had been asked to include primary school age children, but it would be difficult to ensure that such young children were properly aware of all the issues involved. Suzy Young added that including all elements of the community, including all ages, meant that there may be wider future funding possibilities. Mark Hipgrave said that giving children an ability to register an opinion who do not pay council tax would detrimentally affect the input of older couples. The Chairman said that he believed involving the youngsters was important and relevant but not as part of the main process, maybe in a separate category. Clive Scott-Hopkins said that he opposed opening the registration to youngsters who are neither rate payers nor drivers. Maggi Bevan stated that the Parish Council represent all members of the community, not just the rate payers and that a decision needs to be reached by the Parish Council imminently. The Chairman restated his suggestion that the count of opinion be for parishioners over the age of 18 but the youngsters' opinions noted and appreciated. This was agreed by the Parish Council.</p>	
FC239/08/17	<u>Date of next site visit:</u> Saturday 2nd September 2017 at 9am	
FC240/08/17	<u>Date of next meeting:</u> Tuesday 5 th September 2017 at 7pm	
	The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m. & the confidential meeting commenced.	